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"Green" bonds of Eurasian Development Bank were successfully placed on KASE

On September 21, 2021, the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) raised KZT20 bn on Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) by placing three-year "green" bonds KZ2D00008083 (EABRb21) at 10.5 % per annum.

According to the Central Securities Depository JSC, brokerage and dealer organizations have bought 30% of bonds, other institutional investors – 27.2 % and other legal entities – 42.8 %. The initiator of the trading was Freedom Finance JSC.

Trading in bonds of the Eurasian Development Bank (EABRb21) on the Exchange will open today, September 22, 2021, in the "securities of international financial organizations" sector. The quotation accuracy of the mentioned bonds in KASE's trading system is set to the fourth decimal place of the bond's "clean" price, expressed as a percentage of the face value, the quotation currency is the Kazakh tenge.

"The Exchange supports the trend towards responsible investing, which is emerging in our country. By issuing "green" bonds, organizations receive several significant privileges: in addition to favorable conditions for offering on KASE, the issuer improves his own image, thereby increasing the inflow of new investors and raising additional funds for eco-projects. ESG bonds of three issuers have been placed on our exchange today. The EDB's "green" bond issue raised the most funds – KZT20 bn, and it is an important event for the country's stock market, putting the accent on the increased importance of the principles of sustainable development of Kazakhstan's economy. I hope that the successful experience of the EDB will be a guideline and example for other potential issuers of financial ESG-instruments. We, on our part, are ready to further improve the listing rules and trading modes and actively promote the dissemination of the best sustainable development practices," – said Alina Aldambergen, the Chairperson of KASE's Management Board.

"This is the Bank's debut issue in the ESG segment. We plan to use the funds raised during the offering on financing ESG projects in Kazakhstan. In 2021, the EDB continued to develop best international ESG practices. Currently, the Bank has developed a new internal corporate policy in the field of environmental and social responsibility and corporate governance, which establishes the rules and procedures for evaluating investments according to ESG criteria. We have also formed a Framework - the Policy for issue of "green" and social debt instruments allowing to offer bonds intended for ESG projects and report to investors on the use of raised funds," – said Nikolai Podguzov, the Chairman of the EDB's Management Board.

We remind you that the first issues of "green" bonds on KASE took place in November 2020, with the issuer having raised KZT13.96 bn, including for financing a portfolio of projects to adapt to the climate change and mitigate its impact in Kazakhstan.

For reference

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) is a leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region. KASE occupies the second place among the CIS exchanges in terms of securities trading volume, and the fifth rank in terms of the equity market capitalization among the FEAS exchanges.

It is a universal trading platform for corporate and government securities, bonds of international financial institutions, foreign currencies, transactions of the money market – repo and swap, as well as derivatives. KASE is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) and other international and local professional associations, as well as a participant of the UN's "Sustainable Stock Exchanges" initiative.

Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) is an international financial institution carrying out investment activities in the Eurasian space. For 15 years, the EDB has been promoting the strengthening and expansion of economic relations and the comprehensive development of the participating countries: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan. The authorized capital of the EDB is USD7 billion. The main share in the EDB's portfolio is occupied by projects with an integration effect in the areas of transport infrastructure, digital systems, green energy, agriculture, industry and mechanical engineering. In its operations, the Bank follows the UN Sustainable Development Goals and ESG principles.

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