

MERCURY LIMITED GREEN BONDS

DNV 2023 ANNUAL PROGRAMMATIC ASSURANCE STATEMENT

Scope and objectives

Mercury Ltd ("MERCURY" or "Issuer") is a Programmatic Issuer under the Climate Bonds Standard ("CBS") and has issued Certified bonds as described in Schedule 1 to this opinion.

MERCURY has used the proceeds of the BONDS to refinance nominated projects and assets falling under the following categories:

- Renewable Energy – Wind
- Renewable Energy - Geothermal

DNV Business Assurance Australia Pty Ltd (henceforth referred to as "DNV") has been commissioned by MERCURY to provide periodic programmatic verification of the BOND as an independent and approved verifier under the Climate Bond Standard. Our criteria and information covered to achieve this is described under 'Work Undertaken' below.

No assurance is provided regarding the financial performance of the BOND, the value of any investments in the BONDS, or the long-term environmental benefits of the transaction. Our objective has been to provide an assessment that the BOND has met the criteria of the Climate Bond Standard and the associated Technical Criteria on the basis set out below.

The scope of this DNV opinion is limited to the Climate Bond Standard Version 4.0 and the following associated Sector Technical Criteria:

- Wind Power
- Geothermal Power

Responsibilities of the Management of MERCURY and DNV

The management of MERCURY has provided the information and data used by DNV during the delivery of this review. Our statement represents an independent opinion and is intended to inform MERCURY management and other interested stakeholders in the BONDS as to whether the established criteria have been met, based on the information provided to us. In our work we have relied on the information and the facts presented to us by MERCURY. DNV is not responsible for any aspect of the nominated assets referred to in this opinion and cannot be held liable if estimates, findings, opinions, or conclusions are incorrect. Thus, DNV shall not be held liable if any of the information or data provided by MERCURY's management and used as a basis for this assessment were not correct or complete.

Basis of DNV's opinion

DNV has conducted the verification against the CBS v3.0 and associated Sector Technical Criteria through the creation and execution of a verification protocol addressing each requirement of the CBS v3.0 and the associated Sector Technical Criteria. The detail of areas covered in the DNV verification is summarised in Schedule 2 below.

Work undertaken

Our work constituted a high-level review of the available information, based on the understanding that this information was provided to us by MERCURY in good faith. We have not performed an audit or other tests to check the veracity of the information provided to us. The work undertaken to date to form our opinion included:

Programmatic Verification

- Creation and execution of a Climate Bond Standard Protocol, adapted to include the relevant Sector Technical Criteria for the BONDS nominated projects and assets, as described above and in Schedule 2 to this Assessment;
- Assessment of documentary evidence provided by MERCURY on the BONDS and supplemented by high-level desktop research, onsite visit for documentation review and interviews with key personnel from the issuer MERCURY. These checks refer to current assessment best practices and standards methodology;
- Review and testing of impact reporting data where possible;
- Discussions with MERCURY management, and review of relevant documentation;
- Documentation of findings against each element of the criteria.

Findings and DNV's opinion

DNV has performed the Periodic Programmatic Verification of the MERCURY Green Bonds including MCY 040 and MCY030 issuances, and the NZD 150,000,000 Green Bond issued by Mercury with a Maturity Date 19 June 2028. It is DNV's responsibility to provide an independent verification statement on the compliance of the MERCURY Green Bonds with the Climate Bond Standard.

DNV conducted the verification in accordance with the Climate Bond Standard Version 3.0 and with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Information. The verification included i) checking whether the provisions of the Climate Bond Standard were consistently and appropriately applied and ii) the collection of evidence supporting the verification.

DNV's approach draws on an understanding of the risks associated with conforming to the Climate Bond Standard and the controls in place to mitigate these. DNV planned and performed the assurance engagement by obtaining evidence and other information and explanations that DNV considers necessary to give limited assurance that the MERCURY Green Bond meets the requirements of the Climate Bond Standard.

Based on the limited assurance procedures conducted and with understanding of Mercury's corporate structure at the time of verification, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the MERCURY Green Bond is not, in all material respects, in accordance with the Pre Issuance requirements of the Climate Bond Standard Version 4.0 and Associated Wind and Geothermal Technical Criteria.

For DNV Business Assurance Australia Pty. Ltd.

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About DNV

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SCHEDULE 1: MERCURY NOMINATED ASSETS VALUED AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

MERCURY has provided the schedule of nominated projects and assets for the issuance as at December 2022 in NZD as per the below table. DNV notes that Green Bonds June 2023, MCY040, wholesale Green Bonds October 2020, MCY 030, Wholesale Green Bonds April 2021 and AMTN green Bonds November 2021 were issued against this pool of projects and assets resulting in a current residual value of NZD 1,084m for further Green Bond issuance to be earmarked against (based on the 2022 valuation provided by Mercury and relied upon by DNV).

Asset	Type	Eligible Asset Value (NZDm as at 31 December 2022)	Outstanding Bond Issuances
Nga Awa Purua JV	Geothermal	400.5	MCY030 \$200m Sept 2020 Wholesale \$100m green bonds Oct 2020 MCY040 \$200m Mar 2021 Wholesale \$50m green bonds Apr 2021 AMTN AUD 200m green bonds (NZD \$207m) Nov 2021 Mercury \$150m Green Bonds June 2023
Ngatamariki	Geothermal	562.9	
Rotokawa Generation (RGen)	Geothermal	130.4	
Rotokawa JV	Geothermal	84.8	
TPC (Mokai)	Geothermal	67.9	
Turitea	Wind	553.1	
Mahinerangi	Wind	37.2	
Tararua	Wind	377	
Kaiwera Downs 1	Wind	90.2 ¹	
Waipipi	Wind	542.9	
Total		2,846.9	

¹ The Kaiwera Downs 1 eligible asset value represents the work in progress balance as at 19 June 2023 (the issuance date for the 2023 Green Bond).

SCHEDULE 2: VERIFICATION CRITERIA

Summary criteria for assertions of compliance with the Climate Bond Standard v2.1, v3.0.

The criteria against which MERCURY and its nominated projects and assets have been reviewed prior to inclusion in the Bonds are grouped under the requirements as detailed within the Climate Bond Standard Version 2.1, 3.0:

Part A: Pre-Issuance Requirements

Area	Requirement
Use of Proceeds	Nominated Projects & Assets which are proposed to be associated with the Bonds and which have been assessed as likely to be Eligible Projects & Assets
Project Selection	Establish, document and maintain a decision-making process which it uses to determine the eligibility of the Nominated Projects & Assets
Management of Proceeds	The systems, policies and processes to be used for management of the Net Proceeds shall be documented by the Issuer
Reporting Prior to Issuance	The Issuer shall prepare a Green Bond Framework and make it publicly available prior to Issuance or at the time of Issuance
Reporting	Reporting on use of proceeds and nominated projects and assets

Part B: Post Issuance Requirements

Use of Proceeds	Nominated Projects & Assets which are proposed to be associated with the Bonds and which have been assessed as likely to be Eligible Projects & Assets
Project Selection	Establish, document and maintain a decision-making process which it uses to determine the eligibility of the Nominated Projects & Assets

Management of Proceeds	The systems, policies and processes to be used for management of the Net Proceeds shall be documented by the Issuer
Reporting	Reporting on use of proceeds and nominated projects and assets

Part C: Eligible projects and assets

Nominated projects and assets include financing of or investments in the mitigation and abatement of greenhouse gasses and adaptation and resilience to climate change as detailed in Schedule 1.

Area	Requirement
Wind energy generation	Terrestrial wind electricity generation facilities
Geothermal Energy Generation	Criteria 1: Emissions threshold Criteria 2: Emissions mitigation technology and/or plant design Criteria 3 & 4: Environmental, health, safety, and social criteria

Part D: Certification under the Climate Bonds Standard

Area	Requirement
Pre-Issuance Certification	The Borrower of a Climate Bonds Standard Certified Bond must satisfy the Pre-Issuance Certification requirements including the completion of all forms, Pre-Issuance Verification by an approved verifier and provision of relevant information
Post Issuance Certification	The Borrower of a Climate Bonds Standard Certified Bond must satisfy the Post Issuance Certification requirements including the completion of all forms, Post Issuance Verification by an approved verifier and provision of relevant information
Maintaining Certification	The Borrower shall provide annual reporting to the CBI and comply with non-conformance correction as required

SCHEDULE 3: ALIGNMENT WITH UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Alignment of the Use of Proceeds against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG)

In addition to the Programmatic verification, DNV has reviewed the Use of Proceeds and nominated assets associated with the MERCURY Green Bonds for alignment with the UN SDGs in the following table.

Use of Proceeds	UN SDG	UN SDG Target		Assessment of Contribution to Achieving the SDG
Renewable Energy	7. Affordable and Clean Energy	7.2	By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.	<p>Compliance with CBI Wind and Geothermal Criteria.</p> <p>The Criteria have been established to ensure alignment with the Paris Agreement 2°C target. Renewable energy generation from terrestrial Wind and Geothermal assets fall within this Criteria.</p> <p>Compliance with the CBI Wind and Geothermal Criteria demonstrates a contribution towards UN SDG 7, Target 7.2.</p>
	11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	11.6	By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management	<p>Compliance with CBI Wind and Geothermal Criteria.</p> <p>These benchmarks address the contribution of renewable energy generation to National GHG and Air Pollution emissions through energy generation and direct emissions to atmosphere.</p> <p>Compliance with the CBI Wind and Geothermal Criteria demonstrates a contribution towards UN SDG 11, Target 11.6.</p>
		11.a	Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning	<p>Compliance with CBI Wind and Geothermal Criteria represents the leveraging and implementation of regional development planning and demonstrates a contribution towards UN SDG 11, Target 11.a.</p>