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July 22, 2023

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**BSE Scrip Code: 532648**

**National Stock Exchange of India Limited**  
Exchange Plaza  
Plot no. C/1, G Block,  
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Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051.  
**NSE Symbol: YESBANK**

Dear Sirs/Madam,

**Sub.: Disclosure made in pursuance of SEBI Operational Circular No. SEBI/HO/DDHS/P/CIR/2021/613 dated August 10, 2021 pertaining to Green Infra Bonds issued by Securities Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular")**

This is in continuation to our submission of the un-audited Financial Results for quarter ended June 30, 2023. In terms of chapter IX para 2.1 of the aforesaid SEBI Circular, an issuer who has listed its Green Debt Securities shall provide disclosure pertaining to utilization of the proceeds of the issue and the allocation of funds towards the project(s) and/or assets from the proceeds of Green Debt Securities; and the details of unutilized proceeds.

In this regard, please find enclosed herewith the disclosure on Green Debt Securities for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.

You are requested to take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
For **YES BANK LIMITED**

**Shivanand R Shettigar**  
Company Secretary

***Encl: Disclosure under Green Infrastructure Bonds***

## DISCLOSURES UNDER GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS

Green bond issuances in India have steadily increased over the past few years since the first issuance by YES Bank in February 2015, making India among the top ten largest green bond markets globally, with extensive participation from many corporates and financial institutions. Post the successful first Green Bond of YES Bank which raised INR 1,000 Cr (equivalent to USD 160 million) in February 2015 and witnessed a strong demand from leading investors, YES Bank subsequently raised two other green bonds. In August 2015, the Bank raised INR 315 Cr (equivalent to USD 50 million) through the issue of Green Bonds to International Finance Corporation (IFC) on a private placement basis, the first investment by IFC in an Emerging Markets Green Bond issue in the world through the first offshore rupee denominated bond or "Green Masala Bond." Moving ahead with its conviction towards Climate Finance, YES Bank has raised INR 330 Cr (equivalent to USD 50 million) in December 2016, through an issue of a 7-year Green Infrastructure Bonds to FMO, the Dutch Development Bank, on a private placement basis. This is FMO's 1<sup>st</sup> investment in a Green Bond issued by a bank in India.

The amount raised through all these issuances, are used to finance Green Infrastructure Projects, in whole, or in part, as per 'Eligible Projects' outlined in the Bank's internal guidelines for adherence to Green Bond Principles. The proceeds are managed through MIS-based asset tagging which tracks green bonds investments. The unutilized proceeds are invested in G-Secs. KPMG, India has provided limited assurance on conformity of the use of proceeds, process for evaluation and selection of projects, management of proceeds and reporting of these green bonds to GBP 2021.

List of projects against which green bonds proceeds have been allocated as on June 30, 2023 is provided below:

Sr. No	Project Location	Description	Proceeds utilization against	Total Fund Based Utilization, INR Crs (as on 30th June, 2023)	Estimated* positive impacts Attributed Emission Avoided (tCO <sub>2</sub> / yr)	Known significant negative E&S Impacts
1	Telangana	42 MW solar energy project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	104.57	22,090.24	None
2	Delhi NCR	3.26 MW rooftop solar installation across 9 locations	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	4.49	661.40	None
3	Maharashtra	10 MW wind energy project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	13.20	2,957.18	None
4	Gujarat	8.75 MW wind energy project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	16.05	1,015.98	None



5	Andhra Pradesh/ Rajasthan	105 MW wind energy project in Andhra Pradesh and 50.4 MW in Rajasthan	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	208.52	44,215.47	None
6	Maharashtra	15.5 MW solar energy project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	62.20	19,967.60	None
7	Maharashtra	18.34 MW solar project and 17.60 MW wind project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	157.92	49,740.39	None
8	Rajasthan	4.8 MW solar energy project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	27.00	1,530.57	
9	Rajasthan	300 MW solar energy project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 1,000 Cr (February 2015)	406.05	158,602.03	None
			Bond Issuance Size of INR 330 Cr (December 2016)	103.87		
10	Gujarat	30 MW wind energy project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 330 Cr (December 2016)	30.81	6,275.94	None
11	Gujarat	252 MW wind energy project	Bond Issuance Size of INR 330 Cr (December 2016)	195.32	78,299.82	None

\* The attributed CO2 emission avoidance for individual projects have been calculated based on the methodology outlined in the document 'PCAF (2022). The Global GHG Accounting and Reporting Standard Part A: Financed Emissions. Second Edition' and 'CO2 Baseline Database for the Indian Power Sector User Guide Version 18.0 dated December 2022' (published by the Central Electricity Authority of India) along with other relevant factors such as project PLF/CUF estimates, installed project capacity, resultant annual unit generation etc.


The temporary unallocated proceeds (INR 315 Cr of INR 315 Cr bond issued in August 2015) are allocated in Government Securities and will be allocated back to eligible projects, when available.

The assurance statement for Q1 FY 23-24 is attached along with this disclosure.

For YES BANK LTD



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## **Independent Limited Assurance Statement to YES Bank Limited on the Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds for the period 01 April 2023 - 30 June 2023**

To the management of YES Bank Limited, YES BANK House, Off Western Express Highway, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400055, Maharashtra, India.

### **Introduction**

We ('KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP') have been engaged by Yes Bank Limited ('the Issuer') for the purpose of providing an independent limited assurance of the following green bonds:

- Green bonds for INR 1,000 crores issued on 24 February 2015
- Green bonds for INR 315 crores issued on 05 August 2015
- Green bonds for INR 330 crores issued on 29 December 2016

Our responsibility is to provide limited assurance conclusion that based on our work performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the green bonds issued in February 2015, August 2015 and December 2016 by the Issuer and the accompanying report "Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds" are not, in all material respects, conforming to the requirements of the Green Bond Principles, 2021, during the period 01 April 2023 - 30 June 2023."

### **Issuer's Responsibilities**

The management at the Issuer is responsible for preparing the report 'Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds' that is free from material misstatement in accordance with the reporting criteria (Green Bond Principles, 2021) and for the information contained therein. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining systems and processes relevant for the management of green bond proceeds.

The Management of the Issuer is also responsible for preventing and detecting fraud and for identifying and ensuring that Issuer complies with laws and regulations applicable to its activities.

### **Our Responsibilities**

Our responsibility is to examine the report 'Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds' prepared by the Issuer and to report thereon on selected non-financial disclosures in the form of an independent limited assurance conclusion based on the evidence obtained. We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain a meaningful level of assurance about whether the report complies with Green Bond Principles, 2021 in all material respects, as the basis for our limited assurance conclusion.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding



compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

The procedures selected depend on our understanding of the report and other engagement circumstances, and our consideration of areas where material misstatements are likely to arise. In obtaining an understanding of the report "Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds" and other engagement circumstances, we have considered the process used to prepare the report in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing a conclusion as to the effectiveness of the Issuer's process or internal control over the preparation and presentation of the report.

Our engagement also included: assessing the appropriateness of the report 'Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds', the suitability of the criteria used by the Issuer in preparing the report 'Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds' in the circumstances of the engagement, evaluating the appropriateness of the methods, policies and procedures, and models used in the preparation of the report 'Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds' and the reasonableness of estimates made by Issuer.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

As part of this engagement, we have not performed any procedures by way of audit, review or verification of the financial disclosures nor of the underlying records or other sources from which the financial statements and information was extracted.

### **Assurance Procedures**

Our assurance process involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the reliability of specified disclosures. The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the selected disclosures whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we have considered internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Report to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

We planned and performed our work to obtain selected evidences, information and explanations that we considered necessary to obtain a meaningful level of assurance in relation to the above scope. The procedures we performed, which are set out in detail below, were based on our professional judgment and included, as appropriate, inquiries, observation of processes performed, inspection of documents, analytical procedures, evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies and agreement or reconciliation with underlying records. We believe that the procedures we have performed and the evidences we have obtained are sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusion.

To reach our conclusion we:

- Checked the Issuer's Green Bond Framework, that includes processes, systems and controls in place for management of bond proceeds; investment areas for green bond proceeds and intended types of temporary investment instruments for the management of unallocated proceeds;
- Read sections of the bond disclosure documentation that also support the objectives of the green bond issue, investment areas for proceeds and intended types of temporary investment instruments for the management of unallocated proceeds;
- Conducted interviews with management and key staff responsible for the green bond to understand how the processes, systems and controls defined in the Green Bond Framework, have been implemented during 01 April 2023 to 30 June 2023;
- Checked utilization of proceeds to verify the internal tracking method and the allocation of funds towards the project(s) and/or asset(s), from the proceeds of green debt securities; the information collected from the Issuer including internal tracking sheet as well as loan account statements;
- Checked the list of projects to which bond proceeds have been allocated during 01 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 and their conformance with the criteria defined in the Issuer's Green Bond Framework; and
- Recalculated estimated carbon dioxide emission reductions from projects using information collected by the Issuer such as Credit Approval Memorandum (CAM) documents

#### **Scope, Boundary, Characteristics and Limitations**

Our scope of assurance included information on material aspects of the above-mentioned green bonds during 01 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 based on the requirements of the Green Bond Principles, 2021 as listed below:

- Use of Proceeds
- Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
- Management of Proceeds
- Reporting

The boundary of the assurance covers the eligible green projects covered under the above-mentioned green bonds during 01 April 2023 to 30 June 2023.

#### **Limitations**

The assurance scope excludes following:

- Data related to Issuer's financial performance.
- We will not, pursuant to this letter, perform any management function for you nor make any decision relating to the services provided by us in the terms of this letter. You are responsible for making management decisions, including accepting responsibility for the results of our services.
- Additionally, management of the Issuer is responsible for designating a management-level individual or individuals responsible for overseeing the services provided, evaluating the adequacy of the services provided, evaluating any findings or recommendations and monitoring ongoing activities.
- Data and information outside the defined Reporting Period

- Data outside the operations mentioned in the Assurance Boundary above unless and otherwise specifically mentioned in this report.
- The Issuer's statements that describe expression of opinion, belief, aspiration, expectation, aim to future intention provided by the Issuer and assertions related to Intellectual Property Rights and other competitive issues.
- Strategy and other related linkages expressed in the Report.
- Mapping of the Report with reporting frameworks other than those mentioned in reporting criteria above.
- Aspects of the Report other than those mentioned under the scope and boundary above.
- Review of legal compliances.
- Our scope and associated responsibility exclude for the avoidance of doubt, any form of review of the commercial merits, technical feasibility, accuracy, compliance with applicable legislation for the project, and accordingly we express no opinion thereon. We have also not verified any likelihood, timing or effect of possible future oriented information and commercial risks associated with the Report, nor comment upon the possibility of any financial projections being achieved. We have relied on the data furnished by the Issuer and have not independently verified the information or efficacy and reliability of the Issuer's information technology systems, technology tools / platforms or data management systems.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the limited assurance procedures performed by us, nothing has come to our attention to suggest that the green bonds issued in February 2015, August 2015 and December 2016 by the Issuer and the accompanying report "Disclosures under Green Infrastructure Bonds" are not, in all material respects, conforming to the requirements of the Green Bond Principles, 2021, during the period 01 April 2023 - 30 June 2023."

## **Independence**

The assurance was conducted by a multidisciplinary team including professionals with suitable skills and experience in auditing environmental, social, and economic information in as per requirements of ISAE 3000 (Revised).

Our work was performed in compliance with the requirements of the IFAC Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, which requires, among other requirements, that the members of the assurance team (practitioners) be independent of the assurance client, in relation to the scope of this assurance engagement, including not being involved in writing the Report. The Code also includes detailed requirements for practitioners regarding integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality, and professional behaviour. KPMG has systems and processes in place to monitor compliance with the Code and to prevent conflicts regarding independence. The firm applies ISQC-1, and the practitioner complies with the applicable independence and other ethical requirements of the IESBA code.



### **Restriction of Use of Our Report**

Our report should not be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than the Issuer for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than the Issuer who obtains access to our report or a copy thereof and chooses to rely on our report (or any part thereof) will do so at its own risk. We accept or assume no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than the Issuer for our work, for this independent limited assurance statement, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Our report is released to the Issuer on the basis that it shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for the Issuer's own internal purposes) or in part, without our prior written consent.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Apurba Mitra', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Apurba Mitra**

Partner

KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP

14 July 2023