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Stock Exchange Listing: Tokyo (code: 8331)

Chiba Bank Announces Formation of Green Loan for GP Energy H LLC

January 31, 2023 - The Chiba Bank, Ltd. (President: Tsutomu Yonemoto) (“Chiba Bank” or “the Bank”) today announced the formation of a syndicated loan designed as a Green Loan for GP Energy H LLC (Representative Director: Michiyo Nakachi, Headquarters: Tokyo). This is the first syndicated loan designed as a Green Loan arranged by the Bank.

A Green Loan is a loan intended only for “green projects^{*1}” and seeks to ensure transparency by conducting reporting regarding the purpose of the loan and the results of green projects once they have received financing. This loan has also obtained a second-party opinion^{*2} from Rating & Investment Information, Inc. regarding its suitability as a Green Loan.

The recipient of the loan, GP Energy H LLC, is a special-purpose company owned by Tamagawa Energy Co., Ltd, a subsidiary of Tamagawa Holdings Co., Ltd (listed on the Standard market segment of the Tokyo Stock Exchange). The funding provided will be used to cover the building costs incurred by GP Energy H LLC associated with the new construction of a series of small-size onshore wind turbines in Hokkaido. As it involves the generation of renewable energy (wind power), the project is expected to contribute to the reduction of CO² emissions as compared to fossil fuel-derived energy generation methods, such as thermal power.

The “Tsubasa Alliance”^{*3} is a large-scale regional bank partnership framework that seeks to promote initiatives designed to contribute to solutions for social and environmental issues through the business operations of its member banks based on the “Tsubasa SDGs Declaration”. Two banks from the alliance, Daishi Hokuetsu Bank and North Pacific Bank, have agreed to partner with Chiba Bank in formulating this loan.

In addition, Chiba Bank has established “sustainable financing”^{*4} targets and pledged to invest 2 trillion yen (including 1 trillion yen of environmental financing) from 2019 to 2030. The entire Chiba Bank Group will continue to further promote sustainable financing initiatives while sharing knowledge with its partner financial institutions.

^{*1} Projects, including the construction of renewable energy generation facilities, that contribute to solutions for environmental issues such as climate change.

^{*2} For more information, please visit: <https://www.r-i.co.jp/rating/esg/greenfinance/index.html/> (Japanese only)

^{*3} Large-scale regional bank partnership framework consisting of 10 banks: Chiba Bank, Daishi Hokuetsu Bank, Chugoku Bank, Iyo Bank, Toho Bank, North Pacific Bank, Musashino Bank, Shiga Bank, Bank of the Ryukyus, and Gunma Bank.

^{*4} Financing intended solely to contribute to solutions for environmental and social issues, including financing designed to support the ESG and SDGs initiatives of the Bank’s customers.

<Reference> Chiba Bank Integrated Report 2022 (Annual Report)

URL: https://www.chibabank.co.jp/english/ir/library/annual_report/

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【Project Outline】

Borrower	GP Energy H LLC
Execution date	Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Loan amount	JPY 1,080 million
Financing method	Term loan with variable installment schedule (syndicated loan)
Arranger	Chiba Bank
Participants	Chiba Bank, Daishi Hokuetsu Bank, North Pacific Bank
Purpose	Financing for the construction of 30 small-size onshore wind turbines
Third-party assessment	Rating & Investment Information, Inc.

【Image of a small-size onshore wind turbine】



(Image source: Tamagawa Energy Co., Ltd)