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Announcement regarding issuance of green bonds

Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd. (“Asahi”) is pleased to announce that it will publicly offer Green Bonds (Unsecured Corporate Bonds No.14) within the Japanese domestic market in October. Today, Asahi submitted an amendment to the shelf registration statement concerning the issuance of green bonds to the Director of Kanto Local Finance Bureau. Green bonds are designed to raise funds for exclusive use in business which works to help solve environmental problems. This is the first green bonds issued by a Japanese food manufacturer.

Asahi plans to use the proceeds from the green bonds mainly for procurement of recycled PET and biomass plastic, purchase of renewable energy and forest conservation activities at the company forest, “Asahi Forest.”

Asahi engages in business operations that utilize the gifts of nature, including water, crops and other cultivated raw ingredients. In order to pass on the nature’s gifts to the next generation by actively promoting efforts to address a wide range of environmental issues, Asahi formulated Asahi Group Environmental Vision 2050 in 2019. In this vision, Asahi set goals that aiming for zero CO2 emissions by 2050 for responding to climate change and realizing 100% utilization of sustainable resources such as crops and cultivated raw materials, containers and packaging, and water. With the proceeds from the green bond, Asahi is going to further accelerate its efforts to work towards the realization of a sustainable society with the growth of our business operations.

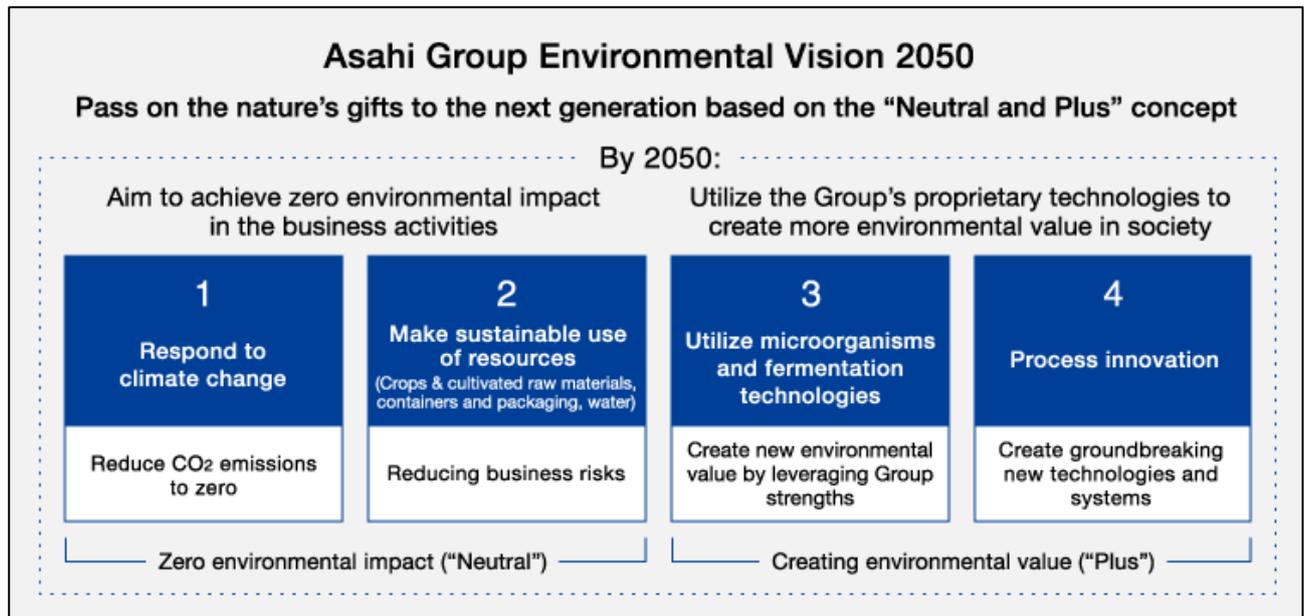
- Summary of green bonds

Issuer	Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd.
Maturity	5 years (planned)
Issue amount	JPY 10.0 billion (planned)
Issuance	October 2020 (planned)
Use of proceeds	· Procurement of recycled PET

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of biomass plastic • Purchase of renewable energy • Forest conservation activities at the company forest, “Asahi Forest” etc.
Lead managers	Nomura Securities Co., Ltd., Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd., SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. and Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.
Green bond structuring agent*	Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.

* This organization supports the issuance of green bonds by giving advice regarding the formulation of green bond frameworks and on obtaining Second-Party Opinions.

- For the issuance of its green bond, Asahi has formulated a green bond framework which specifies Asahi’s policy concerning the four core components (1. Use of proceeds, 2. Process of project evaluation and selection, 3. Management of proceeds, and 4. Reporting), which are defined in the 2018 Green Bond Principles of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) and Green Bond Guidelines 2020 of Japan’s Ministry of the Environment.
- Asahi will receive a Second-Party Opinion from Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. to ensure transparency and alignment with the 2018 Green Bond Principles and the Green Bond Guidelines 2020, and to attract more investors.



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