



SECOND PARTY OPINION

EAST JAPAN RAILWAY COMPANY SUSTAINABILITY FINANCE FRAMEWORK

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Executive Summary

East Japan Railway Company was established in 1987 following the division and privatization of Japan National Railways (JNR) and was the first of the seven JR companies, comprising six passenger companies and a freight company, to become fully privatized in 2002. East Japan Railway Company and its group companies (hereinafter, the "JR East Group") operate transportation, retail & services, real estate & hotels, and other businesses under the following group philosophy.

Group Philosophy

- We will earn the trust of our customers as a whole group by aiming for ultimate safety levels as our top priority.
- We will strengthen our network capabilities focusing on technologies and information, and we are committed to helping our customers and people in communities to realize affluent lives.

In 2018, East Japan Railway Company announced the JR East Group Management Vision "Move Up" 2027, to anticipate the changes in the business environment up to around 2027. East Japan Railway Company will shift its starting point from "railway infrastructure basis" to "people" and create new value in the form of "trust" and "affluence" in cities, regions, and the world at large over the next ten years.

The JR East Group has positioned energy as an important element in the implementation of ESG management, which is the main initiative of "Move Up" 2027, and formulated the long-term environmental goal of "Zero Carbon Challenge 2050" in May 2020 for the realization of a sustainable society and the sustainable growth of the Group. In July 2022, the JR East Group formulated "Energy Vision 2027—Connect" as its energy strategy for the future.

In order to realize these measures, East Japan Railway Company decided to partly utilize sustainability finance, etc. and has established the "East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework (hereinafter, the "Framework")", which is based on the principles and guidelines widely recognized in the green and social finance market as set out below.

DNV Business Assurance Japan K.K. (hereinafter, "DNV"), as an external reviewer, evaluated the eligibility of the framework. Specifically, DNV provided the eligibility evaluation for frameworks, applying the relevant framework, primarily the Sustainability Bond Guidelines.

- Sustainability Bond Guidelines (ICMA/2021, hereinafter SBG)
- Green Bond Principles (ICMA/2021, hereinafter GBP)
- Social Bond Principles (ICMA/2021, hereinafter SBP)
- Green Bond Guidelines (Ministry of the Environment/2022, hereinafter GBGLs)
- Social Bond Guidelines (Financial Services Agency/2021, hereinafter SBGLs)
- Green Loan Principles (LMA, APLMA, LSTA/2021, hereinafter GLP)
- Social Loan Principles (LMA, APLMA, LSTA/2021, hereinafter SLP)
- Green Loan Guidelines (Ministry of the Environment/2022, hereinafter GLGLs)







The Framework is structured as an overarching framework that includes the elements required for the implementation of the following finance (bond or loan).

- Green finance (finance exclusively for green eligible projects)
- Social finance (finance exclusively for social eligible projects)
- Sustainability finance (finance exclusively for green and social eligible projects)

Sustainability (green and social) eligible projects for East Japan Railway Company will be selected and allocated from the table below.

(Executive Summary continued)

Table-1 Sustainability (green and social) eligible projects

Category	GBP/SBP Category	Project/eligibility criteria		Relevant main environmental /social issues	Contribution to the SDGs
Green	Clean transportation	Overall rail transportation (Sections of trains, trains powered by electric battery or hybrid train cars)		Global warming and climate change adaptation	 
	Climate Change Response				
	Renewable energy	Solar power generation, wind power generation			
	Green building	Green building development			
Social	Affordable basic infrastructure Socio-economic improvement and empowerment	Train cars	Available space for wheelchairs passengers and accessible restrooms for wheelchair passengers	Society in which all people can play active roles (realizing accessible society)	 
		Railway facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install platform doors Install barrier free bathroom Install elevators for platform access by wheelchair passengers 		
		Pedestrian walkways network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install safe and comfortable pedestrian walkways including various types of open spaces, rest spaces and lush excursion spaces for pedestrians to socialize and relax 		

* The relevance to the SDGs is based on Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds: A High-Level Mapping to the Sustainable Development Goals, published by ICMA, which sets out the Green Bond Principles, is complementary when issuing sustainability finance and is not directly associated with financing objectives.

Principle One: Use of Proceeds:

East Japan Railway Company plans to define projects that meet the Sustainability Bond Guidelines and other relevant principles in the Framework as sustainability (green and social) eligible projects and allocate the proceeds. These are projects that have a clear environmental or social impact, as exemplified by SBPs, etc.

Principle Two: Process for Project Evaluation and Selection:

East Japan Railway Company confirms that the projects meet the project eligibility requirements of Principle One, based on the established Sustainability Finance Framework. Specifically, projects are evaluated and selected based on the decision-making criteria set out in internal regulations and subject to internal approval procedures. These processes are consistent with Principle Two.



Principle Three: Management of Proceeds:

East Japan Railway Company will manage the allocation of proceeds from the sustainability finance, etc. by the Finance and Investment Planning Department on a quarterly basis until the full amount has been allocated. Any unallocated proceeds will be managed in cash or cash equivalents and will be fully allocated within approximately two years of issuance. These procedures are consistent with Principle Three.

Principle Four: Reporting:

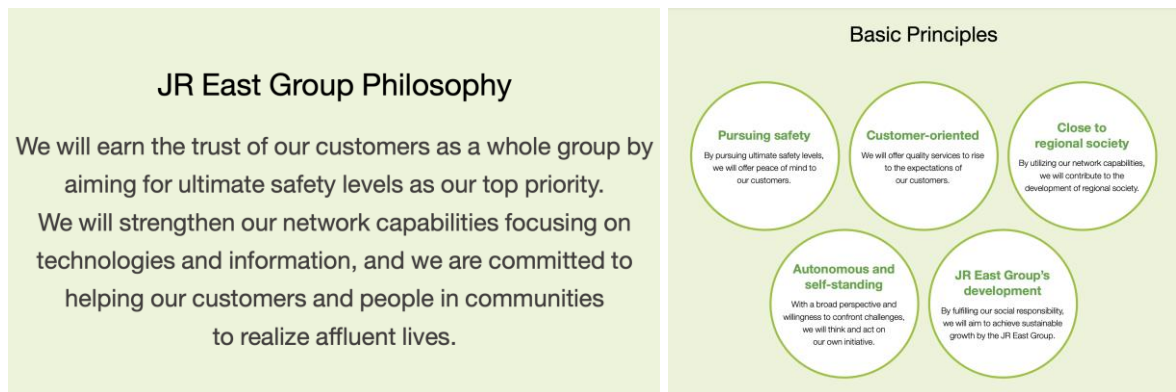
East Japan Railway Company will, at least until the allocation of proceeds, disclose information relating to the allocation of proceeds, the progress of eligible projects and the actual or expected impact on environmental and social issues, on its website. These procedures are consistent with Principle Four.

I. Introduction

i. About the Issuer

East Japan Railway Company (hereinafter, "JR East") was established in 1987 following the division and privatization of Japan National Railways (JNR) and was the first of the seven JR companies, comprising six passenger companies and a freight company, to become fully privatized in 2002.

JR East and its group companies (hereinafter, the "JR East Group") operate business activities include "Transportation", "Retail and Services", "Real Estate and Hotels", and "Others" under the following group philosophy.



The JR East Group's business activities are as follows.

Table-2 Business activities of the JR East Group

Category	Business Description
Transportation	This business segment includes passenger transportation operations centered around railway operations, as well as travel agency services, cleaning services, railway station operations, facilities maintenance operations, railcar manufacturing operations, and railcar maintenance operations.
Retail & Services	This business segment forms part of what JR East refers to as its "lifestyle services" business and includes retail sales and restaurant operations, as well as a wholesale business, a truck transportation business, and advertising and publicity.
Real Estate & Hotels	This business segment forms part of what JR East refers to as its "lifestyle services" business and includes shopping center operations, leasing of office buildings and other properties, hotel operations and development and sales of the real estate relating to these operations
Others	This business segment represents categories of business that are not included in the aforementioned three segments, and includes the IT &

	<p><i>Suica</i> business, which includes credit card operations, and the information processing operations.</p>
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JR East set out the Group’s management vision “Move Up” 2027 in July 2018, to implement a renewed growth strategy by staying ahead of the changes in the business environment towards the fiscal year ending 31 March 2028. The Group intends to change its business model from providing services focused on railway infrastructure to creating people-focused values and services, and will aim to continue to create the values of “Trust” and “Affluence” in cities, regional areas, and around the world.

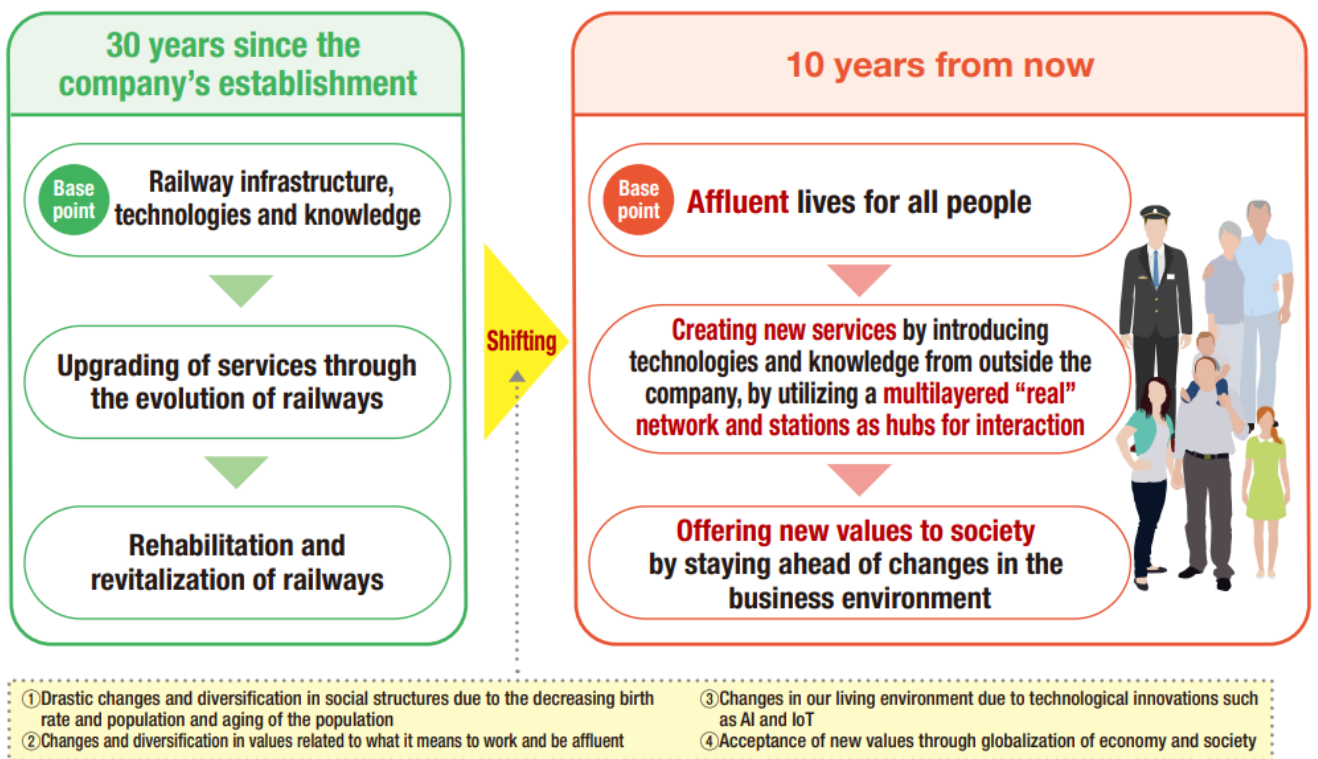


Figure-1 Basic policies of "Move Up" 2027

[Source: JR East News (3 July 2018) JR East Group Management Vision "Move Up" 2027]

ii. Issuer’s Initiatives for ESG

The JR East Group aims to develop local communities and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by practising ESG management and solving social issues through its business activities.

ESG Management: Environment (E)

In May 2020, JR East formulated a long-term environmental objective of achieving net zero^{*1} CO₂ emissions in railway operations by 2051 (“Zero Carbon Challenge 2050”)

as a pillar of its ESG management practice and in October 2020 formalised this objective as the target of the Group. By pursuing this target, JR East Group will strive to promote efforts to contribute to the realization of a “decarbonized society,” while aiming to further improve of its environmental friendliness and realize a sustainable society.

*1 “Net zero” refers to achieving effectively zero CO₂ emissions by matching the amount emitted with the amount captured, reclaim, and use via leading-edge technologies.

ESG Management: Society (S)

JR East Group’s objective is to supply quality services to all customers, address and resolve local issues and achieve an affluent society.

Specifically, since its establishment, the Group has been focusing on realising railway services with passengers can feel safe and comfortable, and has expanded Shinkansen network as well as conventional lines in Kanto area network to make travel faster and more convenient for passengers, which helps to enhance the value of the area along railway lines.

The Group intends to expand its efforts further by introducing barrier free facilities at stations and in train cars and providing information in multiple languages, to accommodate a diverse range of customers and realize an environment in which all customers feel comfortable.

The Group intends to work on regional development and focus on how to revitalize local areas. The Group intends to further expand its efforts in tourism and take on the challenges of new measures, including local digital transformation (DX) such as provision of mobility as a service (“MaaS”). These moves are part of the Group’s initiative to promote regional revitalization by working with people in local communities to provide optimal regional transportation.

The Group works to strengthen collaboration with communities, including through measures such as development of large-scale stations while modernising areas around the station through collaboration with local governments and residents to enhance the overall value of the area, and collaborating with municipalities, business operators and other relevant entities in relation to town development focused on stations in core regional cities.

Moving to the countryside has become one of the options for those who want to change their workstyles with the expansion of DX and remote working. The Group intends to promote work vacations projects and attractive urban development to meet these needs.

As a new form of tourism, the Group will aim to create services that combine tourism and agriculture. This new service will support agriculture which is a major regional industry.

ESG Management: Governance (G)

With regard to governance, the Group will aim to pursue the aforementioned initiatives in as sustainable manner as possible. In addition, the Group will seek to continue to reduce potential risks with a view to achieving ultimate safety levels. This is the Group's top priority in business management. The Group will also strengthen compliance structures, and build governance structures that ensure the "safety" of business management itself.

Since the establishment of JR East, the Group has worked relentlessly to heighten its levels of safety. The Group's earnest efforts to learn from unfortunate accidents in the past have enabled it to prevent future accidents with its continued developments in both tangible and intangible aspects.

The JR East Sustainability Strategy Committee, chaired by the president and representative director, oversees and makes decisions mainly regarding the establishment and progress of climate change targets, and the management of risks and opportunities. The committee includes the vice presidents, and executive directors as well as full-time corporate auditors, and outside directors also attend its meetings. The committee is held twice a year, and the Zero Carbon Working Group and Hydrogen Working Group report and discuss the progress of CO₂ emissions reductions and hydrogen utilization.

iii. Issuer's Environmental Initiatives

The JR East Group recognize energy as an integral part of the achievement of Zero Carbon Challenge 2050 and the implementation of ESG management, and aims to improve the "3E's" (Environment, Economic Efficiency, and Energy Security) of the Group's energy network that integrates "Create", "Deliver and Store", and "Use" in order to support the sustainable development of local communities. In July 2022, the JR East Group formulated "Energy Vision 2027—Connect," which presents the Group's energy strategy, which aims to realize a sustainable society and as a result to lead us to continuous growth. The specific initiatives of Energy Vision 2027—Connect to be promoted throughout the JR East Group are organized as follows.

Roadmap to realize Net Zero

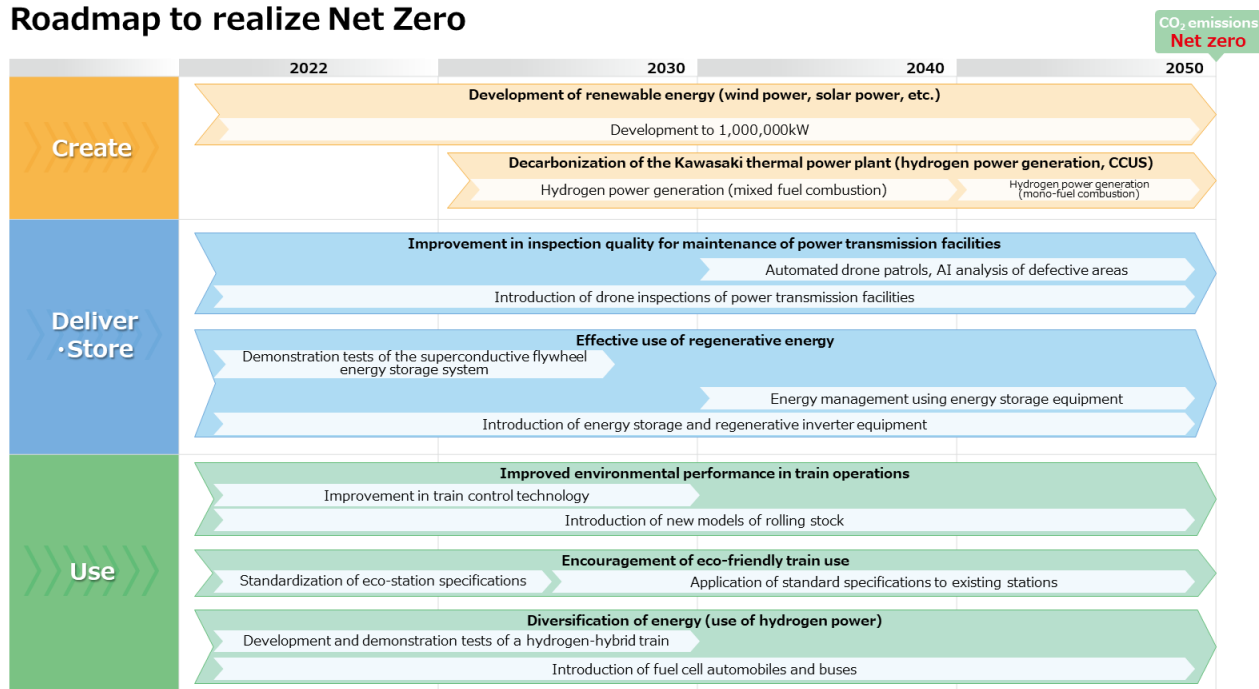


Figure- 2 Energy Vision 2027 Roadmap

[Source: Extracted from JR East Group Energy Vision 2027]

iv. Issuers' Initiatives for SDGs

In respect of the existing 17 SDGs, while seeking to create value under “Move Up” 2027, the Group will concentrate efforts on the realization of the following;

- Three top priority SDGs as the JR East Group consider it can leverage its business strength toward these goals:
 - 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth;
 - 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure;
 - 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities;
- Second priority:
 - 7. Affordable and Clean Energy;
 - 12. Responsible Consumption and Production;
 - 5. Gender Equality; and
 - 13. Climate Action.

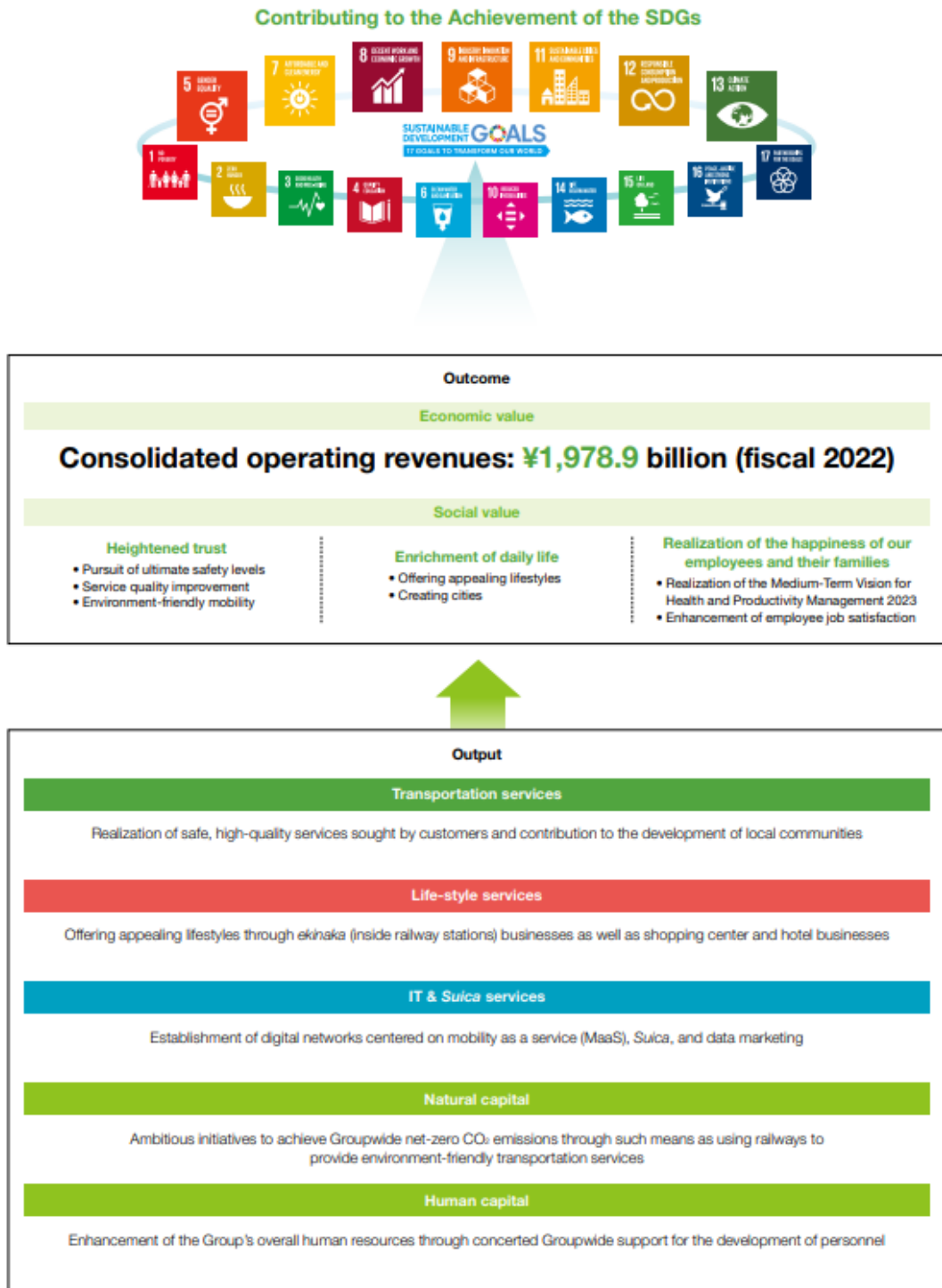






Figure-3 Initiatives to achieve SDGs (Source: Extracted from JR East Report 2022)

Table-3 Relationship between sustainability (green and social) projects and SDGs

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v. About the Sustainability Finance Framework

JR East has positioned part of the financing to realize Zero Carbon Challenge 2050 and "Move Up" 2027 initiatives as an opportunity to implement sustainability finance and communicate the initiatives of JR East and the JR East Group to its stakeholders. JR East has established the East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework (hereinafter, "Framework") in order to carry out funds for in a manner that conform to the internationally recognized frameworks.

The framework has been made available for use in JR East's future implementation of sustainability finance. The criteria which this framework specifically referred to is described in (3) of Section II below.



Issuer Name: East Japan Railway Company

Framework Name: East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework

Review Provider's Name: DNV Business Assurance Japan K.K.

Date of Report: December 5, 2022

II. Scope and Objectives

DNV has been commissioned by East Japan Railway Company to provide a pre-issuance assessment on East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework and the Sustainability Finance. Our objective has been to implement an assessment on whether East Japan Railway Company meets the SBG described below and other criteria such as GBP, SBP and GBGLs to provide a second party opinion on its eligibility.

DNV, as an independent external reviewer, has identified no real or perceived conflict of interest associated with the delivery of this second-party opinion for East Japan Railway Company.

In this report, no assurance is provided regarding the financial performance of the sustainability finance, the value of any investments in the sustainability finance, or the long-term environmental benefits of the transaction.

(1) Scope of review

The review assessed the following elements and confirmed their alignment with the gist of SBP:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of Proceeds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process for Project Evaluation and Selection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management of Proceeds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reporting |

(2) Role(s) of review provider

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Second Party Opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> Certification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verification | <input type="checkbox"/> Rating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): | |

(3) Standards/guidelines to be applied

No.	Standards/guidelines	Scheme owner	Applied level*1*2
1.	Sustainability Bond Guidelines (SBG)	International Capital Market Association (ICMA), 2021	Apply
2.	Green Bond Principles (GBP)	International Capital Market Association (ICMA), 2021	Apply
3.	Social Bond Principles (SBP)	International Capital Market Association (ICMA), 2021	Apply
5.	Green Bond Guidelines (GBGLs)	Ministry of the Environment, 2022	Apply
6.	Social Bond Guidelines (SBGLs)	Financial Services Agency, 2021	Apply
7.	Green Loan Principles (GLP)	Loan Market Association (LMA) et.al. 2021	Apply
8.	Social Loan Principles (SLP)	Loan Market Association (LMA) et.al. 2021	Apply
9.	Green Loan Guidelines (SLGLs)	Ministry of the Environment, 2022	Apply
10.	Climate Bonds Standard 3.0v (Sector Criteria)	Climate Bonds Initiative, 2019	Refer (applicable technical criteria)

No.	Standards/guidelines	Scheme owner	Applied level* ¹ * ²
11.	Green and Social Bonds: A High-Level Mapping to the Sustainable Development Goals	International Capital Market Association (ICMA), 2022	Refer
12.	Handbook Harmonized Framework for Impact Reporting	International Capital Market Association (ICMA), 2020	Refer

*¹ Apply: Eligibility for all four core common elements to each principle or guideline was assessed.

*² Refer: Based on the green bond and implementation plans, relevant contents were partially considered.

III. Responsibilities of East Japan Railway Company and DNV

East Japan Railway Company has provided the information and data used by DNV during the delivery of this review. DNV’s second party opinion represents an independent opinion and is intended to inform East Japan Railway Company and other interested stakeholders in the bond 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 East Japan Railway Company. 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 East Japan Railway Company’s stakeholders and used as a basis for this assessment were not correct or complete.

IV. Basis of DNV's Opinion

To provide as much flexibility for the fundraiser as possible, we have adapted our Sustainability Finance assessment methodologies, which incorporates the requirements of the SBG, GBP, SBP, GBGLs, SBGLs, GLP, SLP and SLGLs, to create an East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Eligibility Assessment Protocol (hereinafter, "Protocol"). Please refer to Schedule-2. The Protocol is applicable to East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance under the SBG, GBP, SBP, GBGLs, SBGLs, GLP, SLP and SLGLs.

Our Protocol includes a set of suitable criteria that can be used to underpin DNV's opinion. The overarching principle behind the criteria is that the sustainability finance enables capital-raising and investment for new and existing projects with social and environmental benefits.

As per our Protocol, the criteria against which the sustainability finance has been reviewed are grouped into four elements below.

- **Principle One: Use of Proceeds:** The Use of Proceeds criteria are guided by the requirement that a fundraiser of a sustainability finance must use the funds raised to eligible activities. The eligible activities should produce clear environmental and social benefits.
- **Principle Two: Process for Project Evaluation and Selection:** The Project Evaluation and Selection criteria are guided by the requirements that an issuer of a sustainability finance should outline the process it follows when determining eligibility of an investment using sustainability finance proceeds, and outline any impact objectives it will consider.
- **Principle Three: Management of Proceeds:** The Management of Proceeds criteria are guided by the requirements that a sustainability finance should be tracked within the fundraising organization, that separate portfolios should be created when necessary and that a declaration of how unallocated funds will be handled should be made.
- **Principle Four: Reporting:** The Reporting criteria are guided by the recommendation that at least Sustainability Reporting to the finance fundraisers should be made of the use of proceeds and that quantitative and/or qualitative performance indicators should be used, where feasible.

V. Work Undertaken

Our work constituted a comprehensive review of the available information, based on the understanding that this information was provided to us by the fundraiser 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 form our opinion included:

i. Pre-Fundraising Assessment of Sustainability Finance (Sustainability Finance Framework)

- Creation of a fundraiser-specific Protocol, adapted to the purpose of the sustainability finance, as described above and in Schedule-2 to this assessment;
- Assessment of documentary evidence provided by the fundraiser of the bond and supplemented assessment by a comprehensive desktop research. These checks refer to current assessment best practice and standards methodologies;
- Discussions with East Japan Railway Company, and review of relevant documentation;
- Documentation of findings against each element of the criteria.

ii. Post-Fundraising Assessment of Sustainability Finance (**not included in this report*)

- Assessment of documentary evidence provided by the fundraiser after implementing the sustainability finance and supplemented assessment by a comprehensive desktop research;
- Interviews with East Japan Railway Company management, and review of relevant documentation;
- Field research and inspection (if necessary);
- Post-issuance review of target projects and assets (update of the content described in Schedule-1)
- Document creation of post-issuance observation results.

VI. Findings and DNV's Opinion

DNV's findings and opinion are as described below.

(1) Use of Proceeds

DNV has confirmed that the East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework covers the following three types of finance, which are individually or collectively positioned as sustainability finance, etc.

Table-4 Definitions of sustainability finance, etc. as defined in the Framework

#	Category	Description
1	Green finance	Finance to fund projects that meet the Green Eligibility Criteria (set out below)
2	Social finance	Finance to fund projects that meet the Social Eligibility Criteria (set out below)
3	Sustainability finance	Finance to fund projects that meet either the Green Eligibility Criteria or the Social Eligibility Criteria

DNV has confirmed that East Japan Railway Company plans to allocate the net proceeds from sustainability finance, excluding expenses, as new investment and refinancing for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of any or more of the candidate sustainability projects that meet the following representative eligible project categories, as indicated by GBP, GBGLs, SBP and SBGLs.

- Clean transportation
- Climate change response
- Renewable energy
- Green building
- Affordable basic infrastructure
- Socio-economic improvement and empowerment

Specifically, these are the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of green or social projects as shown in Tables 5 and 6.

Table-5 Green Projects

#	Eligible Category	Eligible Project		Eligibility Criteria
1	Clean transportation	Overall rail transportation (Sections of trains, trains powered by electric battery or hybrid train cars)	Train cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investments in relation to manufacturing or renovation of train cars powered by electricity Investments in relation to manufacturing or renovation of hybrid train cars with CO₂ emissions below 50g-CO₂/person-km or 25g-CO₂/ton-km Research and development of next-generation train cars such as hydrogen hybrid electric train cars
			Railway facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment (capital expenditure) and expenses (operating expenditure) for the maintenance, renovation or renewal of railway equipment, tracks, signals, station buildings, rail yards and other essential facilities for railway operations
2	Climate Change Response	Same as above (Overall rail transportation)	Railway facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in disaster countermeasures for railway facilities (capital expenditure) to control damage and maintain stable operations during disasters such as typhoons.
3	Renewable energy	Solar power generation, wind power generation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditure related to the construction, installation, operation or maintenance of, or the financial investment in, solar or wind power generation equipment.
4	Green building	Green buildings and related land acquisition business		<p>Projects that include buildings that meet Green Building Eligibility Criteria A or Green Building Eligibility Criteria B, each as set out below (excluding the acquisition of land with remaining environmental problems including soil and water pollution):</p> <p><Green Building Eligibility Criteria A> A building that has obtained or</p>

#	Eligible Category	Eligible Project	Eligibility Criteria
			<p>renewed any of the following building certifications within 36 months prior to the launch of the relevant Sustainability Finance, or a building which is expected to obtain or renew the following building certifications in the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S or A ranked CASBEE (<i>cf</i> the Glossary bellow) construction (new, existing or renewed) or CASBEE real estate (including CASBEE issued by local municipalities) • Platinum or Gold certified under LEED (<i>cf</i> the Glossary bellow) - BD+C (Building Design and Construction) or LEED-O+M (Building Operations and Maintenance) • Five star or Four star construction under BELS (<i>cf</i> the Glossary bellow) • Five star or Four star construction under DBJ Green Building Certification (<i>cf</i> the Glossary bellow) <p><Green Building Eligibility Criteria B> A building that has a CO₂ reduction effect greater than the mandatory reduction rate for standard emissions set by government or local authorities in the most recent fiscal year and either (a) achieves a top 15% CO₂ reduction performance in the area where the project is located or (b) achieves a 30% CO₂ reduction effect.</p>

Use of Proceeds categories as per GBP

- Renewable energy
- Pollution prevention and control
- Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation
- Sustainable water management
- Eco-efficient products, production technologies and processes
- Other (*please specify*):
- It is undecided at the time of fundraising, but is expected to be in line with the GBP/GLP classification or other eligible areas not listed in the GBP/GLP at this time.
- Energy efficiency (energy saving)
- Sustainable management of living natural resources
- Clean transportation
- Climate change adaptation
- Green buildings with regional, national or internationally recognized standards and certifications

Table-6 Social Projects

#	SBP Category	Project Eligibility Criteria		Target Population
1	Affordable basic infrastructure	Train cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available space for wheelchairs passengers • Accessible restrooms for wheelchair passengers 	Persons with disabilities Senior Pregnant
2	Socioeconomic improvement and empowerment	Railway facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install platform doors • Install barrier free bathroom • Install elevators for platform access by wheelchair passengers 	Children and families with children All railway users including above
3		Pedestrian walkways network	Install safe and comfortable pedestrian walkways including various types of open spaces, rest spaces and lush excursion spaces for pedestrians to socialize and relax	Local companies Residents All facility users including above

DNV assessed the appropriateness of the social project and its eligibility criteria through in-depth interviews and the sharing of documentation and information, as this social project can be seen as an initiative to meet the requirements of the Act on Promotion of Smooth Transportation, etc. of Elderly Persons, Disabled Persons, etc. (Barrier Free Act)^(*1) As a result of the assessment, DNV determined the eligibility of the social project



as stipulated in the framework by East Japan Railway Company based on the rationale set out in paragraphs a-c below.

- (*1) Initiatives that meet the requirements of existing laws, regulations and ordinances on which the implementation of the project is based, or those that are judged as Business As Usual (BAU), are not generally recognized as eligible social projects. (However, this may not apply if the project includes responses to social issues that could not be covered by conventional initiatives or to new social issues, such as responses to newly enacted laws, regulations and ordinances, or if the project is clearly judged as beyond BAU.)

a. Relevance to the SDGs

Each project relates to public transportation and the surrounding environment, and is considered as essential foundation for realizing a society where no one is left behind, which is the basic principle of the SDGs, and is closely related to the following issues among the eight priorities set out by the Government.

- People: Infection Control and Building a Foundation for the Future
 - (1) Realization of gender equality and a society where **every person** can play an active role
 - (2) Achievement of good health and **longevity**
- Prosperity: Virtuous Cycle of Growth and Distribution
 - (3) Creating growth markets, **revitalization of rural areas**, and promoting science technology and innovation
- Planet: Contributing to the Future of the Earth
 - (4) Sustainable and resilient land use, promoting **quality infrastructure**
 - (5) Energy conservation and renewable energy, disaster risk reduction and climate change countermeasures, sound material-cycle society
 - (6) Conservation of biodiversity, forests, and oceans, and other environments

(Note) Extracted from the Japanese Government's "SDGs Action Plan 2022" with underlined bold characters indicating areas where the eligible social projects identified by East Japan Railway Company are relevant and are expected to make a particular contribution

b. Current social situation, etc.

In view of the rapidly declining birth rate and aging population in Japan, which are the background to the enactment of the Barrier Free Act, it is considered that there is an urgent need for accessible public transportation, etc. However, as the demand for public transportation is on the decline due to the impact of the coronavirus disease and there are many uncertainties regarding the future situation, urgent realization of accessibility is needed in consideration of post-pandemic society, which may be a significant burden for railway business operators.

c. Eligibility criteria beyond compliance

The eligibility criteria for pedestrian networks should include open spaces, a variety of rest spaces, green spaces, etc. and go beyond compliance (to the best effort set out by the law).

(2) Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

Through the review, DNV has confirmed that the three nominated sustainability projects listed in Schedule-1 are in compliance with the goals of the JR East Group's management vision "Move Up" 2027, the "Energy Vision 2027—Connect" based on the vision, and the long-term environmental goal "Zero Carbon Challenge 2050", which are related to clean transportation/renewable energy/green buildings and climate change adaptation, etc. contributing to CO₂ emission reduction, and that they are evaluated and selected through appropriate prescribed processes at the Finance & Investment Planning Department and relevant internal departments of the fundraiser.

As for the environmental and social impact of investments and business operations, under the management of the Corporate & Legal Strategies Department, DNV has confirmed that the Group company/department in charge of the project identifies and assesses risks in line with the company-wide risk management system before the implementation of investment or business to reduce risks or take other measures where necessary, and that a system has been established to ensure that proceeds of sustainability finance, etc. are not allocated to projects related to the following:

- Transactions that do not comply with the laws and regulations of the country in which they take place, including laws in relation to unfair business practices, bribery, corruption, extortion and embezzlement

Evaluation and Selection

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conforms to the issuer's achievement of environmental contribution goals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documented process to determine that projects fit within defined categories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The project is eligible for use of proceeds by green bond and transparency is ensured | <input type="checkbox"/> Documented process to identify and manage potential ESG risks associated with the project |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The project is evaluated and selected based on the published standard summary | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |

Information on Responsibilities and Accountability

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation / Selection criteria subject to external advice or verification | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-house assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): | |

(3) Management of Proceeds

DNV has confirmed how JR East will track and manage the proceeds from fundraising to redemption/repayment period. DNV has confirmed that JR East plans to allocate the proceeds to financing (new investment and financing) and refinancing to the eligible projects in a timely manner after raising the proceeds.

DNV has confirmed that the allocation status of the proceeds will be managed by the manual on a quarterly basis in accordance with the JR East's internal manual. The proceeds of sustainability finance, etc. will be managed in cash or cash equivalents until they are allocated, and the allocation is expected to be completed within approximately two years from the issuance.

Tracking of Proceeds:

- Some or all of the proceeds by green bonds that are planned to be allocated are systematically distinguished or tracked by the issuer.
- Disclosure of intended types of temporary investment instruments for unallocated proceeds
- Other (*please specify*):

Additional Disclosure:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Allocations to future investments only | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allocations to both existing and future investments |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allocation to individual disbursements | <input type="checkbox"/> Allocation to a portfolio of disbursements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disclosure of portfolio balance of unallocated proceeds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): The amount of existing financing and new investments/financing in projects eligible for green bond allocations will be disclosed in the annual report. |

(4) Reporting

DNV has confirmed that JR East will report specific information related to sustainability finance required by the GBP, GBGLs, SBP, and SBGLs in its website once a year.

Annual reports will be made on the allocation status of proceeds and the social and environmental benefits, as described below, until the proceeds are fully allocated. In addition, a part or all of the following items related to social and environmental benefits are planned to be disclosed on a project basis, within the limits of confidentiality and as far as is reasonably practicable. Estimated indicator values and the progress of the project will be disclosed until the commencement of the project. It is also planned to disclose any material changes in the projects during the redemption or repayment period in a timely manner.

<Allocation Status>

- Allocated amount on a project basis
- Unallocated amount of proceeds
- Amount of proceeds allocated as refinancing

<Environmental and Social Benefits>

Table-7 Green Projects

#	Green Category	Eligible Projects	Examples of reporting content on environmental benefits
1	Clean transportation	Overall rail transportation (Sections of trains, trains powered by electric battery or hybrid train cars)	CO ₂ emissions stemming from railway operations (g-CO ₂ /person-km) <Train cars> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of introducing train cars • Energy-saving by using VVVF inverter, etc. • Energy-saving by using LED lighting (vs. conventional fluorescent lighting) • Details of R&D investment
2			<Railway facilities> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of maintenance, renovation and renewal of essential facilities to operate

#	Green Category	Eligible Projects	Examples of reporting content on environmental benefits
			railways, including tracks, signals, station buildings and rail yards
3	Climate Change Response	Same as above (Overall rail transportation)	<Railway facilities> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of investment in disaster countermeasure for the railway facility
4	Renewable energy	Solar power generation, wind power generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of renewable energy project (Name of the project, location, output capacity, etc.) • Power generation (kWh) • Impact of CO₂ emissions reduction
5	Green building	Green buildings and related land acquisition business	<Eligible Green Project A> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the building • Type and rank of environmental certifications obtained • Primary energy consumption • CO₂ Emissions <Eligible Green Project B> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the building • CO₂ reduction rate • Primary energy consumption • CO₂ Emissions

Table-8 Social Projects

#	Social Category	Eligible Projects	Examples of reporting content on social benefits	Outcome	Impact
1	Affordable basic infrastructure Socioeconomic improvement and empowerment	Train cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of train cars introduced • Number of cars with space for wheelchairs • Number of cars with barrier-free bathrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure mobility opportunities for the socially vulnerable • Improve safety and comfort for 	Contribute to the realization of a truly symbiotic society by promoting barrier-free access

2		Railway facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of stations with platform doors • Number of stations with barrier-free bathrooms • Number of stations with elevators 	all railway users	
3		Pedestrian walkways network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of pedestrian network facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve safety and comfort for local companies, residents and users 	Sustainable and resilient national land (promoting sustainable community development)

Use of Proceeds reporting:

- Project-by-project On a project portfolio basis
- Linkage to individual bond(s) Other (*please specify*):

Information reported:

- Allocated amounts GB financed share of total investment
- Other (*please specify*): Unallocated amount of proceeds and the amount allocated to refinancing

Frequency:

- Annual Semi-annual
- Other (*please specify*):

Impact Reporting (Environmental benefit):

- Project-by-project On a project portfolio basis
- Linkage to individual bond(s) Other (*please specify*):

Frequency:

- Annual Semi-annual
- Other (*please specify*):

Information reported (expected or ex-post):

- GHG Emissions / Savings Energy savings



- Other ESG indicators (*please specify*): Capacity (kW) and amount of power generation (kWh) by the renewable energy type subject for allocation, and the environmental benefits of rail transport in general

Means of Disclosure

- Information published in financial report
- Information published in sustainability report
- Information published in ad hoc documents
- Other (*please specify*): East Japan Railway Company web site
- Reporting reviewed (if yes, please specify which parts of the reporting are subject to external review): Review by DNV will be obtained before one year has passed since the green bond issuance and annually thereafter until the sustainability finance, etc. has been allocated.

(5) External Review

In order to increase certainty (consistency) and objectivity that the sustainability finance continuously complies with the relevant criteria, the fundraiser will obtain a review by DNV before one year has passed since the implementation of the sustainability finance, etc. and annually thereafter until the sustainability finance, etc. has been allocated.

Assessment Conclusion

On the basis of the information provided by JR East and the work undertaken, it is DNV's opinion that the JR East meets the criteria established in the Sustainability Finance Eligibility Assessment Protocol, and that it is aligned with the following stated definition or purpose of sustainability bond within the SBG and relevant criteria, which is to "enable capital-raising and investment for new and existing projects with social and environmental benefits".

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Schedule-1 Sustainability Finance, etc. Nominated Projects

The green and social projects listed in the table are candidate projects before implementation of finance (as of November 2022). In the future, in green/social/sustainability finance executed under the JR East Sustainability Finance Framework, one or more of the eligible projects listed in Schedule-1 will be selected and reported as the use of proceeds in a report before or after the implementation of finance. If the additional green/social/sustainability projects are included, JR East will evaluate the eligibility in advance in a process based on the framework. If necessary, DNV will conduct the evaluation in a timely manner.

Green Projects

No.	Green Eligible Project		Project Overview		Expected Environmental Contribution
	Category	Small Category			
1	Clean transportation	Overall rail transportation (Sections of trains, trains powered by electric battery or hybrid train cars)	Train cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investments in relation to manufacturing or renovation of train cars powered by electricity Investments in relation to manufacturing or renovation of hybrid train cars with CO₂ emissions below 50g-CO₂/person-km or 25g-CO₂/ton-km Research and development of next-generation train cars such as hydrogen hybrid electric train cars 	Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from railway operations
2			Railway facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment (capital expenditure) and expenses (operating expenditure) for the maintenance, renovation or renewal of railway equipment, tracks, signals, station buildings, rail yards and other essential facilities for railway operations 	
3	Climate Change Response	Same as above (Overall rail transportation)	Railway facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in disaster countermeasures for railway facilities (capital expenditure) to control damage and maintain stable operations during disasters such as typhoons 	Response to climate change

No.	Green Eligible Project		Project Overview	Expected Environmental Contribution
	Category	Small Category		
4	Renewable energy	Solar power generation, wind power generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditure related to the construction, installation, operation or maintenance of, or the financial investment in, solar or wind power generation equipment 	Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through the adoption of renewable energy sources
5	Green building		<p>Projects that include buildings that meet Green Building Eligibility Criteria A or Green Building Eligibility Criteria B, each as set out below (excluding the acquisition of land with remaining environmental problems including soil and water pollution):</p> <p><Green Building Eligibility Criteria A></p> <p>A building that has obtained or renewed any of the following building certifications within 36 months prior to the launch of the relevant Sustainability Finance, or a building which is expected to obtain or renew the following building certifications in the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S or A ranked CASBEE (<i>cf</i> the Glossary below) construction (new, existing or renewed) or CASBEE real estate (including CASBEE issued by local municipalities) Platinum or Gold certified under LEED (<i>cf</i> the Glossary below) - BD+C (Building Design and Construction) or LEED-O+M (Building Operations and Maintenance) Five star or Four star construction under BELS (<i>cf</i> the Glossary below) Five star or Four star construction under DBJ Green Building Certification (<i>cf</i> the Glossary below) <p><Green Building Eligibility Criteria B></p> <p>A building that has a CO₂ reduction effect greater than the mandatory</p>	Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by improving the efficiency of energy used in buildings

No.	Green Eligible Project		Project Overview	Expected Environmental Contribution
	Category	Small Category		
			reduction rate for standard emissions set by government or local authorities in the most recent fiscal year and either (a) achieves a top 15% CO ₂ reduction performance in the area where the project is located or (b) achieves a 30% CO ₂ reduction effect.	

Social Projects

No.	Social Eligible Project		Project Overview	Expected Social Contribution		
	Category	Small Category		Beneficiary	Contribution to Society	
1	Affordable basic infrastructure Socioeconomic improvement and empowerment		Train cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available space for wheelchairs passengers Accessible restrooms for wheelchair passengers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons with disabilities Senior Pregnant Children and families with children All railway users including above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring mobility opportunities for the socially vulnerable Improving safety and comfort for all railway users
2			Railway facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install platform doors Install barrier free bathroom Install elevators for platform access by wheelchair passengers 		
3			Pedestrian walkways network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install safe and comfortable pedestrian walkways including various types of open spaces, rest spaces and lush excursion spaces for pedestrians to socialize and relax 		

Schedule-2 Sustainability Finance Eligibility Assessment Protocol

The following checklists (1)~(4) are DNV assessment protocol developed for the East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Eligibility Assessment based on the requirements of the SBG, GBP, SBP and GBGLs. The "relevant document checked" in the Work Undertaken includes internal documents, etc. of the fundraiser, which are provided by East Japan Railway Company to DNV as evidence for the eligibility judgment.

The East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework and statutory documents listed in the table will be published separately as investor explanatory documents.

(1) Use of Proceeds

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work Undertaken	DNV Findings
1a	Type of finance	The Sustainability Finance must fall in one of the following categories, as defined by SBP and GBP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Standard) Sustainability Finance - Sustainability Revenue Finance - Sustainability Project Bond - Sustainability Security Finance 	Confirmed documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework Interviews with stakeholders	Based on the documentation review and consultations, DNV has confirmed that the finance falls into the category below: (Standard) Sustainability Bond
1b	Project categories	The cornerstone of a Sustainability Finance is the utilization of the proceeds of the finance which should be appropriately described in the legal documentation for the security.	Confirmed documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework Interviews with stakeholders	DNV has confirmed that the East Japan Railway Company's sustainability projects, etc. identified in the framework fall into the following representative green and social eligible categories as classified in the GBP and SBP. <Green Projects> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean transportation (overall rail transportation) - Climate change response (overall rail transportation) - Renewable energy (solar power generation, wind power generation)

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work Undertaken	DNV Findings
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green building <Social Projects> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affordable basic infrastructure (train cars, railway facilities, pedestrian walkways network) - Socioeconomic improvement and empowerment
1c	Environmental and social benefits	All designated Sustainability Project categories should provide clear greenly and/or social benefits, which, where feasible, will be quantified or assessed by the fundraiser.	Confirmed documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework Interviews with stakeholders	DNV has confirmed that the green projects contribute to the reduction of CO ₂ emissions from railway operations. As for the sustainability project, DNV assessed it as having sufficient benefits to improve social issues as it enhances the convenience of public transportation (railways) for a wide range of railway users, including the elderly and wheelchair users, taking into account the background to the enactment of the relevant legislation (Barrier Free Act) and the actual implementation state of accessible/universal design.
1d	Refinance share	In the event that a proportion of the proceeds may be used for refinancing, it is recommended that fundraiser provide an estimate of the share of financing vs. refinancing, and where appropriate, also clarify which investments or project portfolios may be refinanced.	Confirmed documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework Interviews with stakeholders	DNV has confirmed that if the proceeds (excluding expenses) of sustainability finance, etc. are used for refinancing, JR East will include the allocation amount on a project basis and the amount allocated as refinancing in the disclosure information on the allocation status published on its website.

(2) Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work Undertaken	DNV Findings
2a	Investment decision process	<p>The fundraiser of a Sustainability Finance should outline the decision-making process it follows to determine the eligibility of projects using Sustainability Finance proceeds. This includes, without limitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A process to determine how the projects fit within the eligible Sustainability (Green and Social) Projects categories identified in the Sustainability Finance Principles; • The criteria making the projects eligible for using the Sustainability Finance proceeds; and • The sustainability objectives for green and social 	<p>Confirmed documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework <p>Interviews with stakeholders</p>	<p>DNV has confirmed that East Japan Railway Company will select eligible projects for sustainability finance, etc. in accordance with the framework and internal regulations. Specifically, the procedure is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Finance and Investment Planning Department selects eligible projects and the Director in charge of Finance and Investment Planning gives approvals. - In assessing the eligibility of the projects, a comprehensive analysis and consideration of financial, technical, operational, and market environment and ESG risks is undertaken.
2b	Fundraiser's environmental and social governance framework	<p>In addition to criteria and certifications, the information published by fundraiser regarding the Sustainability finance process is also considered the quality of performance of the fundraiser's framework and environmental and social sustainability.</p>	<p>Confirmed documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework <p>Interviews with stakeholders</p>	<p>DNV has confirmed, through the assessment in documentation and interviews, that the planned sustainability finance, etc. is in line with the East Japan Railway Company's business and environmental initiatives such as "Move Up" 2027, Energy Vision 2027—Connect, Zero Carbon Challenge 2050, etc., and is closely related to the business and environmental sustainability.</p>

(3) Management of Proceeds

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work Undertaken	DNV Findings
3a	Tracking procedure-1	Proceeds for funds raised through Sustainability Finance should be managed in sub-accounts, incorporated into sub-portfolios, or tracked by other appropriate means. They should also be evidenced by the fundraiser in a formal internal process related to the fundraiser's investment and financing operations for sustainability projects.	Confirmed documents: - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework Interviews with stakeholders	DNV has confirmed that East Japan Railway Company manages the proceeds of sustainability finance, etc. in cash or cash equivalents, and that the allocation status is managed by the Finance and Investment Planning Department on a quarterly basis until the proceeds are fully allocated. The system for managing the allocation status is stipulated in the Sustainability Reporting Manual (internal document).
3b	Tracking procedure-2	In the period for which Sustainability Finance is to be managed, the balance of the tracked proceeds should be periodically adjusted by amounts matching eligible project investments or loan disbursements made during that period.	Confirmed documents: - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework Interviews with stakeholders	DNV has confirmed that the allocation status of proceeds (allocated amount and balance) is managed and adjusted according to the above procedure. DNV has also confirmed that East Japan Railway Company plans to use the codes registered in the accounting system to manage expenditure on eligible projects, track the allocation status in a separate spreadsheet and manage the unallocated and allocated proceeds on a quarterly basis using a balance sheet.
3c	Temporary holdings	Pending such investments or disbursements to eligible Sustainability Projects, the fundraiser should make known to investors the intended types of temporary investment instruments for the balance of unallocated proceeds.	Confirmed documents: - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework Interviews with stakeholders	DNV has confirmed that East Japan Railway Company will disclose the allocation status of proceeds and the progress of projects on its website on an annual basis until the proceeds of sustainability finance, etc. are fully allocated. The disclosure includes the amount of proceeds allocated based on a project, the allocated amount of proceeds and the amount allocated to refinancing.

(4) Reporting

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work Undertaken	DNV Findings
4a	<p>Periodical reporting</p>	<p>In addition to reporting on the use of proceeds and the temporary investment of unallocated proceeds, fundraisers should provide at least annually a list of projects to which Sustainability Finance proceeds have been allocated including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - confidentiality and/or competitive considerations, where possible; - a brief description of the projects and the amounts disbursed, as well as the expected environmental and social sustainable impact 	<p>Confirmed documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Japan Railway Company Sustainability Finance Framework <p>Interviews with stakeholders</p>	<p>DNV has confirmed that East Japan Railway Company will provide annual reporting on specific items required by sustainability finance, etc. (e.g., allocation status of proceeds, effectiveness of project improvements, environmental benefits, indicators that may contribute to improving social issues) until the proceeds are fully allocated.</p> <p>The reporting plans to disclose the following information as far as practicable per eligible project category or per eligible project.</p> <p><Green Projects></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Record of introducing trains, trains powered by electric battery or hybrid train cars - Energy-saving by using VVVF inverter, etc. (designed value) - Details of R&D investment (train cars) - Details of maintenance, renovation and renewal of equipment essential for railway operations, and disaster countermeasures (railway facilities) - Overview of renewable energy project (Name of the project, location, output capacity in kW, CO₂ reductions) - Overview of green eligible building - Type and rank of environmental certifications obtained - Primary energy consumption, CO₂ emissions <p>Other</p> <p><Social Projects></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Record of introducing train cars



Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work Undertaken	DNV Findings
				<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Number of train cars with wheelchair spaces and barrier free spaces- Number of stations with platform doors, barrier free bathroom and elevators- Overview of pedestrian network facilitiesOther