



Press Release - NIB EUR 500 million 0.375% due 19 September 2022

Execution Highlights:

- NIB's first Environmental EUR benchmark
- NIB's second Environmental Bond this year following the Swedish 1 billion launched in April
- High quality book with very strong participation from environmentally focussed investors
- Books closed in excess of EUR 650 million for a EUR 500 million no grow, allowing for pricing at the tight end of the guidance
- The transaction proceeds will be used to finance projects with a positive impact on the environment in the Nordic and EU countries.

Nordic Investment Bank ("NIB") today priced a new 7-year Euro NIB Environmental bond ("NEB"). This is NIB's second benchmark NEB outing in 2015 complementing the SEK 1 billion 5-year launched in April this year, and then the debut benchmark USD 500 million NEB 7-year benchmark in 2014.

The new issue has a final maturity of 19th September 2022, pays an annual coupon of 0.375% and has an issue price of 99.176% to give a spread of +23.3 basis points over the DBR 1.50% due September 2022, equivalent to 16bps below mid-swaps.

The mandate was announced to the market at 12.30pm London time on Wednesday 9th September. This was followed by an investor conference call at 3.30pm London. IPTs of midswaps-mid teens were released the following day at the London open for a "no grow" EUR 500 million 7-year transaction.

A strong response from investors in the proceeding two hours allowed for books to be officially opened at midswaps-15bp area guidance with indications of interest over EUR 500 million. The book continued to grow in the European morning taking us to over EUR 650 million at 11.30am consisting of 36 orders. The spread was set at midswaps-16bp – the tight end of the range. The bond was priced at 2.15 pm.

NIB's first NEB in Euro received very strong participation from environmentally focused accounts, with the majority going to this investor base.

For more information about NIB Environmental Bonds, please visit the NIB website at: <u>www.nib.int/capital_markets/environmental_bonds</u>

Bond Summary Terms:

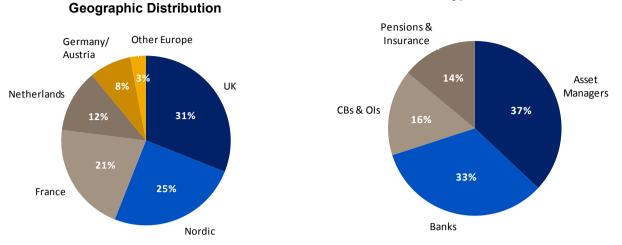
Rating: Issue amount: Issue Date: Settlement Date: Coupon: Maturity Date: Reoffer Spread: Benchmark: Reoffer vs. Benchmark: Reoffer Price: Reoffer Price: Reoffer Yield: Format: Joint Lead Managers: Aaa / AAA (Moody's / S&P) EUR500m 10 September 2015 17 September 2015 0.375% payable annually 19 September 2022 Mid swaps -16bps DBR 1.5% due Sep 2022 +23.3bps 99.176% 0.495% a. Eurobond BofA Merrill Lynch, CA CIB and HSBC







Distribution Stats:



Investor Type Distribution

Comments:

Jens Hellerup, Director, Head of Funding and Investor Relations at Nordic Investment Bank, said: "NIB is thrilled with this new NIB Environmental Bond and especially pleased with the return to the EUR market. About 70% of the book has environmental focus, which is a strong commitment to NIB's environmental profile. It is encouraging to see the support from EUR investors, with nearly half of the investors buying NIB for the first time".

Ole-Petter Langeland, Head of Fixed Income at the second AP-Fund, said: "AP 2 appreciates NIB's work to finance environmentally sustainable projects, it is a high quality organization with a good framework for choosing projects and monitoring their progress. Investing in NIB's new EUR denominated Environmental bond is a natural step for us to diversify our portfolio of Green bonds with a high quality issuer."

Martin Mills, Head of Green DCM, EMEA at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, said: "NIB has reinforced their institution's commitment to the development of this market with their third benchmark environmental transaction. This time in Euros, following the SEK earlier this year and US dollar last year. They've been rewarded with a great trade, good pricing and excellent investor diversification. A real result for all involved."

Pierre Blandin, Global Head of SSA Origination at Crédit Agricole CIB, said: "NIB has launched a highly successful inaugural NEB denominated in EUR, following on their debut environmental bond issues in USD and SEK. The new benchmark offers investors a very rare opportunity to buy NIB in EUR, as their last EUR benchmark dates back to 2009. The deal met with very strong demand from high quality ESG investors, highlighting the attraction of NIB's credit and their environmental bond framework and rewarding NIB for their extensive work with European ESG investors over the past year."

Ulrik Ross, Global Head of Public Sector and Sustainable Financing at HSBC, said: "NIB returned to the Green Bond market in style, successfully printing a 7yr EUR benchmark, despite the underlying market volatility. The very high quality and granular orderbook underscores NIB's strong and growing following among Green Bond investors, as well as NIB's best-in-class reputation in the Green Bond market."





