

Independent Reasonable Assurance Report to the Directors and Management of Argosy Property Limited

Assurance conclusion

Based on our reasonable assurance procedures, as described in this statement as of 12 February 2019, in our opinion Argosy Property Limited's ("Argosy's") bond pre-issuance process in relation to its Green Bond meets the Green Bond Principles' (June 2018) requirements, in all material respects.

Scope

We have performed a reasonable assurance engagement, as of 12 February 2019, in relation to Argosy Property Limited's Green Bond pre-issuance in order to provide an opinion as to whether the subject matter detailed below ('Subject Matter') meets, in all material respects, the criteria as presented below.

Subject Matter and Criteria

The subject matter and associated criteria for this reasonable assurance engagement are set out in the table below:

Subject Matter	Criteria
<p>Argosy's Green Bond pre-issuance process, as described in Argosy's Green Bond Framework that sets out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Use of Proceeds ▶ Process for project evaluation and selection ▶ Management of Proceeds ▶ Reporting ▶ External Review 	<p>The Green Bond Principle's (June 2018) requirements on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Use of Proceeds ▶ Process for Project Evaluation and Selection ▶ Management of Proceeds ▶ Reporting <p>Criteria found at: https://www.icmagroup.org/assets/documents/Regulatory/Green-Bonds/June-2018/Green-Bond-Principles---June-2018-140618-WEB.pdf</p>
<p>Technical details of the assets identified as 'green' ('Green Assets')</p>	<p>Use of Proceeds and Eligibility Criteria from Argosy's Green Bond Framework that eligible assets are office, industrial or retail buildings (including upgrades) that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Certified as obtaining or targeting a minimum 4-Star NZGBC GreenStar Built rating; or ▶ Certified as obtaining or targeting a minimum 4-Star NABERSNZ Energy Base Building Rating or Energy Whole Building Rating.

Management Responsibility

The management of Argosy Property Limited is responsible for the collection, preparation, and presentation of the Subject Matter in accordance with the criteria and for maintaining adequate records and internal controls that are designed to support the Green Bond issuance process.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a reasonable assurance conclusion as to whether the Subject Matter is presented in accordance with the criteria, in all material respects. Our assurance engagement has been planned and performed in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000: *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ('ISAE (NZ) 3000').

Level of Assurance

A reasonable assurance engagement consists of making enquiries and applying analytical, controls testing, and other evidence-gathering procedures that are sufficient for us to obtain a sufficient level of assurance as the basis for a positive form of conclusion. The procedures performed depend on the assurance practitioner's judgement, including the risk of material misstatement of the specific activity data, whether due to fraud or error. While we considered the effectiveness of Management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our procedures were not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our Approach

Our assurance procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

- ▶ Reviewing whether the policies and procedures established by Argosy related to the pre-issuance of the Green Bond to assess whether they were aligned to the requirements of the Green Bond Principles
- ▶ Confirming the eligibility of assets for inclusion in Argosy's Green Bond use of proceeds pool against Argosy's Green Bond Framework
- ▶ Interviewing selected business units and group level personnel to understand key issues related to Argosy's relevant policies and procedures
- ▶ Checking the accuracy of asset valuations
- ▶ Requesting documentation supporting assertions made in the Subject Matter
- ▶ Seeking management representation on key assertions

Limitations

There are inherent limitations in performing assurance – for example, assurance engagements are based on selective testing of the information being examined – and it is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. There are additional inherent risks associated with assurance over non-financial information including reporting against standards which require information to be assured against source data compiled using definitions and estimation methods that are developed by the reporting entity. Finally, adherence to ISAE (NZ) 3000 and the Green Bond Principles is subjective and will be interpreted differently by different stakeholder groups.

Our assurance was limited to the Argosy's Green Bond pre-issuance, and did not include statutory financial statements. Our assurance is limited to policies and procedures in place as of 12 February 2019, ahead of the issuance of Argosy's Green Bond. The firm has no other relationship with, or interests in, Argosy.

Use of Report

Our responsibility in performing our assurance activities is to the Directors and Management of Argosy only and in accordance with the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with them. We do not therefore accept or assume any responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person or organisation. Any reliance any such third party may place on the Argosy's Green Bond issuance is entirely at its own risk. No statement is made as to whether the criteria are appropriate for any third party purpose.

Our Independence and Assurance Team

In accordance with APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners*, the firm and all professional personnel involved in this engagement have met the independence requirements of New Zealand or International professional ethical requirements. Our team has the required competencies and experience for this assurance engagement.

Observations on particular aspects of our engagement:

We provide selected observations aligning to the Green Bond Principle core components, to provide the reader with further understanding on how this Green Bond meets the criteria. These observations are not intended to detract from our conclusion provided above.

Use of Proceeds:

- ▶ Proceeds from this Green Bond are intended to be used for refinancing purposes.
- ▶ Proceeds are intended to be allocated to office, industrial and retail buildings (including upgrades) owned or undertaken by members of the Argosy Group that have, or are targeting, a minimum of a 4-Star New Zealand Green Building Council (NZGBC) Green Star Built rating and/or a 4-Star NABERSNZ Energy Base Building Rating or Energy Whole Building Rating.
- ▶ Any building that fails to receive a 4-Star minimum rating or loses its rating during the tenor of the bond will be removed from the Bond's use of proceeds pool.

- ▶ The NZGBC Green Star rating (Green Star NZ) is an internationally recognised standard developed for New Zealand. Green Star NZ is aligned with the other major international building rating tools, including the British BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) system and the North American LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) system. Green Star NZ assesses the overall environmental impact of a building covering the following categories: Energy, Water, Materials, Indoor Environment Quality, Transport, Land Use & Ecology, Management, Emissions, and Innovation. It rates buildings from 0 to 6 Stars. Buildings that achieve a 4, 5, or 6 Star rating receive Green Star certification.
- ▶ NABERSNZ rating is adapted from the National Australian Building Environment Rating System (NABERS) and is a national rating tool for commercial buildings administered by NZGBC. NABERSNZ rates the actual environmental operational performance of office buildings across Energy, Water, Waste and Indoor Environment. It rates buildings from 0 to 6 Stars. Buildings that achieve a 4, 5, or 6 Star rating are assessed as having excellent performance, market leading performance and aspirational performance respectively.
- ▶ The use of proceeds of this bond aligns with the Green Bond Principles' project category "green buildings which meet regional, national or internationally recognised standards and certifications".

Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

- ▶ Argosy have developed a Green Bond Framework that outlines the environmental objectives of the bond, eligibility criteria for determining Green Assets and the process for project selection and evaluation. The list of Argosy's eligible Green Assets tested is included in Annex A.

Management of Proceeds

- ▶ Argosy has set-up a Green Bond Working Group to oversee the governance of Green Bonds.
- ▶ Argosy has implemented processes to manage proceeds received from the Green Bond and to monitor the on-going use of proceeds. These processes include:
 - ▶ A tracking process through existing systems to allocate funds received to Green Assets
 - ▶ A process for deploying any unallocated proceeds to temporary cash equivalent investments.
 - ▶ A semi-annual process for monitoring the on-going use of proceeds.
- ▶ Argosy will obtain pre-issuance assurance over each Green Bond issuance and has committed to seeking independent annual review to confirm that the Green Assets continue to meet the Green Bond Principles and the requirements as set out in the Green Bond Framework.

Reporting

- ▶ Argosy will report on the use of proceeds of Green Bonds at least semi-annually that will include a list of Green Assets, the amount allocated to each Green Asset and the GreenStar rating and/or NABERSNZ rating of each Green Asset.

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Annex A

Argosy's list of eligible green assets

Nominated Project	Class	Country
143 Lambton Quay, Wellington	Green Buildings	New Zealand
15-21 Stout Street, Wellington	Green Buildings	New Zealand
82 Wyndham Street, Auckland	Green Buildings	New Zealand
Highgate Parkway, Auckland	Green Buildings	New Zealand

Annex B

Argosy's exposure to nominated assets as at 7 February 2019

Class	Asset Values (NZD m)
Green Buildings	\$205.3
Total	\$205.3