

Independent practitioner's limited assurance report

To the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited

We have undertaken a limited assurance engagement in respect of:

- the reported allocation of proceeds of the social bond issued by the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (the "HKMC") under its Social, Green and Sustainability Financing Framework (September 2022) (the "Framework"); and
- the selected information disclosed in the 2022 Social Bond – Allocation Update and Impact Report of the HKMC (the "Impact Report") as at 30 June 2023 (collectively thereafter, "Subject Matter Information").

Subject Matter Information and Reporting Criteria

The Subject Matter Information as at 30 June 2023 is summarised below and detailed in Appendix I to this report:

- Amount of proceeds allocated (in HKD billion, CNH billion equivalent and USD billion equivalent);
- Number of eligible small and medium-sized enterprises ("SME") loans;
- Number of SMEs financed; and
- Estimated number of jobs supported.

The criteria used by the HKMC to prepare the Subject Matter Information is set out in the Reporting Methodology section within the Impact Report (the "Reporting Criteria").

Management's Responsibilities

The management of the Company is responsible for the preparation of the Subject Matter Information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria. This responsibility includes:

- establishing suitable reporting criteria for measuring or evaluating the Subject Matter Information;
- ensuring that the Reporting Criteria are relevant and appropriate to the HKMC; and
- preparing the Subject Matter Information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria including designing, implementation and maintaining internal controls over the information relevant to the measurement or evaluation of the Subject Matter Information, which is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Inherent Limitation

The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measures and measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities and over time.

The basis for the reporting of the Subject Matter Information may differ between different reporting frameworks, including the criteria on which the eligibility of the loans is determined. In addition, as stated in the Reporting Criteria, there are limitations on the information submitted by the SMEs which may have impact the accurate reporting of the Subject Matter Information. As such, the HKMC's reported Subject Matter Information and our limited assurance thereon must be read and understood in conjunction with the Reporting Criteria.

Our Independence and Quality Management

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Our firm applies Hong Kong Standard on Quality Management 1 issued by the HKICPA, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Practitioner’s Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the Subject Matter Information based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained. We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), *Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* issued by the HKICPA. That standard requires that we plan and perform this engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Subject Matter Information is free from material misstatement.

A limited assurance engagement involves assessing the suitability in the circumstances of the Company’s use of the Reporting Criteria as the basis for the preparation of the Subject Matter Information, assessing the risks of material misstatement of the Subject Matter Information whether due to fraud or error, responding to the assessed risks as necessary in the circumstances, and evaluating the overall presentation of the Subject Matter Information. A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks.

The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgment and included inquiries, observation of processes performed, inspection of documents, analytical procedures, evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies, and agreeing or reconciling with underlying records.

Given the circumstances of the engagement, in performing the procedures listed above we:

- Made inquiries of the persons responsible for the Subject Matter Information and obtained an understanding of the HKMC’s internal controls and processes relevant to the reporting of the Subject Matter Information;
- Performed limited substantive testing, on a sample basis, on the data used to prepare the Subject Matter Information, including:
 - Checked the eligibility of the loans under the Framework by examining the loan applications submitted by the SMEs on a sample basis;
 - Compared the balance of loans granted to the SMEs as at 30 June 2023 per the HKMC’s records to information submitted by the financial institutions participated in the Special 100% Loan Guarantee of the SME Financing Guarantee Scheme on a sample basis; and
 - Compared the estimated number of jobs supported and type of business per the HKMC’s records to the application forms submitted by the SMEs on a sample basis;

Practitioner's Responsibilities (continued)

- Inspected the HKMC's Environmental, Social and Governance Committee meeting minutes for the approval of allocation of bond proceeds to the eligible loans; and
- Considered the disclosure and presentation of the Subject Matter Information in the Impact Report.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had we performed a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion about whether the Company's Subject Matter Information is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

Limited Assurance Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter Information of the HKMC as at 30 June 2023 as set out in Appendix I is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria as set out in the Reporting Methodology Section within the Impact Report prepared by the HKMC.

Other Information

The management of the Company is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Impact Report of the HKMC as at 30 June 2023 but does not include the Subject Matter Information subject to this engagement and our assurance report thereon.

Our limited assurance conclusion on Subject Matter Information does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our limited assurance engagement on the Subject Matter Information, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Subject Matter Information or our knowledge obtained in the assurance engagement, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Restriction on Use

Our report has been prepared solely for the board of directors of the Company and is not to be used for any other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other parties for the content of this report.



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Hong Kong, 3 September 2023

Appendix I – Subject Matter Information as at 30 June 2023

As at 30 June 2023				
Type of Business	No. of Eligible SME Loans	Amount of Proceeds Allocated (in billions)	Number of SMEs Financed	Estimated Number of Jobs Supported
HKMC has supported various sectors with 100% SFGS over the last reporting period, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trading; ▪ Retail; ▪ Restaurants; ▪ Catering Services; ▪ Engineering; ▪ Wholesale; ▪ Construction; ▪ Manufacturing; ▪ Transportation and logistics; ▪ Information technology; and ▪ Others 	4,050	HKD 11.24 CNH equivalent 10.41 USD equivalent 1.43	3,981	36,026