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DNV GL ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Scope and Objectives

DNV GL Business Assurance Services Norway AS (henceforth referred to as "DNV GL") has been commissioned by Aker Horizons AS (henceforth referred to as "AKER HORIZONS") to provide an eligibility assessment on AKER HORIZONS green finance framework (the "Framework"). Our methodology to achieve this is described under 'Work Undertaken'. We were not commissioned to provide independent assurance or other audit activities.

AKER HORIZONS is a newly established subsidiary of Aker ASA ("AKER") and has a broadly defined mandate to invest in renewable energy and low-carbon technologies. AKER is an industrial investment company listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange, with currently, amongst others, investments in oil and gas, maritime assets, marine biotechnology sectors. Through AKER's 100% ownership in AKER HORIZONS, AKER takes an active role in developing and operating renewable energy and low-carbon technologies.

The Framework enables AKER, AKER HORIZONS and AKER HORIZONS's subsidiaries (together referred to as "ISSUER") issuance of Green Bonds and Green Loans (together referred to as "Green Finance Instruments") to finance Green Projects and describes the use of proceeds, process for project evaluation and selection, management of proceeds and reporting for Green Projects covering activities and investments within AKER HORIZONS and its subsidiaries. The framework has been prepared in cooperation with DNB Bank ASA ("DNB") and Nordea Bank Abp ("Nordea").

The use of Green Finance Instrument proceeds will finance investments dedicated to:

- Renewable energy,
- Carbon capture technology and solutions, and
- Hydrogen production,

with eligible categories being **renewable energy** – including production, transmission, appliances and products, as well as **pollution prevention and control** – including reduction of air emissions and greenhouse gas control as defined in the LMA Green Loan Principles 2020 and ICMA Green Bond Principles 2018 (together referred to as "the Principles"). The eligible categories contribute to the Principles' environmental objectives of climate change mitigation and pollution prevention and control.

No assurance is provided regarding the non-Green Loan Principle terms and non-Green Bond Principle terms within the agreement, including non-Green designated Loan or Bond tranches. Our objective has been to provide an assessment that the Green Finance Instruments to be issued under the Framework has met the criteria established on the basis set out below.

Responsibilities of the Management of AKER HORIZONS and DNV GL

The management of AKER HORIZONS has provided the information and data used by DNV GL during the delivery of this review. Our statement represents an independent opinion and is intended to inform AKER HORIZONS's management and other interested stakeholders in the Green Finance Instruments 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 AKER HORIZONS. DNV GL is not responsible for any aspect of the projects or assets referred to in this opinion and cannot be held liable if estimates, findings, opinions, or conclusions are incorrect. Thus, DNV GL shall not be held liable if any of

the information or data provided by AKER HORIZONS management and used as a basis for this assessment were not correct or complete.

Basis of DNV GL's opinion

We have adapted our green Bond/Loan eligibility assessment methodology to create an AKER HORIZONS specific Green Finance Eligibility Assessment Protocol (henceforth referred to as "Protocol") - see Schedule 2. Our Protocol includes a set of suitable criteria that can be used to underpin DNV GL's opinion.

As per our Protocol, the criteria against which the Green Finance Instruments have been reviewed are grouped under the four Principles:

- **Principle One: Use of Proceeds.** The Use of Proceeds criteria are guided by the requirement that an issuer of a Green Finance Instrument must use the funds raised to finance eligible activities. The eligible activities should produce clear environmental 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 Green Finance Instrument should outline the process it follows when determining eligibility of an investment using Green Finance Instrument 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 Green Finance Instrument should be tracked within the issuing 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 annual reporting to the Green Finance Instrument investors should be made of the use of instrument proceeds and that quantitative and/or qualitative performance indicators should be used, where feasible.

Work undertaken

Our work constituted a high-level review of the available information, based on the understanding that this information was provided to us by AKER HORIZONS 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:

- Creation of an AKER HORIZONS-specific Protocol, adapted to the purpose of the Green Finance Instruments, as described above and in Schedule 2 to this Assessment;
- Assessment of documentary evidence provided by AKER HORIZONS on the Green Finance Instruments and supplemented by a high-level desktop research. These checks refer to current assessment best practices and standards methodology;
- Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of relevant documentation and evidence related to the criteria of the Protocol;
- Documentation of findings against each element of the criteria. Our opinion as detailed below is a summary of these findings.

Findings and DNV GL's opinion

DNV GL's findings are listed below:

1. Principle One: Use of Proceeds.

The use of the Green Finance Instrument proceeds will finance Green Projects within the following categories as outlined in AKER HORIZONS's Green Finance Framework:

- Renewable Energy. Investments to develop, construct, install, repair and maintain assets within onshore and offshore wind power generation, hydropower generation and solar power generation, as well as infrastructure wholly dedicated towards renewable energy production and R&D designated towards such assets and infrastructure.
- Carbon Capture. Investments to develop carbon capture technologies and solutions, as well as dedicated infrastructure and R&D designated towards development of new carbon capture technologies, products and solutions.
- Hydrogen Production. Investments to develop, construct, install, repair and maintain hydrogen production projects and assets, as well as infrastructure wholly dedicated towards such assets and R&D designated towards such assets and infrastructure. Applied hydrogen technologies include:
 - electrolytical hydrogen production using renewable energy ("Green Hydrogen") and
 - thermochemical hydrogen production using natural gas as feedstock in combination with carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) technologies ("Blue Hydrogen").

DNV GL concludes that the Use of Proceeds dedicated towards Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen fall within the defined category of *Renewable Energy (including production, transmission, appliances and products)* of the Principles.

DNV GL concludes that the Use of Proceeds dedicated towards Carbon Capture and Blue Hydrogen fall within the defined category of *Pollution Prevention and Control (including reduction of air emissions, greenhouse gas control, soil remediation, waste prevention, waste reduction, waste recycling and energy/emission efficient waste to energy)* of the Principles.

2. Principle Two: Process for Project Evaluation and Selection.

The evidence reviewed by DNV GL demonstrates that AKER HORIZONS has put in place an appropriate decision-making process to select and evaluate the eligibility of Green Projects with the Green Project categories specified in the Framework. AKER HORIZONS has established a Green Finance Committee comprising of the CEO, CFO and Investment Director in each of the subsidiaries, while AKER will use its already established Finance Committee comprising of the Chairman of the Board, The President & CEO and CFO. Depending on which company is the issuer of a Green Finance Instrument, the relevant committee will evaluate and ensure the eligibility of nominated projects to be financed with Green Finance Instruments and are responsible for including Green Projects in the portfolio of Green Projects. All decisions will be documented and a record will be kept of all Green Projects financed by Green Finance Instruments.

Where Green Projects entail investments in the category of Carbon Capture, a part of the evaluation process will be to ensure that the combined pool of end-use applications from customers using AKER CARBON CAPTURE's technology provide clear environmental benefits through reduced carbon emissions.

3. Principle Three: Management of Proceeds.

DNV GL concludes that the proceeds are tracked in a sophisticated manner by earmarking net proceeds from issued Green Finance Instruments for Green Projects using a detailed “virtual green account” approach, meaning virtual tracking and netting of funds from raising to allocation. AKER’s or AKER HORIZONS’s finance departments are designated to be responsible for the tracking the allocation of funds, depending on which ISSUER is issuing the debt. It is AKER’s and AKER HORIZONS’s ambition to allocate net proceeds once the opportunity arises and, in any case, will utilise proceeds within the Green Finance Instrument’s term. Net proceeds that await allocation will be managed by AKER’s overall liquidity management policy, where the Framework sets appropriate limitations to how long and where these net proceeds can be invested.

4. Principle Four: Reporting.

DNV GL can confirm that there will be annual reporting to the Lenders and Investors on Allocation and Impact in the form of a Green Finance Report. Such reporting will be published on the issuing companies’ websites. DNV GL concludes that the suggested metrics provide quantified performance measures relevant to the ICMA and LMA Green Project categories, as well as to the specific operations of AKER HORIZONS subsidiaries.

Based on the information provided and the work undertaken, it is DNV GL’s opinion that the Green Finance Framework meets the criteria established in the Protocol and that it is aligned with the stated definition of green loans within the Green Loan Principles 2020 and green bonds within the Green Bond Principles 2018.

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1 SCHEDULE 1: DESCRIPTION OF CATEGORIES/EXAMPLE GREEN PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED THROUGH GREEN FINANCE INSTRUMENTS

Green Loan/Bond Principles Category	Example Green Projects
Renewable Energy	<p><i>Investments in these activities can be made via AKER HORIZONS' subsidiary AKER OFFSHORE WIND, or by not yet established portfolio companies under AKER HORIZONS' New Ventures umbrella.</i></p> <p>Renewable Energy Projects, within onshore wind, offshore wind, hydro and solar power assets, related research as well as dedicated infrastructure, where investments finance the development, construction, installation, improvement and repair and maintenance of such projects. Example projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prospects of floating offshore wind projects in South Korea and North America• Dedicated infrastructure to renewable energy projects like foundations, mooring systems, grid development and grid connection• Acquisitions of established players with its main activity in renewable energy projects, such as onshore wind, offshore wind, hydro and solar power assets. <p>Green Hydrogen Production Projects, which apply electrolytical hydrogen production technology using electricity from renewable energy ("Green Hydrogen"), including related research as well as dedicated infrastructure. Plans for investments in "New Ventures" are currently at an earlier stage of development and example projects are therefore wide ranging, from acquisition of established players with its main activity in Green Hydrogen Production Projects, or production facilities related to conversion of Green Hydrogen to end-product (e.g. ammonia, synfuel, etc.), storage, distribution, and transportation.</p>

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Investments in these activities will mainly be made via AKER HORIZONS' subsidiary AKER CARBON CAPTURE or via not yet established portfolio companies under AKER HORIZONS' New Ventures umbrella.

Development of Carbon Capture Technologies and Solutions, like carbon capture assets reducing emissions for activities including but not limited to thermochemical hydrogen production, steel production, cement production and waste-to-energy assets, related research as well as dedicated infrastructure, where investments finance the development of carbon capture technologies and solutions. Example Green Projects include:

- the development of carbon capture technology for the Brevik cement plant in Norway and
- the development of carbon capture technology for the Twence waste-to-energy plant in the Netherlands, as long as the combined pool of end-use applications from customers using AKER CARBON CAPTURE's technology provides clear environmental benefits through reduced carbon emissions

Blue Hydrogen Production Projects, which apply thermochemical hydrogen production technology using natural gas as feedstock in combination with CCUS technologies ("Blue Hydrogen"), including related research as well as dedicated infrastructure. Plans for investments in Blue Hydrogen under "New Ventures" are currently at an earlier stage of development and example projects are therefore wide ranging, from acquisition of established players with its main activity in Blue Hydrogen Production Projects, or production facilities related to conversion of Blue Hydrogen to end-product (e.g. ammonia), including storage, distribution, and transportation.

2 SCHEDULE 2: AKER HORIZONS – SPECIFIC GREEN FINANCE ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

2.1 Use of proceeds

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work undertaken	DNV GL Findings
1a	Type of instrument	Green Finance Instruments are any type of debt instrument made available exclusively to finance or re-finance, in whole or in part, new and/or existing eligible Green Projects. Green finance instruments must align with the four core components of the GLP and GBP, as set out below. Green finance instruments should not be considered interchangeable with finance instruments that are not aligned with the four core components of the GLP and GBP.	Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework AKER/AKER HORIZONS's general information provided on its website related to its listed bonds Formal Q&A Process 	<p>DNV GL notes that AKER HORIZONS's Green Finance Framework is intended for the issuance of future Green Loans or Bonds, hence no current legal documentation is available. For bonds (non-Green) currently outstanding, AKER publishes details and links to the bond agreements for all listed bonds on its website.</p> <p>Given that no (draft) prospectus or other bond/loan documentation is available, the ISSUER confirmed that main terms and conditions will include specific wording on the Use of Proceeds to ensure all funds will be dedicated to eligible Green Projects under the AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework. DNV GL confirms that the AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework clearly describes the utilization of proceeds for to be issued Green Finance Instruments. In combination with the clear intention to specify the use of proceeds in future documentation, DNV GL concludes that the Framework ensures that any type of Green Finance Instrument will exclusively finance eligible Green Projects.</p>
1b	Green Project Categories	The cornerstone of a Green Finance Instrument is the utilization of the proceeds which should be appropriately described in the legal documentation for the security.	Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework Formal Q&A Process 	<p>The use of the Green Finance Instrument proceeds will finance Green Projects within the following categories as outlined in AKER HORIZONS's Green Finance Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable Energy. Investments to develop, construct, install, repair and maintain assets within wind power generation, hydropower generation and solar power generation, as well as infrastructure wholly dedicated towards renewable energy

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				<p>production and R&D designated towards such assets and infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon Capture. Investments to develop carbon capture technologies and solutions, as well as dedicated infrastructure and R&D designated towards development of new carbon capture technologies, products and solutions. • Hydrogen Production. Investments to develop, construct, install, repair and maintain hydrogen production projects and assets, as well as infrastructure wholly dedicated towards such assets and R&D designated towards such assets and infrastructure. Applied hydrogen technologies include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ electrolytical hydrogen production using renewable energy (“Green Hydrogen”) and ○ thermochemical hydrogen production using natural gas as feedstock in combination with carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) technologies (“Blue Hydrogen”). <p>DNV GL concludes that the Use of Proceeds dedicated towards Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen are clearly described and fall within the defined category of <i>Renewable Energy (including production, transmission, appliances and products)</i> of the LMA Green Loan Principles 2020 and ICMA Green Bond Principles 2018.</p> <p>DNV GL concludes that the Use of Proceeds dedicated towards Carbon Capture and Blue Hydrogen are clearly described and fall</p>

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				<p>within the defined category of <i>Pollution Prevention and Control</i> (including reduction of air emissions, greenhouse gas control, soil remediation, waste prevention, waste reduction, waste recycling and energy/emission efficient waste to energy) of the LMA Green Loan Principles 2020 and ICMA Green Bond Principles 2018.</p>
1c	Environmental benefits	All designated Green Project categories should provide clear environmentally sustainable benefits, which, where feasible, will be quantified or assessed by the Issuer.	<p>Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework • AKER HORIZONS Example calculations for carbon capture (cement production, gas to power plant, waste-to-energy plant) • Gassnova report, Full chain CO2 footprint, 25.11.2019 • Formal Q&A Process 	<p>The entirety of the Green Finance Instruments proceeds will be used to finance Green Projects dedicated to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renewable energy projects 2. Development of Carbon capture technologies and solutions, where the combined pool of end-use applications from customers using AKER CARBON CAPTURE’s technology provide clear environmental benefits through reduced carbon emissions 3. Hydrogen production projects <p>DNV GL is of the opinion that each category provides clear environmental benefits.</p> <p>Renewable energy projects deliver zero-emission electricity and thereby reduce the CO₂ emissions from a wide range of applications using fossil-generated electricity today. Electricity powered by renewables is also seen as the main driver of accelerating efficiency gains in the energy system, such that absolute peak primary energy supply will be reached faster. DNV GL notes that hydropower assets are subject to meeting the requirement of either having power density > 5W/m²; or emissions of electricity generated < 100gCO₂e/kWh calculated over the lifetime of the asset. This is in line with screening indicators currently proposed by both the EU Taxonomy and the Climate Bonds Taxonomy.</p>

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				<p>Carbon capture technologies can enable very large CO₂ reductions in carbon-intensive industries and are therefore highlighted as vital component to accelerate the decarbonisation of the global economy. DNV GL has reviewed the CO₂ capture rate of AKER's technology in relation to the energy penalty (the additional energy the process consumes, which has a carbon footprint on its own). It has been shown that more than 90% capture can be achieved with AKER CARBON CAPTURE's technology for tested applications. DNV GL has also reviewed calculations that compares a system's emissions measured per unit product produced (CO₂e/MWh, CO₂e/kH₂, CO₂e/tonne steel or cement) with and without applying AKER CARBON CAPTURE's technology. This evidenced that the process leads to avoidance of CO₂ emissions. In addition, AKER HORIZONS acknowledges that the clear environmental benefit is dependent on the end-user application of the carbon (permanent storage vs. utilisation). The Framework therefore includes the strong exclusion wording that on the combined pool of end-user applications from customers using AKER CARBON CAPTURE's technology, a quantifiable clear environmental benefit through reduced carbon emissions should be obtained, from applying the ISSUER's technology. This is outside the ISSUER's direct control, given the use of proceeds are dedicated towards the development of carbon capture technology, but in line with AKER CARBON CAPTURE's strategy to develop technologies that enable reduced CO₂ emissions. DNV GL therefore opines that the Framework ensures that AKER CARBON CAPTURE's technology and solutions overall will lead to clear environmental benefits through reduced carbon emissions.</p> <p>DNV GL is of the opinion that low-carbon hydrogen (both green and blue) is a key technology to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors in manufacturing (like steel) as well as in transport (like long-haul</p>

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				heavy road transport and maritime) by serving as an energy-storage medium of low or zero-carbon energy. DNV GL therefore concludes that a system which applies green or blue hydrogen technology provides clear environmental benefits, in the form of lower emissions, compared to a system that does not apply this technology.
1d	Refinancing share	If a proportion of the proceeds may be used for refinancing, it is recommended that issuers provide an estimate of the share of financing vs. re-financing and clarify which investments may be refinanced.	Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework • Formal Q&A Process 	The allocation report, provided to all Green Finance Instrument investors on an annual basis, will include the share of new financing versus refinancing. The Example Green Projects (Schedule 1) are examples of new investments, to be fully financed with new financing.

2.2 Process for evaluation and selection

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work undertaken	DNV GL Conclusion
2a	Investment-decision process	The Issuer of a Green Finance Instrument should outline the decision-making process it follows to determine the eligibility of projects using Green Finance Instrument proceeds. This includes, without limitation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A process to determine how the projects fit within the eligible Green Projects categories identified in the Green Bond/Loan Principles; • The criteria making the 	Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework • AKER ASA Code of Conduct • AKER ASA ESG RAPPORT 2019 • AKER Offshore Wind Code of Conduct • AKER Carbon Capture Code of Conduct • Formal Q&A Process 	The documents reviewed by DNV GL demonstrates appropriately that AKER HORIZONS has put in place a decision-making process to select and evaluate the eligibility of Green Projects. AKER HORIZONS’s Green Framework outlines that AKER and AKER HORIZONS have established internal committees which evaluate, prioritize and select Green Projects. Who participates in the committee depends on which company will issue the Green Finance Instrument: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For AKER, the AKER Treasury Department will recommend which of the Green Projects shall be financed with proceeds from Green Finance Instruments to an existing Finance Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board, the President, the CEO and the CFO.

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work undertaken	DNV GL Conclusion
		<p>projects eligible for using the Green Bond/Loan proceeds; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The environmental sustainability objectives. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For AKER HORIZONS and its subsidiaries, a Green Finance Committee made up of the respective CEO, CFO and Investment Director for each of the subsidiary companies will evaluate and select Green Projects that can be financed with the proceeds from Green Finance Instruments. <p>DNV GL observes that the ISSUER puts significant resources and commitment from senior management towards the Committees to determine the eligibility of projects. The respective Committee will, in consultation with the AKER Treasury Department, be responsible for including eligible Green Projects in the Green Project portfolio and keep a register on said projects. All decisions taken will be documented and filed.</p> <p>Where Green Projects entail investments in the category of Carbon Capture, a part of the evaluation process will be to ensure that the combined pool of end-use applications from customers using AKER CARBON CAPTURE’s technology provides clear environmental benefits through reduced carbon emissions. The Green Finance Committee will identify and aims to quantify the environmental benefit in the form of reduced emissions relative to the baseline emissions of a production facility without the carbon capture technology (whether it is a cement factory, gas power plant, hydrogen plant, etc.). It is DNV GL’s opinion that the detailed outlining of this process ensures eligibility with the ISSUER’s Use of Proceeds categories and specified exclusions.</p>
2b	Issuer’s environmental and social and governance framework	The Issuer of a Green Finance Instrument should clearly communicate to its investors their environmental sustainability objectives;	<p>Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework • AKER ASA Sustainability Policy 2020 	DNV GL can confirm that the Green Project evaluation and selection is positioned within the context of AKER HORIZONS’s high level objectives and environmental commitment, built on the foundation of its active engagement with its portfolio companies on ESG matters. As AKER HORIZONS is itself not engaged in significant business activities, its active ownership on ESG matters is expressed

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		<p>Issuers are encouraged to position this information within the context of their overarching objectives, strategy, policy and/or processes relating to environmental sustainability. Issuers are also encouraged to disclose any green standards or certifications to which they are seeking to conform.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER ASA Code of Conduct • AKER ASA ESG RAPPORT 2019 • AKER ASA Q3 2020 Presentation • Code of Conduct Aker Carbon Capture • Code of Conduct Aker Offshore Wind • Formal Q&A Process 	<p>through AKER HORIZONS's representation in the board of Directors of each of the portfolio companies and direct dialogue with their respective senior management. AKER HORIZONS have also established a sustainability working group where representatives from the company and subsidiaries engage, coordinate measurement of progress towards key performance indicators (KPI) and share best practices on sustainability matters. AKER HORIZONS will communicate on ESG-related topics through AKER's 2020 ESG report, while AKER HORIZONS portfolio companies will publish separate annual ESG reports from 2020 and onwards. AKER HORIZONS will also communicate ESG ambitions and progress through its to-be launched website. ESG disclosures will focus on reduced or avoided CO₂ emissions, the continued reduction of its own operational footprint and its performance on social and governance principles.</p> <p>The Green Finance Framework as well as the ESG commitments on AKER and on AKER HORIZONS subsidiary level clearly communicates environmental objectives. Potential future portfolio companies to be established under "New Ventures" will be required to develop their respective sustainability policies and sustainability strategies, as this is required by AKER's sustainability policy.</p>

2.3 Management of proceeds

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work undertaken	DNV GL Conclusion
3a	Tracking procedure	The proceeds of a Green Finance Instruments should be credited to a dedicated account or otherwise tracked by the Issuer in an appropriate manner, to maintain transparency and promote the integrity of the product.	Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework • Formal Q&A Process 	DNV GL concludes that the proceeds will be tracked in a sophisticated manner by earmarking net proceeds from issued Green Finance Instruments for Green Projects using a detailed “virtual green account” approach, meaning virtual tracking and netting of funds from raising to allocation.
3b	Tracking procedure	Issuers are encouraged to establish an internal governance process through which they can track the allocation of funds towards Green Projects.	Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework • Formal Q&A Process 	DNV GL can confirm that AKER’s or AKER HORIZONS’s finance departments are designated to be responsible for tracking the allocation of funds, depending on which ISSUER is issuing the debt.
3c	Temporary Holdings	Pending such investments or disbursements to eligible Green Projects, the issuer should make known to investors the intended types of temporary investment instruments for the balance of unallocated proceeds.	Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework • Formal Q&A Process 	It is AKER and AKER HORIZONS’s ambition to allocate net proceeds to earmarked Green Projects as soon as practicable and, in any case, will fully utilise proceeds within the instrument term. Net proceeds that do await allocation will be managed by AKER’s overall liquidity management policy, where the Green Finance Framework sets appropriate limitations to how long and where these net proceeds can be invested.

2.4 Reporting

Ref.	Criteria	Requirements	Work undertaken	DNV GL Conclusion
4a	Periodical reporting	In addition to reporting on the use of proceeds and the temporary investment of unallocated proceeds, issuers should provide at least annually a list of projects to which Green Instrument proceeds have been allocated including - when possible with regards to confidentiality and/or competitive considerations - a brief description of the projects and the amounts disbursed, as well as the expected environmentally sustainable impact.	Discussions with AKER HORIZONS and review of the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework • Formal Q&A Process 	<p>DNV GL concludes that the reporting requirements are satisfactorily described in the AKER HORIZONS Green Finance Framework, with a Green Finance Report being published on the respective debt issuing company’s website annually as long as there are Green Finance instruments outstanding. The Green Finance Report will provide an overview of the allocation of proceeds and the environmental impact of investments.</p> <p>The allocation reporting includes the provision of an overview of the amounts outstanding under the Green Finance Instruments, divided into bonds and loans, as well as the amounts allocated to each green project category and the share of new financing versus refinancing, including the expected look-back period for refinanced Green Projects. Green Project examples funded by Green Finance Instruments will also be provided, as well as the amount of net proceeds awaiting allocation to Green Project categories. DNV GL considers the reporting under the allocation report conform market standard.</p> <p>The Impact reporting is split by the three Green Project Categories. For the Renewable Energy Projects, the chosen impact metrics follow widely accepted metrics like amount of renewable power generation and avoided CO₂ emissions.</p> <p>For Carbon Capture, the focus is on captured CO₂ emissions, as well as the reduction in CO₂ emissions (nominal and/or percentage reduction) considering the pool of end-use applications from customers using AKER CARBON CAPTURE’s technology, measured immediately after implementing its carbon capture solution. DNV</p>

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				<p>GL considers this a market-standard metric and a suitable metric to support the decision-making process by quantifying the environmental benefits through carbon reductions of the applied technology.</p> <p>For Hydrogen, the metrics are similar to renewable energy, including the reduction/avoidance of CO₂ emissions realized by the applied technology.</p> <p>DNV GL concludes that the suggested metrics provide quantified performance measures relevant to the ICMA and LMA Green Project categories, as well as to AKER HORIZONS's specific activities performed by each subsidiary.</p> <p>Finally, AKER HORIZONS is a wholly owned subsidiary of AKER, which reports under the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD"). This taskforce streamlines energy and carbon reporting, and DNV GL considers AKER's commitment to this a strong indicator that AKER aims to transparently provide market information on climate-related financial risks, including for its portfolio companies. This commitment is described in AKER's publicly available sustainability policy. AKER HORIZONS aims to track Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions.</p>