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RAM SUSTAINABILITY'S SECOND OPINION APPROACH

RAM Sustainability has assessed Exsim Capital Resources Berhad's (Exsim Capital or the Issuer) ASEAN Sustainability SRI Sukuk Framework (hereinafter referred to as the Framework) against sustainability responsibilities and disclosure requirements under the following standards:

- Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Sukuk Framework
- ASEAN Green Bond Standards (GBS)
- ASEAN Social Bond Standards (SBS)
- ASEAN Sustainability Bond Standards (ASEAN SUS)
- Green Bond Principles (GBP)
- Social Bond Principles (SBP)
- Sustainability Bond Guidelines (SBG)

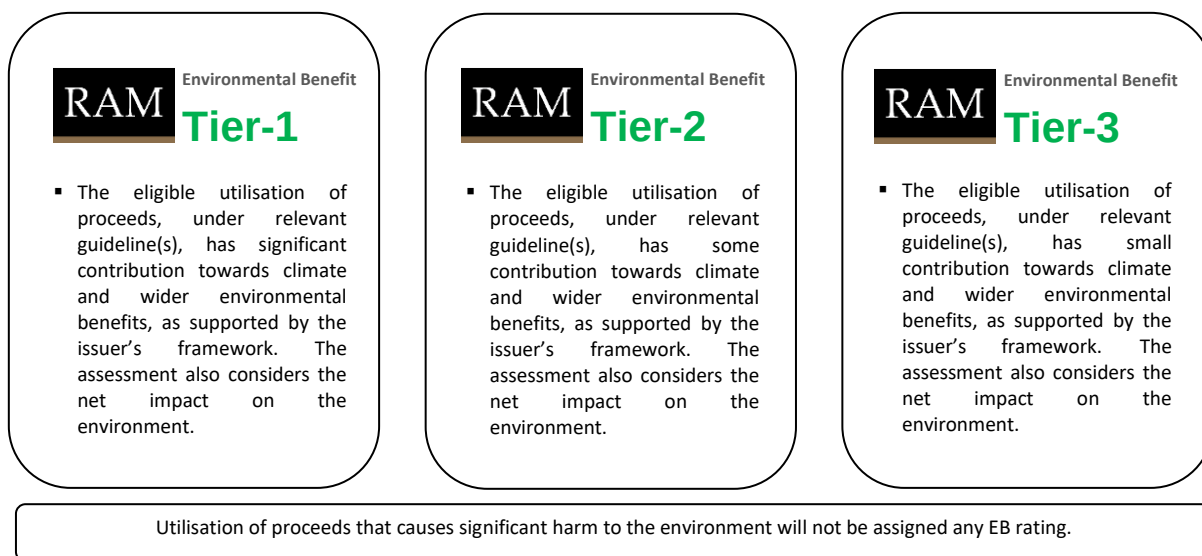
Our assessment relies on both public information and information provided by Exsim Capital on the Framework. We have not undertaken any audit or other related activity to ascertain the validity or accuracy of the information provided. As part of our due diligence process, we conducted a site visit to Exsim Development Sdn Bhd's (Exsim) two completed green building developments namely, The Treez and The Rainz, in Kuala Lumpur on 30 August 2023.

RAM Sustainability classifies green, social or sustainability bond frameworks as *Weak*, *Basic*, *Intermediate* or *Advanced*, in comparison to applicable regulations and guidelines or best practices.

Level	Framework Characteristics
Weak	Not observable in the framework.
Basic	Observable in the framework, but is below best practice.
Intermediate	Observable in the framework and in line with best practice.
Advanced	Observable in the framework and is more stringent, comprehensive, and establishes a new benchmark and new best practice.

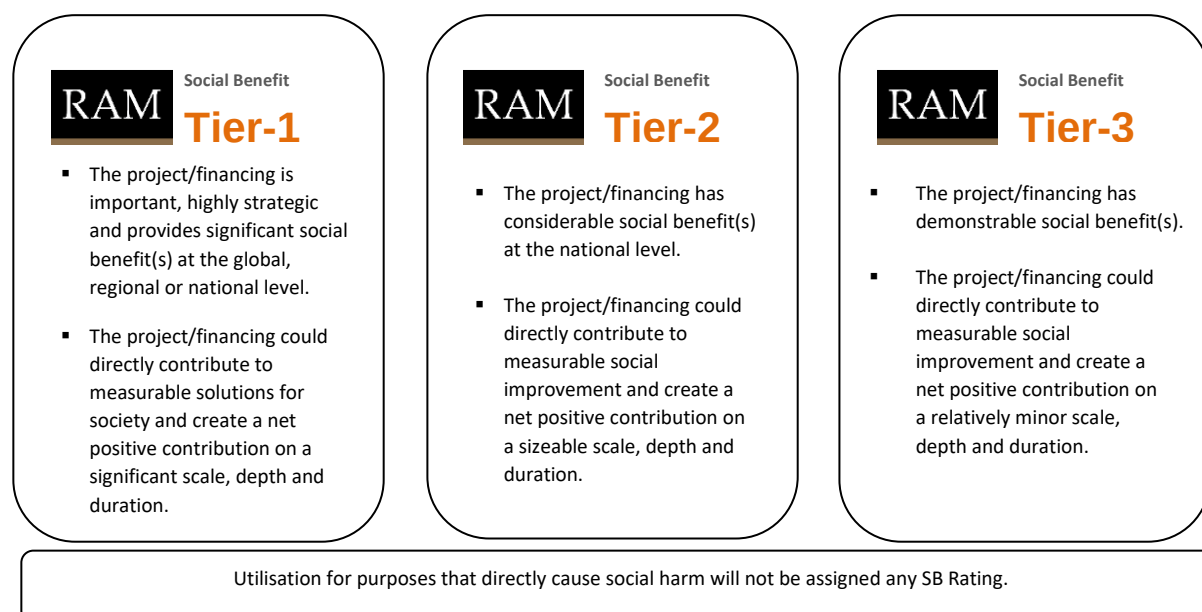
RAM SUSTAINABILITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND DEFINITION

The ultimate objective of a green bond is to facilitate the financing of environmentally friendly solutions that can help mitigate the effects of climate change and/or create value for the surrounding ecosystem. RAM Sustainability's green bond evaluation is a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the contributions of a project or bond facility to a low-carbon, sustainable future. The transparency and disclosure strength of the green bond is also a key consideration. RAM Sustainability's Environmental Benefit (EB) rating definitions are as follows:



RAM SUSTAINABILITY'S SOCIAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AND DEFINITION

The ultimate objective of social bonds is to facilitate the financing of social solutions that enhance social wellbeing by, inter alia, reducing the poverty level, increasing affordable housing and improving access to essential services. RAM Sustainability's social bond evaluation is a qualitative and quantitative assessment of a project or financing facility's potential contributions to social solutions. The transparency and disclosure strength of the social bonds is also a key consideration. RAM Sustainability's Social Benefit (SB) rating definitions are as follows:



SUMMARY OF SECOND OPINION ON THE FRAMEWORK

Exsim and its subsidiaries (the Group) is a non-listed property development group based in Malaysia with a strong commitment and proactive pursuit of green building certifications for its property development projects. As at 31 March 2023, 74% of Exsim's ongoing and completed projects have obtained green building certification. It has a commitment to have all its future projects green building certified. While the Group have practiced sustainability within its key operation, these efforts are at an early stage of being institutionalised – it plans to establish a sustainability policy as well as a green building policy to outline key requirements for the development of green buildings.

Exsim Capital, a wholly owned special purpose vehicle of Exsim, was set up for debt funding purposes of the Group. The Issuer has established the Framework for the purpose of guiding Exsim's future fundraising through green, social or sustainability sukuk (GSS Sukuk). The Framework describes the eligible assets and eligible categories (Table 1).

One of the eligible assets, which is over 'beneficial interest of sales and purchase agreements (SPAs) signed with the buyers of Qualified Development Projects', is a purchase of receivables and can be considered as a green/social revenue bond/sukuk. A green/social revenue bond/sukuk is a non-recourse obligation aligned to the GBP or SBP in which the credit exposure is to the pledged cashflows of the revenue streams, i.e. future receivables of the SPAs, and whose use of proceeds go to related or unrelated green project(s).

Table 1: Eligible Categories and Assets of the Framework

Eligible Category	Eligible Asset
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Green BuildingsAffordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Property development project undertaken by Exsim which fall into the Eligible Category (Qualified Development Project);Beneficial interest of SPAs signed with the buyers of the Qualified Development Projects;Existing borrowings or financing facilities which have been utilised to fund the Qualified Development Project; andExsim's own operating or capital expenditures for which the use of proceeds falls into the eligible categories.

Source: Exsim Capital

Our assessment finds that the Framework is **broadly aligned with the transparency and disclosure requirements of the SRI Sukuk Framework, ASEAN GBS, ASEAN SBS, ASEAN SUS, and the GBP, SBP and SBG** (collectively known as the Standards), with our assessment summarised in Table 2. The Framework is aligned with all core areas, and 12 out of 19 recommendations as guided under the pre-issuance checklists of the GBP and SBP in relation to the intended use of proceeds, the process for project evaluation and selection, the procedure for the management of the proceeds, and the Issuer's future reporting commitments. We opine that the Framework has mostly *Intermediate* level of disclosure except for the areas of project evaluation and selection, and impact reporting, which are *Basic*.

Table 2: Summary of RAM Sustainability's assessment of the Framework

Components	RAM's Overall Opinion
Utilisation of Proceeds (By Asset/Project Category):	
i) Eligibility Criteria Disclosure Quality	<i>Intermediate</i>
ii) Indicative Proceeds Allocation	<i>Intermediate</i>
iii) Exclusion List:	
- Issue Transaction-level	<i>Intermediate</i>
- Group-level	<i>While there is no explicit exclusion list disclosed at the Group-level, Exsim is a pure play property developer whose core business activities involve generating revenue through their green building developments.</i>
Project Evaluation & Selection	<i>Basic</i>
Management of Proceeds	<i>Intermediate</i>
Reporting Commitments:	
i) Allocation reporting	<i>Intermediate</i>
ii) Impact reporting	<i>Basic</i>

The first utilisation under the Framework is for a proposed ASEAN Green SRI Sukuk Musharakah of up to RM390 million in nominal value (the Green Sukuk) where proceeds will be used by Exsim Capital to acquire from the Group, the beneficial interests in two provisionally GreenRE Gold-certified green buildings - D'Clover and D'Terra Residences (the Development Projects), including the SPAs signed or to be signed with the end-buyers of the Development Projects and the monies captured under the accounts of the Development Projects. Future receipts from the SPAs will be used to fund remaining construction costs relating to the Development Projects, as well as to meet the Issuer's fees, expenses and debt obligations. As a commitment from the Group, they will then use the proceeds to repay borrowings and fund working capital for future green-certified project developments – Exsim clarified that 74% of the capital raised from the sale of SPAs will be allocated to refinance/finance the Development Projects, 17% for future green building projects, and 9% to defray transaction costs.

After reviewing the eligible categories and assets in the Framework, we have assigned the following EB and SB ratings:

Table 3: RAM Sustainability's EB and SB assessment of Exsim Capital's eligible categories

No.	Eligible Project Category under the Standards	Exsim Capital's Eligible Category	RAM Sustainability EB Rating	Rationale for EB and SB Rating
1	Green Buildings	Development of green buildings	 Environmental Benefit Tier-1 to Tier-3	<p>We have assigned the green building eligible asset an EB rating of Tier-1 to Tier-3 reflecting the range of possible green building certifications to be pursued by Exsim. While Exsim has committed to a minimum certification level of Bronze (GreenRE) or Certified (GBI) for all their development projects, the Development Projects related to the Green Sukuk has been provisionally certified Gold by GreenRE.</p> <p>As at 31 March 2023, 74% of Exsim's ongoing and completed projects have obtained Green certification. Among their green buildings, a majority (42%) has achieved Bronze/Certified level, while a</p>

				<p>third (35%) have achieved Gold. Exsim has not obtained any certification level higher than Gold. Typically, Platinum-rated green buildings are considered to have the highest climate and environmental advantages in terms of energy efficiency and other environmental benefits while Bronze/Certified are considered to have smaller contributions to the climate and environment.</p>
2	Affordable housing	Development of affordable housing		<p>Based on the Framework, Exsim has committed to developing affordable houses under state and federal government affordable housing initiatives. Such housing schemes are typically aimed at making housing more accessible for the low- to middle-income groups.</p> <p>Exsim has developed affordable houses under national affordable housing schemes in the past. Under the Lembaga Perumahan Hartanah Selangor's Rumah Selangorku affordable housing scheme, Exsim has launched 2,624 units, while under the Jabatan Wilayah Persekutuan's Residensi Wilayah programme, Exsim has developed 557 units of affordable housing. At this juncture, the Group's affordable housing development and plans remain relatively modest.</p>

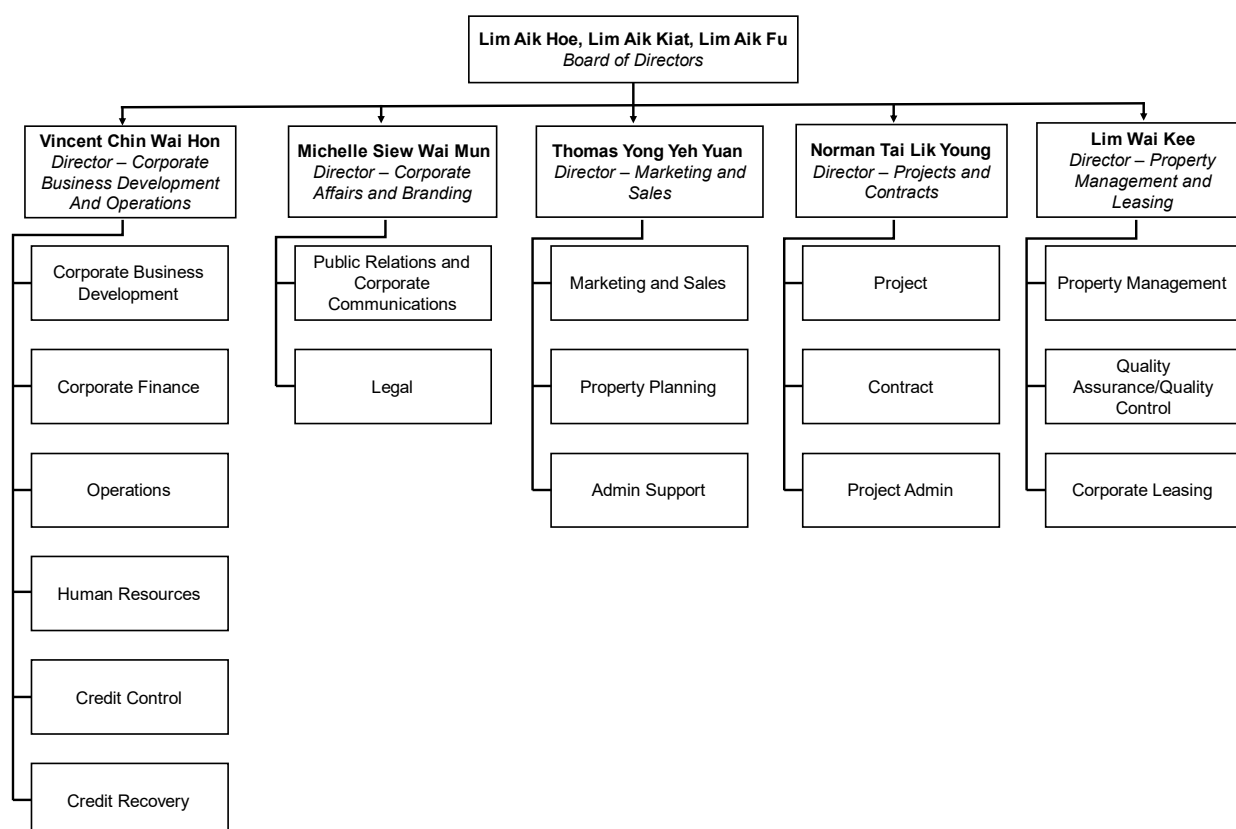
1. CORPORATE PROFILE

Exsim is principally engaged in the property development industry. Initially established as a timber company, Exsim ventured into property development in 2009, during the global financial crisis. Its maiden project was the Nouvelle Industrial Park in Kota Damansara, Selangor, which had a gross development value (GDV) of RM70 million. Exsim then ventured into residential and commercial property development, by building its first residential development in 2010 – The Treez, Bukit Jalil – which is recognised as the “First Green Residential Building” in Southern Kuala Lumpur with a Silver-level GBI certification and has a GDV of RM190 million.

The Group is headed by its managing director, Lim Aik Hoe, and is assisted by his two brothers, Lim Aik Kiat, and Lim Aik Fu. Exsim’s current portfolio consists of a range of mixed developments, including residential and commercial properties, with its largest completed project to date being the Bronze-certified Millerz Square located in Old Klang Road, Kuala Lumpur (GDV of RM1.6 billion). Exsim has a portfolio of 20 completed projects, and 15 ongoing ones as at the time of writing. They have certified 26 out of their 35 total projects (74%) as green (provisional certifications for ongoing projects) as at 31 March 2023.

Exsim Capital was incorporated in 2016 as a special purpose vehicle, wholly owned by Exsim, to undertake a RM2 billion Sukuk Musharakah Programme (Sukuk Musharakah or IMTN) and RM1 billion Sukuk Murabahah Programme (Sukuk Murabahah or ICP). Under the Programmes, the Group will, from time to time, sell to the Issuer their beneficial interest under the respective SPAs signed or to be signed with end-buyers related to specific property development projects.

Figure 1: Exsim Development Sdn Bhd’s Organisational Chart



Source: Exsim Capital

2. REVIEW OF THE FRAMEWORK

We have analysed the Framework according to four core components under the Standards:

- i. Utilisation of Proceeds
- ii. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
- iii. Management of Proceeds
- iv. Reporting Commitments

For a detailed review, please refer to Appendix 1 – SRI Sukuk Framework Checklist, Appendix 2 – ASEAN SUS Checklist, Appendix 3 – SBG External Review Form.

2.1. Utilisation of Proceeds

The Standards recognise several categories of eligible green and social projects. Broadly defined, green projects refer to innovative, climate-friendly solutions that help deliver clear environmental benefits while social projects refer to solutions that are geared towards positive societal outcomes, for a target population group.

The eligible categories within the Framework include eligible green and social activities under the Standards (Table 1). They must meet a set of eligibility criteria and align to the Standards.

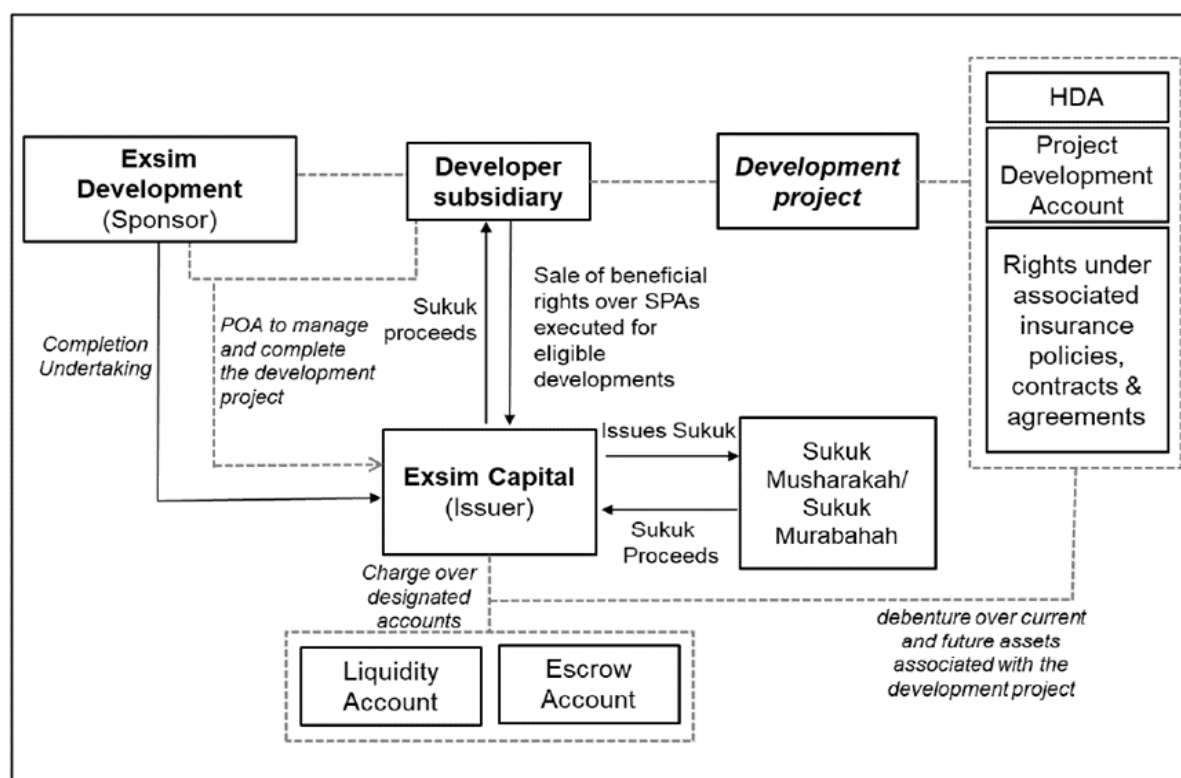
The first utilisation under the Framework is for the Green Sukuk, where proceeds will be used by Exsim Capital to acquire from the Group, the beneficial interests in the Development Projects, including the SPAs signed or to be signed with the end-buyers of the Development Projects and the monies captured under the accounts of the Development Projects. As a commitment from the Group, they will then use the proceeds to repay borrowings and fund working capital for future green-certified project developments, as shown below:

Table 4: Breakdown of the utilisation of proceeds by the Group, from capital raised from the Green Sukuk

Allocation	Nominal Amount (RM million)
To refinance existing borrowings of D'Clover & D'Terra projects	197.5
Mightyprop Sdn Bhd's ¹ working capital (infrastructure works etc)	90.4
Pre-funding for Sukuk Murabahah ICP Programme	26.6
To pay fees, cost and expenses related to the IMTN and ICP programmes	7.8
Bukit Ceylonz project	33.0
Penang IJM project	20.7
Penang Noordin project	14.0
Total	390.0

¹ Mightyprop Sdn Bhd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Exsim, engaged in developing property projects.

Figure 2: Example of transaction and legal structure for securitisation of progress billings backed by future SPA receipts.



Note: POA = Power of Attorney
Source: Exsim Capital

Consistent with the ASEAN GBS and SBS, the Framework prohibits any net proceeds from any GSS Sukuk to provide funding for the following projects:

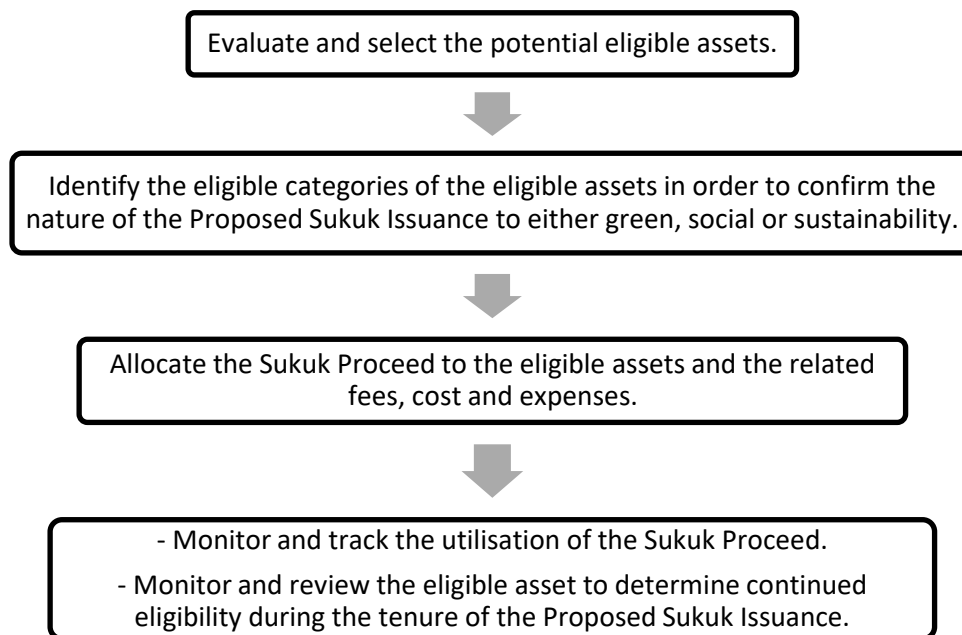
- Luxury sectors (e.g. precious metals/precious minerals/artworks and antiques wholesale or brokerage)
- Child and forced labour
- Gambling and adult entertainment
- Fossil-fuel related activities (including extraction, exploration, production, power generation or transport of fossil fuels)
- Weapons and military contracting
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Nuclear
- Production or trade in any product or activity deemed illegal under international conventions and agreements, or subject to international bans
- Largescale hydro-power projects with a generating capacity of over 25 megawatts

2.2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

The Framework describes an evaluation and selection process that Exsim Capital undertakes to screen assets that are selected for GSS Sukuks are eligible (Figure 3). Exsim Capital will be responsible for assessing the feasibility of eligible assets. The Issuer is aided by a designated Selection Committee in screening eligible assets. The identified assets are then reviewed and approved by Exsim's Board of Directors and Group Managing Director, Mr Lim Aik Hoe.

The step-by-step process for evaluation and selection of eligible assets is described in the Framework as follows:

Figure 3: Exsim Capital's internal process for selecting assets/projects to be funded by GSS sukuk Proceeds under the Framework.



Source: Exsim Capital

The Framework broadly states that Exsim is responsible for establishing appropriate internal criteria when screening for eligible assets, with no details on the process of identifying and mitigating environmental/social risks of eligible assets. Based on representation from Exsim, there is requirement for soil investigations to be conducted before construction while EIAs may be conducted depending on site conditions and requirements of local authorities. In the case of the Green Sukuk, we note that the Development Projects have undergone an EIA, a traffic impact assessment (TIA), and a soil investigation prior to construction (see section 2.2.1).

That said, we view the overall project evaluation and selection stated in the Framework as basic.

2.2.1. Project Evaluation and Selection of the Green Sukuk

In respect to the Green Sukuk, the related Development Projects are part of Exsim's 64-acre Empire City 2 mixed development project located at Damansara Perdana, Selangor. The development area consists of six commercial lots, a detention pond, and a public park. Exsim has submitted an EIA to the Department of Environment (DoE) on 25 March 2022, assessing the potential impacts arising from the development of Empire City 2, and obtained approval from the DoE on the 29 April 2022. Subsequently, Exsim has commissioned an environmental management plan (EMP) in August 2022, conducted by Environmental eAsia Sdn Bhd (the EMP Consultant) to address the identified social and environmental impacts associated with the development of Empire City 2 (which encompasses the Development Projects). The Consultant has outlined mitigation measures to address the following issues:

- i. Erosion and sedimentation
- ii. Water quality and hydrology
- iii. Air quality
- iv. Noise and vibration
- v. Waste generation
- vi. Biological ecosystem
- vii. Socio-economic
- viii. Traffic
- ix. Other risks

Exsim is required to resolve each recommended action described in the EMP to fulfil the EIA requirements. At the time of writing, Exsim has not provided us a copy of the approved EIA.

Exsim has also commissioned a TIA conducted by MAG Technical and Development Consultants Sdn Bhd (the TIA Consultant) for Empire City 2, to determine the expected traffic impact resulting from the development of Empire City 2. Upon maturity of the development, traffic will mainly be concentrated on Jalan PJU 8/8 which acts as the arterial road of the development and poor traffic conditions will be observed during the rush hours of mornings and evenings. The TIA outlined several recommendations to ease the flow of traffic including:

- i. Installing traffic lights at the T-junction found along Jalan PJU 8/8
- ii. Direct access road to Lebuhraya Damansara-Puchong from Empire City 2
- iii. Ample walkway space to facilitate and encourage the use of public transport

Exsim has not disclosed their plans to implement the recommendations of the TIA.

During the construction period, Exsim will also work closely with the project management team and contractors to ensure that the building specifications are in line with the GreenRE/GBI certification requirements. After the completion of the construction, all the green initiatives will be monitored continuously by Exsim to ensure the Green Buildings are on track with certification requirements.

2.3. Management of Proceeds

Exsim Capital has defined in the Framework, its internal processes linked to the management of proceeds. The net proceeds from any GSS sukuk under the Framework will be deposited into an escrow account designated for the disbursement of proceeds to the identified eligible assets. The escrow account will be solely operated by a security trustee. Disbursement of funds from the escrow accounts will be supported by documentation such as invoices, billings and/or other evidence which may be requested by the security trustee.

Any unutilised proceeds in the escrow account will be invested into Shariah-compliant investment products approved by the Shariah Advisory Council (SAC) of the Securities Commission (SC) and/or the SAC of Bank Negara Malaysia and/or such other recognised Shariah authorities (the Permitted Investments), such as:

- i. Islamic treasury bills, Islamic money market instruments and sukuk which are guaranteed by the Government of Malaysia (GoM); or
- ii. Investments in Islamic money market instruments, such as deposits, overnight repos/deposits or its equivalent, certificate of deposits, bankers acceptances of depository institutions having, at the time of investment, a minimum debt rating of A1/P1 from a credit rating agency; or
- iii. Investments in Islamic treasury bills, Islamic money market instrument and sukuk issued in Malaysia having, at the time of investment, a minimum debt rating off AA3/P1 from a credit rating agency.

The Permitted Investments shall not include any investments in the exclusion criteria list in 2.1. The Issuer has not committed to appoint independent auditors or other third parties to verify its management of proceeds for every GSS sukuk under the Framework.

2.4. Reporting Commitments

The Standards require issuers to establish a formal process to communicate the allocation of proceeds and the positive impact created. For each issuance under the Framework, Exsim Capital is committed to report on an annual basis until full allocation of proceeds the following information to its sukukholders:

- i. The original amount allocated for the identified eligible assets
- ii. The amount utilised for the identified eligible assets
- iii. The unutilised amount and where it is placed or invested pending utilisation
- iv. The list of the eligible assets which the sukuk proceeds have been allocated to and their impact or expected impact, including the key underlying methodology or assumptions used to determine the impact or expected impact

The Standards recommend issuers to communicate their expected and/or achieved impact of their eligible assets, for transparency and to allow investors to assess and allocate capital to sustainable investments. At the time of writing, Exsim Capital has not identified any environmental or social indicators that measures the

positive environmental or social impacts of its eligible assets. However, they plan to conceptualise quantitative targets to manage environmental and social impacts of their eligible assets in the near future.

Information regarding any GSS Sukuk will be reported annually throughout the sukuk's tenure, and made publicly available to sukukholders on Exsim's corporate website (<https://exsim.com.my>). The Issuer has also committed to making available this Second Opinion Report and the Framework itself on a designated website. In addition, this Second Opinion Report will be available on RAM Sustainability's website (<https://www.ram.com.my/sustainability>).

3. SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

3.1. Group-Level Assessment

Sustainability Governance

The Board of Directors of the Group have the ultimate oversight over the Group's sustainability strategy and governance. The overall accountability for sustainability within Exsim lies with a sustainability committee, which is assisted by a sustainability working group. The sustainability working group comprises of representatives from different divisions and departments and is tasked to execute policies and practices with respect to sustainability and ESG-related matters.

Level of Sustainability Governance	Responsibilities
Board of Directors	Governance and oversight. The Board of Directors oversees the sustainability objectives and strategies of the Group and monitors the implementation of sustainability-related policies by the Sustainability Committee. They also review and approve the Group's sustainability reports.
Sustainability Committee	Strategic development of goals. The sustainability committee guide and create sustainability awareness within the Group, develop measures and action plans in achieving Exsim's sustainability goals and achievements, oversee the process of integrating sustainability practices into Exsim's daily operations including setting strategic sustainability direction, and recommending the approach to manage material matters for approval by the Board.
Sustainability Working Group	Lead and execute all sustainability-related projects/plans. The sustainability working group comprises representatives from all divisions within the Group. They execute the established sustainability policies, action plans and provide progress updates to the sustainability committee.

Source: Exsim Capital

Sustainability Strategies

Exsim's sustainability commitments and strategy reflect a deep-rooted vision of making a positive impact on the property development industry. The company's expansion into residential and commercial property development was a calculated move to enhance the lives of a wider audience. Notably, Exsim has certified 74% of its completed and ongoing projects as green developments; their commitment to green certification underscores their emphasis on resource efficiency and minimising environmental impact, aligning with their vision of building more sustainable cities.

The Group's sustainability initiatives can be distilled into the following areas:

Focus Area	Description
Sustainable Construction	Exsim employs an Industrial Building System (IBS) construction technique whereby components are manufactured in a controlled environment. The IBS typically minimises construction waste and decreases the usage of timber as formwork. It also leads to a relatively speedy construction process as building components are fabricated in a factory and assembled at the development site.
Energy Efficiency of Buildings and Sustainable Materials	Exsim is seen as a pioneer in eco-efficient high-rise residential properties, having developed the first Green Building in Southern Kuala Lumpur – The Treez, Bukit Jalil. The mainstays of their development projects are embedded energy efficiency technologies such as regenerative lifts and high-performance lighting to reduce energy demand and carbon footprint. A focus on sustainable materials is also shown, through their use of low-emissivity glazing to reduce solar heat gain indoors hence reducing the need for air-conditioning in common areas, as well as the use of low volatile organic compound paint, reducing the concentration of contaminants in the air.
Affordable Housing	Exsim has participated in the GoM's affordable housing initiatives, in support of the national agenda of making home ownership affordable for all levels of society. This is demonstrated via the D'Nuri Residences, D'Quince Residences, D'Vervain Residences and D'Vine Residences projects. Located in Desa Petaling, D'Nuri Residences was Exsim's first corporate social responsibility project under Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur's RumahWIP scheme. D'Quince Residences and D'Vervain Residences, both launched in second quarter of 2020 in Central Park Damansara, of which certain unit types in D'Quince Residences and D'Vervain Residences were developed under Lembaga Perumahan Dan Hartanah Selangor's affordable serviced apartment scheme.
Educational Welfare	The Group has established the Dasein-Exsim Scholarship and Study Grant in 2019, reflecting Exsim's commitment to equitable education. It aims to serve deserving Malaysian youths with an opportunity to pursue their studies in creative arts and mass communication. As of 2022, the Scholarship has awarded up to RM4.5 million to qualified students.
Diversity and Inclusion at Work	Exsim envisages a work environment that accepts and includes all, with no discrimination or prejudice and solely based on merit. Although there are no set gender employment quotas, Exsim has maintained an average male-to-female ratio of 13:12 for staff, over the last 3 years. In the long run Exsim strives to achieve a balance of gender for all employees at the department and Group level.

3.2. Sustainability Management

This section assesses the overall management approach to incorporating sustainability considerations into Exsim's decision-making processes and operations.

The Group is still in the early stages of institutionalising their sustainability practices within their operation. Exsim is in the process of establishing a Sustainability Policy and Green Building Policy to guide their sustainable practices, as well as drafting their first ESG Report to disclose their yearly sustainability performance.

Controversy Scan

As part of our ESG assessment, we have conducted a media scan to pick up any controversies involving the Group, its shareholders, and directors as at the date of this report. As at 31 October 2023, we have not observed any controversies pertaining to the environmental, social and governance practices of Exsim.

3.3. National-Level Drivers and Positive Impact Creation

The Framework enables the financing of a range of sustainable projects. In our view, the eligible assets described in the Framework will support the following national-level objectives and yield the following positive environmental/social impacts:

Table 5: Positive impact created and alignment with United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

Eligible Project Category	Positive Impact Creation	Alignment with United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals
Green Buildings	<p><u>Increasing the number of Green Buildings</u></p> <p>Under the National Energy Policy 2022-2040, green buildings are included in the emphasis on low carbon activities as part of Key Economic Growth Activities (KEGA) 12: Green Economy. Additionally, under the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR), the government has identified green buildings as one of the key initiatives to support the increase in energy efficiency in residential and commercial buildings. The NETR proposed the target of residential properties achieving energy savings of 20% compared to a business-as-usual scenario by 2050.</p> <p>Through the Framework, Exsim Capital will utilise issuance proceeds for the development of Green Buildings. Exsim has committed to ensure all their new and existing developments will be certified Green through nationally recognised certification tools, namely GreenRE and GBI. Nonetheless, the long-term environmental benefits of these Green Buildings are contingent upon the level of certification as well as the joint management body's responsibility for renewing the Green Building certification, post-handover of strata management.</p>	 <p>11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries</p> <p>11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management</p>
Affordable Housing	<p>Exsim supports state and federal affordable housing schemes that provide equitable access to housing across all levels of society. Affordable housing upholds sustainable development by improving access to home ownership, allowing communities to have a higher level of security and residential stability. This potentially translates into a broad spectrum of other socioeconomic benefits such as wealth creation among communities, and reduces financial restraints on low income groups.</p>	 <p>11.1 – By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and upgrade slums.</p>

APPENDIX 1

APPENDIX 1: SRI SUKUK FRAMEWORK CHECKLIST

Reference:

Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products Under the Lodge and Launch Framework

Part 3: Corporate Bonds and Sukuk

Chapter 7: Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Sukuk

No.	Item	Requirement	Alignment	Comment
7.07 & 7.08	Eligible SRI Projects	<p>An Eligible SRI project refers to a project that seeks to achieve any one or a combination of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Preserving and protecting the environment and natural resources. (b) Conserving the use of energy. (c) Promoting the use of RE. (d) Reducing greenhouse gas emissions. (e) Addressing or mitigating a specific social issue or seeking to achieve positive social outcomes, especially but not exclusively for a target population. (f) Improving society's quality of life. <p>Eligible SRI projects may include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Green projects that relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Renewable energy. (ii) Energy efficiency. (iii) Pollution prevention and control. (iv) Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use. (v) Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation. (vi) Clean transportation. (vii) Sustainable water and wastewater management. (viii) Climate change adaptation. (ix) Eco-efficient and/or circular economy-adapted products, production technologies and processes. (x) Green buildings which meet regional, national or internationally recognised standards or certifications. (b) Social projects that relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Affordable basic infrastructure. (ii) Access to essential services. (iii) Affordable housing. (iv) Employment generation, including the potential effects of SME financing and microfinancing. 	Yes	<p>The proceeds from a GSS Sukuk issued under the Framework, may be allocated to fully finance/re-finance the following eligible assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Green Buildings ii. Affordable Housing

No.	Item	Requirement	Alignment	Comment
		(v) Food security. (vi) Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment. (c) Projects which are the combination of green and social projects, as described in (a) and (b) above. (d) Waqf projects that relate to the development of waqf properties or assets.		
7.10 & 7.11	Utilisation of Proceeds	An issuer must ensure that the proceeds raised from the issuance of the SRI sukuk are utilised only for the purpose of funding any activities or transactions relating to the Eligible SRI projects, as described in paragraph 7.08 above.	Yes	Please refer to the above.
		In relation to the activities or transactions that involve the acquisition of a company undertaking Eligible SRI projects, an issuer must ensure that the company to be acquired does not carry on any other business or projects except the Eligible SRI projects.	Not applicable	The eligible assets do not include acquisition of companies.
7.12	Process for Project Evaluation and Selection	An issuer must establish internal processes for the evaluation and selection of the Eligible SRI projects, as identified in paragraph 7.08 above.	Yes	The Framework describes an evaluation and selection process that Exsim Capital undertakes to screen assets that are selected for GSS Sukuks are eligible. Please refer to 2.2.
7.13	Management of Proceeds	An issuer must ensure that the proceeds allocated to the Eligible SRI projects are deposited into a designated account or otherwise tracked in an appropriate manner.	Yes	Exsim Capital has defined in the Framework, its internal processes linked to the management of proceeds. The net proceeds from any GSS Sukuk under the Framework will be deposited into an escrow account designated for the disbursement of proceeds to the identified eligible assets. The escrow account will be solely operated by a security trustee. Disbursement of funds from the escrow accounts will be supported by documentation such as invoices, billings and/or other evidence which may be requested by the security trustee.
7.14	Reporting	An issuer must provide the following information to the sukukholders, annually through a designated website: (a) The original amount allocated to the Eligible SRI projects. (b) The amount utilised for the Eligible SRI projects. (c) The unutilised amount and where such unutilised amount is placed or invested pending utilisation. (d) The list of Eligible SRI projects to which the SRI sukuk proceeds have been allocated, and a brief description of the said Eligible SRI projects and their impact or expected impact, including the key underlying methodology or assumptions used to determine the impact or expected impact.	Yes	The Framework describes the Issuer's commitment to disclose the following information to the sukukholders every year, via a report made publicly available on Exsim's corporate website (https://exsim.com.my): i. The original amount allocated for the identified eligible assets ii. The amount utilised for the identified eligible assets iii. The unutilised amount and where it is placed or invested pending utilisation iv. The list of the eligible assets which the sukuk proceeds have been allocated to and their impact or expected impact, including the key underlying methodology or assumptions used to determine the impact or expected impact For more detailed information, please refer to 2.4.

No.	Item	Requirement	Alignment	Comment
7.05 & 7.16	Disclosure Requirements	The information relating to the issuer and the details of the issuer's SRI Sukuk Framework must be made publicly accessible via a designated website to be disclosed by the issuer. Such information on the designated website must be made available at the point of issuance and throughout the tenure of the SRI sukuk.	Yes	The Framework will be made publicly available on Exsim's corporate website (https://exsim.com.my) at the time of issuance of the Green Sukuk.
		<p>For the purpose of disclosure of the details of the issuer and the SRI Sukuk Framework under paragraph 7.05 above, the following information must be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The overall SRI objectives that the issuer intends to achieve. (b) The utilisation of proceeds from the issuance of the SRI sukuk. Where all or part of the proceeds are used for refinancing, an issuer must provide the amount of proceeds allocated to refinancing and which Eligible SRI projects will be refinanced. (c) The Eligible SRI projects to which the proceeds will be allocated. (d) The details of the Eligible SRI projects and, to the extent possible, the impact objectives of the Eligible SRI projects. (e) The processes used by the issuer to evaluate and select the Eligible SRI projects. (f) The criteria used by the issuer to identify and manage material environmental or social risks associated with the Eligible SRI projects. (g) The processes used by the issuer to manage the proceeds from the issuance of the SRI sukuk. (h) A statement that the issuer has complied with the relevant environmental, social and governance standards or recognised best practices relating to the Eligible SRI projects. 	Yes	<p>The Issuer has committed to publishing its Framework, which contains items (a) to (h), on a website designated by the Group. According to the Framework, "Exsim Capital intends to apply the best market practices as the standards develop from time to time."</p> <p>For more detailed information on disclosure requirements, please refer to 2.4.</p>
7.17	External Review	If an external reviewer is appointed to assess and provide a report on the Eligible SRI projects or the issuer's compliance with the requirements under these guidelines, such external reviewer's report must be made available on the designated website.	Yes	<p>RAM Sustainability has been appointed as an independent expert to provide a second opinion on the Framework. RAM Sustainability's analysis covers an assessment of the Framework against the disclosure requirements of the SRI Sukuk Framework, the ASEAN GBS, ASEAN SBS, ASEAN SUS, and the GBP, as well as the Issuer's sustainability responsibilities.</p> <p>The Group intends to make RAM Sustainability's Second Opinion Report available on a website designated by the Group. The report will also be available on RAM Sustainability's website.</p>

APPENDIX 2

APPENDIX 2: ASEAN SUSTAINABILITY BONDS STANDARDS (ASEAN SUS) CHECKLIST

Reference:

ASEAN Capital Markets Forum – ASEAN SUS

Item	No.	Requirement	Alignment	Comment
Eligible Issuers and Issuance	GBS 3.1 SBS 3.1	(i) Must be an ASEAN Issuer. (ii) In the case of a Non-ASEAN Issuer, the eligible Green Projects must be located in any of the ASEAN countries.	Yes	Exsim Capital is incorporated under the laws of Malaysia and is therefore an ASEAN Issuer.
	GBS 3.2 SBS 3.2	ASEAN Green Bonds issuances must be originated from any of the ASEAN member countries.	Yes	The first issuance under the Framework, the Green Sukuk, will be issued pursuant to the IMTN programme established by the Issuer which is a company incorporated under the laws of Malaysia and is therefore originated from an ASEAN member country.
Eligible Projects	GBS 4.1.5 SBS 4.1.6	There are several broad categories of eligibility for Green and Social projects which contribute to environmental/social objectives. Refer to ASEAN GBS and ASEAN SBS for the list of Green and Social categories.	Yes	The proceeds from a GSS Sukuk issued under the Framework, may be allocated to fully finance/re-finance the following eligible assets: i. Green Buildings ii. Affordable housing Please refer to the summary of RAM Sustainability's second opinion on the Framework.
Ineligible Projects	GBS 4.1.6 SBS 4.1.7	For clarification purposes, fossil fuel power generation projects are excluded from the ASEAN GBS. Projects which involve activities that pose a negative social impact related to alcohol, gambling, tobacco and weaponry are excluded from the ASEAN SBS. Issuers are also encouraged to develop a list of additional ineligible projects for the issuance of their ASEAN Social Bonds, if applicable.	Yes	Any GSS Sukuk issued under the Framework will not be utilised to fund related to fossil fuel power generation, alcohol, gambling, tobacco and weaponry, on top of others. Please to 2.1 for the full exclusion criteria.
Continuous Accessibility to Information and Reporting	GBS 4.2.1 SBS 4.2.1	The Issuer of ASEAN Sustainability Bonds must clearly communicate to investors: (i) The environmental sustainability objectives. (ii) The process by which the Issuer determines how the projects fit within the eligible Green and Projects categories identified within the ASEAN GBS and ASEAN SBS. (iii) The related eligibility criteria, including, if applicable, exclusion criteria or any other process applied to identify and manage potentially material environmental and social risks associated with the Green and Social Projects.	Yes	The eligibility criteria for the use of proceeds and the process of evaluation and selection of eligible projects have been described in the Framework. However, these are viewed to be basic disclosures by the Issuer/the Group.
	GBS 4.2.5 SBS 4.2.5	The Issuer must make the following publicly available on a website designated by the Issuer at the time of the issuance and throughout the tenure of an ASEAN Green, Social or Sustainability Bond: (i) The process for project evaluation. (ii) The use of proceeds.	Yes	The Issuer will ensure that the required information will be made publicly available on Exsim's corporate website (https://exsim.com.my) at the time of the issuance and throughout the tenure of any GSS Sukuk issued under the Framework.

Item	No.	Requirement	Alignment	Comment
		(iii) The external review report on the process (if any).		
	GBS 4.3.1 SBS 4.3.1	Prior to the issuance of the ASEAN Green, Social or Sustainability Bond, the Issuer must disclose to investors in the documentation for the issuance of the Bond, the process for managing the net proceeds from the Bond.	Yes	The Issuer has disclosed the required information in the Framework which will be published on Exsim's corporate website. The Issuer's process of management of proceeds is also described in the Principal Terms and Conditions of the IMTN dated 5 September 2023.
	GBS 4.3.4 SBS 4.3.4	The Issuer must also disclose to investors in the documentation for the issuance of the ASEAN Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds the intended types of temporary placement for the balance of unallocated proceeds.	Yes	The Issuer has disclosed the required information in the Framework which will be published on Exsim's corporate website.
	GBS 4.4.5 SBS 4.4.5	The Issuer must provide investors with an annual report and external review on the annual reporting, if any, through a website designated by the Issuer and/or annual reports throughout the tenure of the ASEAN Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds.	Yes	The annual reporting will be made available on Exsim's corporate website.
Encourage More Frequent Reporting	GBS 4.4.1 SBS 4.4.1	Issuers must report to investors at least once a year, and are encouraged to make more frequent reporting on the use of proceeds until full allocation, and as necessary thereafter in the event of material developments. This should include a list of the projects to which the ASEAN Green, Social or Sustainability Bond proceeds have been allocated, as well as a brief description of the projects and the amounts allocated and their expected impact.	Yes	The Issuer will publish a report on an annual basis which will provide information on the allocation and impact of any GSS Sukuk issued under the Framework (i.e., the Green Sukuk in the case of the first utilisation of the Framework)
External Review	GBS 5.1 SBS 5.1	Issuers are advised to appoint external review providers for the issuance of their ASEAN Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds.	Yes	The Issuer has appointed RAM Sustainability as the independent external reviewer for its Green Sukuk
	GBS 4.2.4 SBS 4.2.4	It is recommended that the Issuer's process for project evaluation and selection be supported by an external review.	Yes	The second opinion review by RAM Sustainability covers project evaluation and selection.
	GBS 4.3.5 SBS 4.3.5	It is recommended that the Issuer's management of proceeds be supplemented by the appointment of an auditor, or other third party to verify the internal tracking method and allocation of the proceeds from the ASEAN Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds proceeds.	No	The Issuer has not made any commitment to appoint an auditor, or other third party to verify the internal tracking method and allocation of the proceeds from the Green Sukuk, or any future GSS Sukuk.
	GBS 4.3.6 SBS 4.3.6	Where the Issuer appoints an auditor or other third party to verify its management of proceeds, the Issuer must make the report produced by the auditor or other third party publicly available on a website designated by the Issuer at the time of issuance of the ASEAN Green Bonds.	Yes	According to the draft PTC of the IMTN dated 5 September 2023, the Issuer will ensure that should an auditor or third party be appointed for this purpose, the report produced by the auditor or third party will be made publicly available on a website designated by the Issuer at the time of issuance.
	GBS 4.4.4 SBS 4.4.4	It is recommended that the Issuer's annual reporting on the use of proceeds be supplemented by the confirmation of such use of proceeds by an external reviewer	No	The Issuer has not made any commitment to appoint an external reviewer to verify its annual reporting on the use of proceeds of any GSS Sukuk, including the Green Sukuk.

Item	No.	Requirement	Alignment	Comment
		along with any relevant updates on the external review.		

APPENDIX 3

Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds External Review Form

This form complements the Bond Information Template that should have been filled in by the issuer. It provides additional information on the role of the External Reviewer when assessing the issuer's sustainability framework. This form may be used or adapted, where appropriate, to summarise the scope of the review.

Section 1. Basic Information

Issuer name: Exsim Capital

Bond ISIN²: *To Be Confirmed*

Independent External Review provider's name: RAM Sustainability Sdn Bhd

Completion date of this form: 6 November 2023

Date of the review: 6 November 2023

Section 2. Overview

SCOPE OF REVIEW

The review:

- ☒ assessed the 4 core components of the Principles (**complete review**) and confirmed the alignment with the GBP/SBP/SBG (*delete where appropriate*).
- ☐ assessed only some of them (**partial review**) and confirmed the alignment with the GBP/SBP/SBG (*delete where appropriate*); please indicate which ones:
 - ☐ Use of Proceeds ☐ Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
 - ☐ Management of Proceeds ☐ Reporting
- ☒ assessed the alignment with other regulations or standards (CBI, EU GBS, ASEAN Green Bond Standard, ISO 14030, etc.); please indicate which ones:
 - ASEAN GBS
 - ASEAN SBS
 - ASEAN SUS
 - SRI Sukuk Framework

ROLE(S) OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW PROVIDER

- ☒ Second Party Opinion ☐ Certification
- ☐ Verification ☒ Scoring/Rating
- ☐ Other (*please specify*):

² The ISIN code is mandatory for publishing the form in the Sustainable Bond Issuers Database.

Does the review include a sustainability quality score³?

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ Of the issuer | ☒ Of the project |
| ☒ Of the framework | ☐ Other (please specify): |
| ☐ No scoring | |

ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT(S)

Does the review include:

- ☒ The environmental and/or social features of the type of project(s) intended for the Use of Proceeds?
- ☒ The environmental and/or social benefits and impact targeted by the eligible Green and/or Social Project(s) financed by the Green, Social or Sustainability Bond?
- ☒ The potentially material environmental and/or social risks associated with the project(s) (where relevant)?

ISSUER'S OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES

Does the review include:

- ☒ An assessment of the issuer's overarching sustainability objectives and strategy, and the policies and/or processes towards their delivery?
- ☒ An identification and assessment of environmental, social and governance related risks of adverse impact through the issuer's [actions] and explanations on how they are managed and mitigated by the issuer?
- ☐ A reference to the issuer's relevant regulations, standards, or frameworks for sustainability-related disclosure and reporting?

CLIMATE TRANSITION STRATEGY⁴

Does the review assess:

- ☐ The issuer's climate transition strategy & governance?
- ☐ The alignment of both the long-term and short/medium-term targets with the relevant regional, sector, or international climate scenario?
- ☐ The credibility of the issuer's climate transition strategy to reach its targets?
- ☐ The level/type of independent governance and oversight of the issuer's climate transition strategy (e.g. by independent members of the board, dedicated board sub-committees with relevant expertise, or via the submission of an issuer's climate transition strategy to shareholders' approval).
- ☐ If appropriate, the materiality of the planned transition trajectory in the context of the issuers overall business (including the relevant historical datapoints)?
- ☐ The alignment of the issuer's proposed strategy and targets with appropriate science-based targets and transition pathways⁵ that are deemed necessary to limit climate change to targeted levels?

³ The external review may indicate the provider's opinion of the overall sustainability quality of a bond or bond framework and assess whether it has a meaningful impact on advancing contribution to long-term sustainable development.

⁴ Where issuers wish to finance projects towards implementing a net zero emissions strategy aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement, guidance on issuer level disclosures and climate transition strategies may be sought from the [Climate Transition Finance Handbook](#).

⁵ GHG emissions reduction targets that are in line with the scale of reductions required to keep the average global temperature increase to ideally 1.5°C, or at the very least to well below 2°C above pre-industrial temperatures. Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) is a branded verification body for science-based targets and

☐ The comprehensiveness of the issuer's disclosure to help investors assess its performance holistically⁶?

Overall comment on this section:

Section 3. Detailed Review

Reviewers are encouraged to provide the information below to the extent possible and use the comment section to explain the scope of their review.

1. USE OF PROCEEDS

Does the review assess:

- ☒ the environmental/social benefits of the project(s)?
- ☒ whether those benefits are quantifiable and meaningful?

Does the review assess if the issuer provides clear information on:

- ☒ the estimated proceeds allocation per project category (in case of multiple projects)?
- ☒ the estimated share of financing vs. re-financing (and the related lookback period)?

Overall comment on this section:

Please refer to the summary of RAM Sustainability's second opinion of the Framework.

2. PROCESS FOR PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Does the review assess:

- ☐ whether the eligibility of the project(s) is aligned with official or market-based taxonomies or recognised international standards? Please specify which ones.⁷
- ☒ whether the eligible projects are aligned with the overall sustainability strategy of the issuer and/or if the eligible projects are aligned with material ESG-related objectives in the issuer's industry?
- ☐ the process and governance to set the eligibility criteria including, if applicable, exclusion criteria?
- ☒ the processes by which the issuer identifies and manages perceived social and environmental risks associated with the relevant project(s)?
- ☒ any process in place to identify mitigants to known material risks of negative social and/or environmental impacts from the relevant project(s)?

Overall comment on this section:

Please refer to 2.2.

SBTi verification is one way for issuers to validate the alignment of their emission reduction trajectories with science-based reference trajectories. In addition, ICMA has published Methodologies Registry which includes a list of tools to specifically help issuers, investors, or financial intermediaries validate their emission reduction trajectories.

⁶ Including information such as the respective contribution (e.g. %) of the different measures to the overall reduction, the total expenses associated with the plan, or the issuer's climate policy engagement.

⁷ The EU Taxonomy, CBI Taxonomy, UK Taxonomy, China catalogue, etc.

3. MANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS

Does the review assess:

- ☒ the issuer's policy for segregating or tracking the proceeds in an appropriate manner?
- ☒ the intended types of temporary investment instruments for unallocated proceeds?
- ☒ Whether an external auditor will verify the internal tracking of the proceeds and the allocation of the funds?

Overall comment on this section:

The description of the Issuer's management of proceeds can be found in 2.3.

4. REPORTING

Does the review assess:

- ☒ the expected type of allocation and impact reporting (bond-by-bond or on a portfolio basis)?
- ☒ the frequency and the means of disclosure?
- ☐ the disclosure of the methodology of the expected or achieved impact of the financed project(s)?

Overall comment on this section:

Please refer to 2.4.

Section 4. Additional Information

Useful links

RAM Sustainability's website: <https://www.ram.com.my/sustainability>

Analysis of the contribution of the project(s) to the UN Sustainable Development Goals:

RAM Sustainability anticipates Exsim's eligible assets to contribute to the following UNSDGs:

1. UNSDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Please refer to 3.3 for more details.

Additional assessment in relation to the issuer/bond framework/eligible project(s):

ABOUT ROLE(S) OF REVIEW PROVIDERS AS DEFINED BY THE ICMA

- 1) **Second Party Opinion:** An institution with environmental/social/sustainability expertise that is independent from the issuer may provide a Second Party Opinion (either required or recommended pre-issuance as described in the respective Principles). The institution should be independent from the issuer's adviser for its Green, Social and Sustainability Bond and Sustainability-Linked Bond framework or climate transition strategy, or appropriate procedures such as information barriers will have been implemented within the institution to ensure the independence of the Second Party Opinion. Any concerns on the institution's independence should be disclosed to investors.
- 2) **Verification:** An issuer can (or "needs to" in the case of sustainability-linked bonds post issuance) obtain independent verification against a designated set of criteria, typically pertaining to environmental/social/sustainability or KPI performance and sustainability targets for the SLBs.
- 3) **Certification:** An issuer can have its green, social, sustainability and sustainability-linked bond or associated green, social, sustainability and sustainability-linked bond framework or Use of Proceeds or Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Sustainability Performance targets (SPTs) certified against a recognised external green/social/ sustainability standard or label. A standard or label defines specific criteria, and alignment with such criteria is normally tested by qualified, accredited third parties, which may verify consistency with the certification criteria.
- 4) **Green, Social, Sustainability and Sustainability-Linked Bond Scoring/Rating:** An issuer can have its green, social, sustainability and sustainability-linked bond associated framework or a key feature such as Use of Proceeds, selection of KPIs, calibration of the level of ambitiousness of SPTs, evaluated or assessed by third parties, such as specialised research providers or rating agencies, according to an established scoring/rating methodology.

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