

Second Opinion

# **OBAYASHI CORPORATION**

June 28, 2024

Unsec. Str. Bonds No.24 (OBAYASHI CORPORATION Sustainability Bond) Monitoring Sustainable Finance Division Yosuke Tomita

Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) has confirmed that the OBAYASHI CORPORATION have appropriately implemented its reporting based on the determined framework of 2019. Monitoring will be done annually based on the request of issuer until 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

■Description of Instrument

| ISSUER            | OBAYASHI CORPORATION                       |
|-------------------|--|
|                   | Unsec. Str. Bonds No. 24                   |
| INSTRUMENT NAME   | (OBAYASHI CORPORATION Sustainability Bond) |
| ISSUE AMOUNT (mn) | JPY 10,000                                 |
| ISSUE DATE        | June 20, 2019                              |
| MATURITY DATE     | June 20, 2024                              |

# Reporting

Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I) has confirmed that the issuer have appropriately implemented its reporting based on the initially determined framework.

### (1) Status of allocation of proceeds raised

• Status of allocation of proceeds raised is disclosed via the environmental and social activity results section of the issuer's website. There are no significant change in the condition of use of proceed.

■Items to be disclosed determined in framework

- Status of allocation of proceeds raised
- · Environmental improvement impact
- Social impact

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| ■Eligible Projects  | Proceeds raised           | Proceeds used | Proceeds to be used |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Obayashi Technical<br>Research Institute<br>ZEB                                   | 400                       | 400           | 0                   |  |  |  |  |
| Obayashi<br>Next-Generation<br>Training Facility                                  | 5,000                     | 5,000         | 0                   |  |  |  |  |
| Operation of<br>Obayashi Rin-yu-kai<br>Vocational School                          |                           |               |                     |  |  |  |  |
| Subsidy for certified<br>excellent site<br>supervisors and<br>excellent operators | 1,000                     | 1,000         | 0                   |  |  |  |  |
| R&D for hydrogen production plant   |                           |               | 0                   |  |  |  |  |
| Otsuki Biomass<br>Power Plant/<br>Kamikita Ogawara<br>Wind Farm                   | 3,143                     | 3,143         | 0                   |  |  |  |  |
| Total   | Total 9,943 <sup>%1</sup> |               | 0                   |  |  |  |  |

ℜ1 Excluding fees for issuing

## (2) Environmental improvement impact and Social impact

• Details of reporting is disclosed via the environmental and social activity results section of the issuer's website.

| Project Name                                      | Reporting Items   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Obayashi Technical<br>Research Institute<br>ZEB   | Certification regarding Green residence and work environment or performance |  |  |  |  |
| Obayashi Next-<br>Generation Training<br>Facility | that is equivalent  |  |  |  |  |
| R&D for hydrogen production plant                 | Completion status of R&D conducted in the facility                          |  |  |  |  |

#### ■Reporting Items defined in Framework (Green Project)



|  | Otsuki Biomass<br>Power Plant/<br>Kamikita Ogawara<br>Wind Farm | CO2 reduction performance measured by below index                           |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|  |   | [CO2 reduction effect]=[Result of annual power produced(kWh)] $\times$ [CO2 |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | emission factor by electricity company(kg-CO2/kWh)*2]                       |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | *2 Source: Ministry of the Environment                                      |  |  |  |  |

### ■Reported Items (Green Project)

| Project Name                                      | Reporting Items   |   |                      |   |                   |                      |                    |                   |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|---|---|----------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Obayashi Technical<br>Research Institute<br>ZEB   | <ul> <li>Implemented ZEB in FY2014.3, and certified as BELS certification system's<br/>5 stars (the highest ranked) and ZEB rating in Mar 2019.</li> </ul>  |   |                      |   |                   |                      |                    |                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Obayashi Next-<br>Generation Training<br>Facility | <ul> <li>Earned BELS certification system's 5 stars (the highest ranked) and ZEB Ready rating Nov 2021.</li> <li>Earned gold the LEED in Oct 2022.</li> <li>Earned FSC® Project Certification (FSC-P001889) in Apr 2022.</li> </ul> |   |                      |   |                   |                      |                    |                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| R&D for hydrogen production plant                 | •hydrogen production plant—output 22.5kg-H2/hour by 1.5 MW geothermal power—was completed in Mar 2021 and started producing hydrogen.   |   |                      |   |                   |                      |                    |                   |              |              |              |              |              |
|   | Projects name   | Operation<br>start                                      | Output<br>(MW)       | Renewable energy generated/ will be<br>generated(MWh)         CO2 emission reduction           (t-C0 2)*3 |                   |                      |                    |                   |              |              |              |              |              |
|   | Projects name   |   |                      | FY<br>2020.3  | FY<br>2021.3      | FY<br>2022.3         | FY<br>2023.3       | FY<br>2024.3      | FY<br>2020.3 | FY<br>2021.3 | FY<br>2022.3 | FY<br>2023.3 | FY<br>2024.3 |
| Otsuki Biomass                                    | Otsuki Biomass Power Plant  | 2018 年 12 月   | 14.5                 |   |                   |                      |                    |                   |              |              |              |              |              |
| Power Plant/<br>Kamikita Ogawara<br>Wind Farm     | Kamikita Ogawara Wind<br>Power Plant  | 2022 年 4 月  | 20.4                 | ₩4  | 81,912            | 97,747               | 121,635            | 122,392           | <b>※</b> 4   | 37,434       | 43,693       | 56,870       | 56,617       |
|   | <ul> <li>3 CO2 emission reduct</li> <li>Annual renewable end</li> <li>(Published CO2 emission)</li> <li>4 Annual renewable endowever since alloc</li> </ul>   | nergy generated<br>ssion coefficient<br>nergy generated | by the l<br>is 78,29 | Ministry<br>∂1MWh   | of the<br>and Put | Environ<br>olished ( | ment, Ja<br>202 em | apan)<br>ission c | oefficie     | ent is 36    |              | CO2.         |              |
|   |   |   |                      |   |                   |                      |                    |                   |              |              |              |              |              |

## ■Reporting Items defined in Framework (Social Project)

| Project Name   | Reporting Items  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Obayashi Technical<br>Research Institute<br>ZEB          | Certification regarding well-being residence and work environment or |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Obayashi Next-<br>Generation Training<br>Facility        | performance that is equivalent                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operation of<br>Obayashi Rin-yu-kai<br>Vocational School | Number of students attended the training school                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



| Subsidy for certified<br>excellent site<br>supervisors and<br>excellent operators | Number of workers who received subsidy |
|---|--|
|---|--|

#### **Project Name Reporting Items** Obayashi Technical ·WELL Certified<sup>™</sup> at Gold Level on 21st Nov 2017 and Earned WELL Health-**Research** Institute Safety Rating in Apr 2021. 7FB ·Acquired CASBEE Wellness Office (S rank) in Oct 2022. WELL certification (Platinum) and WELL Health-Safety Rating in Feb 2023. Obayashi Next-·Adopted as a support project for the construction of pioneering buildings Generation Training using CLT in Jun 2019. Facility • Adopted as a leading project for sustainable buildings (wooden leading type) in Jul 2019. •74 students attended the training school in FY2020.3. •44 students attended the training school in FY2021.3. Operation of •51 students attended the training school in FY2022.3. Obayashi Rin-yu-kai Vocational School ·60 students attended the training school in FY2023.3. .66 students attended the training school in FY2024.3 · Certification allowances for excellent site supervisors and excellent operators are paid to 456 construction workers in FY2020.3. · Certification allowances for excellent site supervisors and excellent operators are paid to 492 construction workers in FY2021.3. Subsidy for certified · Certification allowances for excellent site supervisors and excellent excellent site operators are paid to 497 construction workers in FY2022.3. supervisors and excellent operators · Certification allowances for excellent site supervisors and excellent operators are paid to 523 construction workers in FY2023.3. · Certification allowances for excellent site supervisors and excellent operators are paid to 561 construction workers in FY2024.3.

#### ■Reported Items (Social Project)

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