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Press release**Crédit Agricole CIB closes its first social loan transaction in Japan
for Nipro Corporation**

Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (“Crédit Agricole CIB”) Japan is pleased to announce the closing of a JPY 10.5 billion social loan for Nipro Corporation, a leading global medical equipment and pharmaceutical manufacturer based in Japan. This transaction marks the first social loan^[1] issued by Crédit Agricole CIB in Japan. The loan is supported by [Nipro Social Bonds Framework](#) which benefits from a positive Second Party Opinion by [R&I](#).

In line with Crédit Agricole Group’s long-term objectives towards social cohesion and “equal access to health and care services” outlined in the Bank’s 2025 Ambitions, Crédit Agricole CIB supports socially and environmentally engaged companies which implement the best ESG practices in their business activities.

This transaction demonstrates Crédit Agricole CIB’s ambition in accompanying its clients’ growing involvement in ESG-related matters. By adding social loans to the range of ESG solutions Crédit Agricole CIB offers its Japanese clients, the Bank can provide them adequate instruments to finance their ambitions and to help them reach their sustainability targets.

Proceeds of this social loan will be allocated to finance or refinance Nipro Corporation’s capital investment or research and development spending on social projects align with the company’s Social Finance Framework announced in September 2021.

Nipro Corporation has been actively engaged in initiatives in line with the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The company has been focusing on improving the health and quality of life for people around the world by providing a stable supply of medical devices and pharmaceuticals.

Summary terms of the social loan	
Signing date	26 December 2022
Borrowing date	28 December 2022
Borrowing period and amount	Tranche A: 5 years – JPY 2,700,000,000 Tranche B: 7 years – JPY 3,100,000,000 Tranche C: 10 years – JPY 4,700,000,000 Total: JPY 10,500,000,000
Use of funds	Long-term working capital purposes to be used for social projects eligible in Nipro’s Social Finance Framework announced on 9 September, 2021
Bookrunner	Crédit Agricole CIB Japan
Agent	Crédit Agricole CIB Japan

^[1] A social loan is a loan whose proceeds contribute to solve social issues through financing eligible social projects.

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■ **About Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank ('Crédit Agricole CIB', or the 'Bank')**

Crédit Agricole CIB is the corporate and investment banking arm of Crédit Agricole Group, the 10th largest banking group worldwide in terms of balance sheet size ("The Banker", July 2022). More than 8,900 employees across Europe, the Americas, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East and Africa support the Bank's clients, meeting their financial needs throughout the world. Crédit Agricole CIB offers its large corporate and institutional clients a range of products and services in capital markets activities, investment banking, structured finance, commercial banking and international trade. The Bank is a pioneer in the area of climate finance, and is currently a market leader in this segment with a complete offer for all its clients.

For many years Crédit Agricole CIB has been committed to sustainable development. The Bank was the first French bank to sign the Equator Principles in 2003. It has also been a pioneer in Green Bond markets with the arrangement of public transactions from 2012 for a wide array of issuers (supranational banks, corporates, local authorities, banks) and was one of the co-drafter of Green Bond Principles and of the Social Bond Guidance. Relying on the expertise of a dedicated sustainable banking team and on the strong support of all bankers, Crédit Agricole CIB is one of the most active banks in the Green bonds market.

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