

SECOND PARTY OPINION (SPO)

Sustainability Quality of the Issuer and Green Financing Framework

Meyer Burger Technology AG

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VERIFICATION PARAMETERS

Type(s) of instruments contemplated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green Bonds
Relevant standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICMA Green Bond Principles, LMA Green Loan Principles, and Technical Expert Group Draft Delegated Act (November 2020)
Scope of verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meyer Burger Green Financing Framework (as of June 2021)
Lifecycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-issuance verification
Validity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As long as no material changes are made to the Green Financing Framework

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Scope of work

Meyer Burger Technology AG (or “the issuer”) commissioned ISS ESG to assist with its Green Bond by assessing three core elements to determine the sustainability quality of the instrument:

1. Green Bond’s link to Meyer Burger’s sustainability strategy – drawing on Meyer Burger’s overall sustainability profile and issuance-specific Use of Proceeds categories.
2. Meyer Burger’s Green Financing Framework (June 2021 version) – benchmarked against the International Capital Market Association’s (ICMA) Green Bond Principles (GBPs) and Loan Market Association (LMA) Green Loan Principles (GLPs).
3. The eligible project categories – whether the projects contribute positively to the UN SDGs and align with the Technical Expert Group Final Report on EU Taxonomy and associated Technical Annex¹ (EU Taxonomy – Delegated Acts 2020) on a best effort basis.

¹ Delegated Acts: Technical Annex

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12302-Climate-change-mitigation-and-adaptation-taxonomy#ISC_WORKFLOW

ISS ESG reviewed the due diligence processes of Meyer Burger for each project category to be (re-)financed under this instrument against the Draft Delegated Act (November 2020) version of the Taxonomy Report.

The EU Commission released a Draft Delegated Act on the EU Taxonomy in November 2020, and the adoption by the Commission is as of now pending. The first company report and investor disclosures using the EU Taxonomy are due at the start of 2022, covering the financial year 2021. Thus, as of the date of publication of this SPO report, it is not possible to conclude to any definite alignment with the EU Taxonomy, which is not yet finalized and implemented, and the Draft Delegated Acts 2020 version of the Technical Annex was used as reference point.

ISS ESG ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

SPO SECTION	SUMMARY	EVALUATION ²
<p>Part 1:</p> <p>Green Bond's link to issuer's sustainability strategy</p>	<p>According to the ISS ESG Corporate Rating published on 19.12.2020, the issuer shows a high sustainability performance against the industry peer group on key ESG issues faced by the Semiconductor Equipment sector. The issuer is rated 2nd out of 27 companies within its sector.</p> <p>The Use of Proceeds financed through this bond are consistent with the issuer's sustainability strategy and material ESG topics for the issuer's industry. The rationale for issuing green bonds is clearly described by the issuer.</p>	<p>Consistent with issuer's sustainability strategy</p>
<p>Part 2:</p> <p>Alignment with GBPs and GLPs</p>	<p>The issuer has defined a formal concept for its Green Bonds regarding use of proceeds, processes for project evaluation and selection, management of proceeds and reporting. This concept is in line with the GBPs and GLPs.</p>	<p>Aligned</p>
<p>Part 3:</p> <p>Alignment of the Selection Criteria with the EU Taxonomy</p>	<p>The Green Bond will (re-)finance eligible projects under the categories Renewable Energy, Green Buildings, Energy Efficiency and Natural Resource Preservation.</p> <p>Those use of proceeds categories have a positive contribution to SDGs 3 'Good health and well-being', 6 'Clean water and sanitation', 7 'Affordable and clean energy', 11 'Sustainable cities and communities', 12 'Responsible consumption and production', 13 'Climate action' and 15 'Life on land'.</p> <p>ISS ESG assessed the alignment of Meyer Burger's due diligence processes against the requirements of the EU Taxonomy (Draft Delegated Act version of November 2020), on a best effort basis. Based on robust processes for selection, the green eligible projects are considered to be aligned with the EU Taxonomy and the relevant activity-specific Technical Screening Criteria, Do No Significant Harm Criteria and Minimum Social Safeguards.</p>	<p>Positive</p>

² ISS ESG's evaluation is based on Meyer Burger's Green Financing Framework (June 2021 version), on the eligible green project pool and on the ISS ESG Corporate Rating Assessment published on 19/12/2020.

ISS ESG SPO ASSESSMENT

PART I: GREEN BOND LINK TO MEYER BURGER'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

A. ASSESSMENT OF MEYER BURGER'S ESG PERFORMANCE

The ISS ESG Corporate Rating provides material and forward-looking environmental, social and governance (ESG) data and performance assessments.

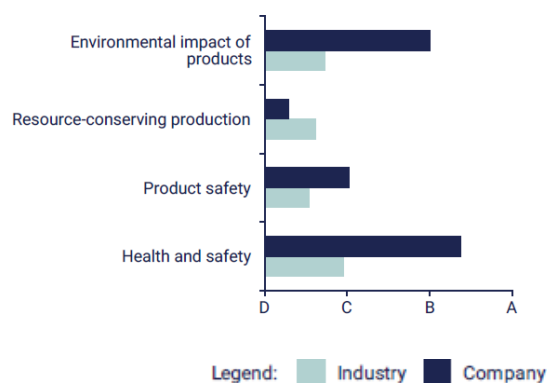
COMPANY	SECTOR	DECILE RANK	TRANSPARENCY LEVEL
MEYER BURGER TECHNOLOGY AG	SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT	1	VERY HIGH

This means that the company currently shows a high sustainability performance against peers on key ESG issues faced by the Semiconductor Equipment sector and obtains a Decile Rank relative to industry group of 1, given that a decile rank of 1 indicates highest relative ESG performance out of 10.

ESG performance

As of 29.04.2021, this rating places Meyer Burger 2nd out of 27 companies rated by ISS ESG in the Semiconductor Equipment sector.

Key challenges faced by companies in terms of sustainability management in this sector are displayed in the chart on the right, as well as the issuer's performance against those key challenges in comparison to the average industry peers' performance.



Sustainability Opportunities

Meyer Burger produces manufacturing equipment and services for the solar, semiconductor and optoelectronic industries and other sectors related to semiconductor materials. More than 80% of the company's revenues in 2020 are derived from production equipment and solar cells, solar modules and systems. The company's product portfolio provides key equipment and services to the solar industry and therefore contributes to the development of renewable energy sources and a more sustainable energy system.

Sustainability Risks

As a provider of key equipment for the photovoltaic industry, Meyer Burger faces sustainability risks related to the occupational health and safety of its employees and suppliers. Some of its operations

are covered by a certified health and safety management system, and the company has reported declining accident rates in recent years. However, there are no indications of binding supplier standards covering labor rights requirements. Meyer Berger seems to have a group-wide environmental management system in place, but does not demonstrate a greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption target defined within a timeframe. Although there are some measures to extend the products' useful life and optimize material efficiency, it remains unclear whether the company implements lifecycle assessments, and therefore does not seem to comprehensively manage the environmental impacts of its products.



Governance opinion

Meyer Burger has a board of directors comprised of 50% independent directors. The chair of the board, Mr. Franz Richter, is independent (as at July 27, 2020). Audit, remuneration and nomination committees are at least 50% independent. The company discloses its remuneration policy for executives as a whole as well as the CEO, including long-term components, which could incentivize sustainable value creation.

Regarding the governance of sustainability, no board committee seems to be in charge of sustainability issues, and it remains unclear whether sustainability targets are integrated into the remuneration of the company's executive management team. The company has established a code of conduct covering relevant issues such as conflict of interest, corruption, and insider dealings in general terms. Besides basic raising awareness of the code and availability in local languages, few corresponding compliance procedures seem to be in place.

Sustainability impact of products and services portfolio

Using a proprietary methodology, ISS ESG assessed the contribution of Meyer Burger's current products and services portfolio to the Sustainable Development Goals defined by the United Nations (UN SDGs). This analysis is limited to the evaluation of final product characteristics and does not include practices along Meyer Burger's production process.

PRODUCT/SERVICES PORTFOLIO	ASSOCIATED PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE	DIRECTION OF IMPACT	UN SDGS
Solar power manufacturing equipment	80.4%	CONTRIBUTION	 
Others	N/A	NO NET IMPACT	N/A

Breaches of international norms and ESG controversies

The company is not facing any controversy.

B. CONSISTENCY OF GREEN BOND WITH MEYER BURGER'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

Key sustainability objectives and priorities defined by the issuer

Meyer Burger's vision is to facilitate a more sustainable and accessible energy generation for a greener future. The company develops technical solutions to produce efficient solar modules. By transforming its business model from the manufacture of photovoltaic (PV) production equipment to the integrated production of solar cells and solar modules, Meyer Burger focuses on sustainability as a priority. In this context, the Issuer plans to move towards emission-free energy generation from sunlight.

Meyer Burger is committed to protecting the environment and contributing to sustainable business operations. The Issuer aims at ensuring that natural resources are either returned to the environment or recycled for further production. Meyer Burger is committed to reducing CO₂ emissions, limiting energy and water consumption and promoting waste recycling. In 2020, 16.402 MWh of electricity was produced with its own PV systems. For 2020, no wastewater was discharged into public waters and no other environmental pollution was caused.

The necessary adjustments in the Issuer's production and operations from 2020 onwards represent a major challenge for procurement. For reasons of transparency, goods and services are mainly procured from local manufacturers and suppliers, supplemented by European and global sources.

Moreover, Meyer Burger ensures that all employees, all products and services comply with applicable international, national and local laws, regulations and standards. The Meyer Burger Code of Conduct outlines the company's core values and provides guidelines for business ethics, compliance, corporate governance, stakeholder engagement and fostering a stimulating work environment. Meyer Burger adheres to local labour and safety guidelines at all locations.

Meyer Burger's sustainability strategy could be further improved by setting specific and quantified targets associated with the above-mentioned objectives (e.g. a GHG emissions reduction target related to scope 1, 2 and 3 activities).

Rationale for issuance

Meyer Burger is a European-based industry active in the development of photovoltaics along the entire value chain. The Issuer wants to further reinforce its sector leadership on sustainable matters by issuing a green bond financing projects aligned with the Taxonomy's emissions thresholds for green projects and in line with its overall strategy and approach to sustainability. Meyer Burger believes that green bonds financing its activities will highlight its sustainability objectives effectively. Moreover, it will provide fixed income investors with a further tool to assess Meyer Burger's progress in contributing to climate change mitigation as well as benefitting society.

Contribution of Use of Proceeds categories to sustainability objectives and priorities

ISS ESG mapped the Use of Proceeds categories financed under this Green Bond with the sustainability objectives defined by the issuer, and with the key ESG industry challenges as defined in the ISS ESG Corporate Rating methodology for the Semiconductor Equipment sector. Key ESG industry challenges are key issues that are highly relevant for a respective industry to tackle when it comes to

sustainability, e.g. climate change and energy efficiency in the buildings sector. From this mapping, ISS ESG derived a level of contribution to the strategy of each Use of Proceeds categories.

USE OF PROCEEDS CATEGORY	SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE ISSUER	KEY ESG INDUSTRY CHALLENGES	CONTRIBUTION
Renewable Energy	✓	✓	Contribution to a material objective
Green Buildings	✓	✓	Contribution to a material objective
Energy Efficiency	✓	✓	Contribution to a material objective
Natural Resource Preservation	✓	✓	Contribution to a material objective

Opinion: ISS ESG finds that the Use of Proceeds financed through this Green Financing Framework bond are consistent with the issuer’s sustainability strategy and material ESG topics for the issuer’s industry. The rationale for issuing green bonds and loans is clearly described by the issuer.

PART II: ALIGNMENT WITH THE GBPs AND GLPs

1. Use of Proceeds

Meyer Burger will apply 100% of the net proceeds from the issuance of each Green Finance Instruments to finance green projects (“Eligible Green Projects”) satisfying one or more of the eligible indicators and performance requirements detailed below.

All Eligible Green Projects must provide environmental benefits that contribute to fight climate change, avoiding CO2 emissions by increasing renewable energy capacity, and/or improving energy efficiency. Eligible Green Projects may include physical assets such as green buildings and renewable energy production capacity, as well as CAPEX and OPEX related to those assets, and may also include acquisitions of assets. A look-back period of 36 months will apply to the Framework and Eligible Green Projects must comply with the Eligibility Criteria set forth in the following section.

The company may, at any time, extend the list of Eligible Green Projects to other type of assets which provide verifiable sustainability benefits. In this case, the company commits to update the current Framework and to extend the set of criteria to appropriately analyze the new asset class.

ELIGIBLE CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
<p>Renewable Energy</p>	<p>Projects related to the manufacture of products and key components that are essential for eligible renewable energy technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investments in, expenditures for and/or costs for conception, infrastructure, development and construction of renewable energy production products (e.g. solar PV panels). Renewable energy production products should have a life cycle emission lower than 100g CO2e/kWh, declining to 0g CO2e/kWh by 2050.
<p>Green Buildings</p>	<p>Investments in new building projects and in existing building retrofits that upgrade the buildings’ facilities and equipment so that either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the building was able to receive during the three-year period prior to the issuance of the notes, or will be able to receive during the two-year period after the issuance of the notes, a third-party verified green building certification, such as: LEED Platinum or LEED Gold; or ENERGY STAR rating of 85 or higher; or the building is carbon net-zero; or leasing, on a capitalized basis, new or existing buildings that have received one of the above third-party verified green

	building certifications.
Energy Efficiency	<p>Financing of, or investments in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development, construction, installation, and maintenance of projects that contribute to a reduction of energy consumption per unit of output, • energy storage management systems, and • efficiency projects.
Natural Resource Preservation	<p>Financing of, or investments in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development, construction, installation, and maintenance of projects that prevent and control pollution (including reduction of air emissions, greenhouse gas control, soil remediation, waste prevention, waste recycling, water management).

Opinion: ISS ESG finds that the use of proceeds aligns with the requirements outlined in the ICMA GBPs and LMA GLPs. Environmental benefits are clearly defined. Moreover, Meyer Burger has described its overall strategy and environmental targets as well as its rationale for issuing.

2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

Projects that comply with the Use of Proceeds as previously described will be considered as Eligible Green Projects. The process for the evaluation and selection of eligible projects utilizes internal expertise and includes assessment of whether the project:

- Substantially contributes to the environmental objective of fighting climate change and/or contributing to natural resource preservation, doing no significant harm to other environmental objections
- Meets Meyer Burger’s internal standards, including its sustainability principles: health and safety, environment, human rights, labor rights, anti-corruption and business ethics, and complies with all applicable local regulation
- Meets the Use of Proceeds requirements detailed above
- The project(s) that are to be retrospectively financed have been carried out/received certification from recognized body within the last three years.

A cross-functional Green Bond Committee ("GBC") reviews, monitors, and approves all Eligible Green Projects that meet the core criteria set forth above. The GBC will be chaired by the CEO and CFO and will include representatives from Project & Product Management, Corporate Finance and additional functions as appropriate.

The project’s expected benefits must be assessed and calculated, and the evaluation must cover the project's lifecycle. Projects, acquisitions, and R&D investments that are aligned with the Use of

Proceeds (with a look back period of 3 years) will be considered eligible for Green Bond proceeds allocation.

Opinion: ISS ESG finds that the process for project evaluation and selection implemented by the issuer is aligned with the requirements outlined in the ICMA GBPs and LMA GLPs. Meyer Burger has clearly described the criteria for project evaluation and selection, has a documented process in place to determine that projects fit within the defined categories and has a process to identify and manage potential ESG risks associated with the projects. Its Green Bond Committee is composed of various stakeholders, in line with best market practices.

3. Management of Proceeds

The net proceeds from the issuance of each Green Financing Instrument will be deposited to a general account and an amount equal to the net proceeds will be earmarked for allocation to the Eligible Green Projects as selected by Meyer Burger's GBC.

For costs already disbursed, no separate management of proceeds is required. Accounting records of the capital already invested in Eligible Green Projects will be externally assured. For future project costs, proceeds will be managed through a tracking process established by the GBC to ensure traceability. The Chair of the GBC will oversee the allocation process.

All relevant information regarding the issuance of Green Financing Instruments and the Eligible Green Projects (re)financed will be monitored and maintained in Meyer Burger's internal accounting systems.

Meyer Burger intends, to the best of its abilities, to fully allocate the proceeds within 24 months after the issuance date of each Green Financing Instrument and will strive to maintain full allocation until maturity by replacing any projects that may have been divested or are no longer eligible due to other circumstances.

Opinion: ISS ESG finds that this section aligns with the requirements outlined in the ICMA GBPs and LMA GLPs regarding process for management of proceeds. An amount at least equal to the Green Bond Proceeds will be allocated to green projects. Moreover, Meyer Burger defines the expected allocation period for Green Bond Proceeds.

4. Reporting

Throughout the term of the Green Financing Instruments Meyer Burger has committed to producing an allocation report (the "Allocation Report") as well as an impact report (the "Impact Report") annually until the Green Financing Instrument proceeds have been fully allocated.

Allocation Reporting

Meyer Burger will publish the Allocation Report on its website within 12 months of issuance and then annually until full allocation of the proceeds of the relevant Green Financing Instrument.

The report should detail:

- a) The list of Green Instrument Projects (list of Green Eligible Projects that will be tagged for a specific Green Finance Instrument) and amount of allocation received from Green Financing Instrument (backdated for projects already financed in last 3 years),
- b) Balance of unallocated proceeds of the Green Financing Instrument invested in cash and/or cash equivalents,
- c) Projected allocations of Green Financing Instrument proceeds if not fully allocated (as above in Eligible Green Instrument tracker).

Impact Reporting

Meyer Burger will publish an Impact Report on its website providing information on the environmental outcomes and fulfilment of objectives as previously noted. Details of the Impact Report:

- a) The Impact Report should be published the first time within one year following the issuance of the Green Financing Instrument and then at least once a year after at least until full allocation of the respective Green Financing Instrument
- b) The Impact Report should be published at least until the full allocation of the proceeds – however, investors would require having the impact reporting to be published until maturity of the Green Financing Instrument
- c) The most important data required in the Impact Reporting would be the main green KPIs.

Examples of such KPIs that may be relevant for the Impact Report are as follows:

ELIGIBLE CATEGORY	POTENTIAL IMPACT INDICATORS
Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy capacity produced (kW or MW) • Energy produced from renewable sources (kW or MW) • GHG emissions avoided (in CO2e Tons) • Energy from onsite renewables (in %) • [TBD: energy efficiency of solar cells (in %)] • Renewable energy capacity produced (kW or MW) • Energy produced from renewable sources (kW or MW) • GHG emissions avoided (in CO2e Tons)
Energy Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy saved aggregate (kWh) • Energy saved due to building retrofits or design
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste diverted from landfills (tons or % diverted)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste recycled or composted (tons)
Natural Resource Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bio-based materials use (% material in product) – where suitable Recycled content use (% material in product) – where suitable

Opinion: ISS ESG finds that Meyer Burger’s reporting aligns with the requirements outlined in the ICMA GBPs and LMA GLPs. Meyer Burger shows transparency on the type, scope and frequency of information that it will report on and commits to annually publish the allocation and impact report. Moreover, Meyer Burger includes information on the level of impact reporting and indicators, reflecting best market practices.

External Review

Meyer Burger has engaged ISS to provide a Second Party Opinion on its Green Financing Framework. The Second Party Opinion and the Green Financing Framework will be made public on Meyer Burger’s website.

Meyer Burger’s annual reporting will also be subject to External Review until the net proceeds are allocated in full to Eligible Green Projects. The annual assurance report will be posted on its website.

PART III: SUSTAINABILITY QUALITY OF THE ISSUANCE











A. CONTRIBUTION OF THE ELIGIBLE PROJECT CATEGORIES TO THE UN SDGs

Based on the assessment of the sustainability quality of the Green Financing Framework and using a proprietary methodology, ISS ESG assessed the contribution of Meyer Burger’s Green Bond Selection Criteria to the Sustainable Development Goals defined by the United Nations (UN SDGs).



This assessment is displayed on 5-point scale (see Annex 1 for methodology):

Significant Obstruction	Limited Obstruction	No Net Impact	Limited Contribution	Significant Contribution
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Each of the Green Bond’s Use of Proceeds categories has been assessed for its contribution to, or obstruction of, the SDGs:

USE OF PROCEEDS	CONTRIBUTION OR OBSTRUCTION	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
Manufacture of renewable energy technologies	Significant contribution	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #ff9900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY </div> <div style="background-color: #009900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">13 CLIMATE ACTION </div> </div>
Green Buildings	Significant contribution³	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #ff9900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES </div> <div style="background-color: #009900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">13 CLIMATE ACTION </div> </div>
Energy Efficiency e.g., insulating materials, or technologies that allow improvements in the field of renewable energy storage	Significant contribution	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #ff9900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY </div> <div style="background-color: #009900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">13 CLIMATE ACTION </div> </div>
Energy Efficiency e.g., LED’s for lighting, or products with a reduced energy consumption	Limited contribution	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #ff9900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY </div> <div style="background-color: #009900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">13 CLIMATE ACTION </div> </div>
Waste Management	Significant contribution	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #ff9900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION </div> </div>
Soil Remediation control	Limited contribution	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #009900; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">15 LIFE ON LAND </div> </div>

³ This assessment differs from the ISS ESG SDG Solutions Assessment (SDGA) proprietary methodology designed to assess the impact of an issuer’s product and service portfolio on the SDGs. For the projects to be financed under the Use of Proceeds category “Green Buildings” that comply with the Technical Screening Criteria defined by the EU Taxonomy Technical Annex, a significant contribution to climate change mitigation is attested.

Water Management	Limited contribution	
Pollution Prevention and Control	Limited contribution	

B. ALIGNMENT OF THE SELECTION CRITERIA WITH THE EU TAXONOMY

ISS ESG analyzed in this section the alignment of Meyer Burger Selection Criteria with the Delegated Acts of the EU Taxonomy. It specifically refers to the projects related to the manufacture of products and key components that are essential for eligible renewable energy technologies.

B.1 Manufacture of renewable energy technologies (3.1.)

ISS ESG assessed the alignment of the Green Projects included in the Green Bond Selection Criteria and the due diligence and selection processes in place with the EU Taxonomy. Green Projects are located exclusively in Germany. The results of the assessment are displayed below:

EU TAXONOMY REQUIREMENT	GREEN PROJECTS OWN PERFORMANCE AND SELECTION PROCESSES	ISS ESG ANALYSIS AGAINST REQUIREMENTS
1. CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION – TECHNICAL SCREENING CRITERIA		
No threshold applies	N/A	-
2. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION – DO NO SIGNIFICANT HARM CRITERIA		
Reducing material physical climate risks	Meyer Burger performs a sustainability risk assessment on an annual basis and measures its environmental footprint. On top of this, the Issuer is aligned with European standards, requiring extensive Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs).	✓
Supporting system adaptation	The due diligence process ensures the compliance of the project with international, national and sectorial adaption efforts and takes into consideration possible adverse effects and impact to mitigate such outcomes.	✓
3. WATER – DO NO SIGNIFICANT HARM CRITERIA		
Managing water quality risks	Water requirements are fulfilled. The solar cell production generally does not lead to any wastewater that would require specific recycling. Accordingly, water stress is not expected from the current course of business. Nevertheless, Meyer Burger monitors its water consumption and pays attention to resourceful use throughout all areas of operation.	✓
4. CIRCULAR ECONOMY – DO NO SIGNIFICANT HARM CRITERIA		
Transition to a circular economy	As part of the due diligence process, it is verified whether the equipment meets the necessary contractual and regulatory	✓

	requirements based on national and European legislation. Requirements include relevant information on the dismantling, refurbishment and recycling of the equipment.	
5. POLLUTION – DO NO SIGNIFICANT HARM CRITERIA		
Not applicable		-
6. ECOSYSTEMS – DO NO SIGNIFICANT HARM CRITERIA		
Environmental Impact Assessment or Strategic Environmental Assessment has been conducted and required mitigation measures implemented.	All activities funded by the Green Bond take place in Germany. Accordingly, Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment is applicable. For the planned activities, a general EIA is under preparation and will be finalized in the short-term. This will be updated for the specific planned steps to specifically take measures to protect the environment and ease the environmental footprint. Meyer Burger does not operate in biodiversity-sensitive areas.	✓
CONTROVERSY ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION ACTION PLAN		
Meyer Burger has mitigation action plans in place in case of potential controversies that can ultimately lead to the removal of the assets from the Green project pool.		

Minimum Social Safeguards

ISS ESG assessed the alignment of the due diligence and selection processes in place with the EU Taxonomy Minimum Social Safeguards. The results of this assessment are applicable for every green project category financed under this framework and are displayed below:

EU TAXONOMY REQUIREMENT	GREEN PROJECTS OWN PERFORMANCE AND SELECTION PROCESSES	ISS ESG ANALYSIS AGAINST REQUIREMENTS
OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises	Meyer Burger aligns with the OECD Guidelines on MNEs to positively contribute to economic, environmental and social progress worldwide and fully commits to this alignment.	✓
UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights	Meyer Burger aligns with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to positively contribute to economic, environmental and social progress worldwide and fully commits to this alignment.	✓
ILO Core Labor Conventions	Meyer Burger aligns with the ILO Core Labour Conventions to positively contribute to economic, environmental and social progress worldwide and fully commits to this alignment.	✓

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2. ISS ESG uses a scientifically based rating concept to analyse and evaluate the environmental and social performance of companies and countries. In doing so, we adhere to the highest quality standards which are customary in responsibility research worldwide. In addition, we create a Second Party Opinion (SPO) on bonds based on data from the issuer.
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ANNEX 1: Methodology

Assessment of the contribution and association to the SDG

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were endorsed in September 2015 by the United Nations and provide a benchmark for key opportunities and challenges toward a more sustainable future. Using a proprietary method, ISS ESG identifies the extent to which Meyer Burger's Green Bond contributes to related SDGs.

ANNEX 2: Quality management processes

SCOPE

Meyer Burger commissioned ISS ESG to compile a Green Financing Framework SPO. The Second Party Opinion process includes verifying whether the Green Financing Framework aligns with the ICMA Green Bond Principles and LMA Green Loan Principles. Moreover, the assessment included whether a green project category align with the EU Taxonomy and associated technical annex, on a best effort basis.

CRITERIA

Relevant Standards for this Second Party Opinion

- ICMA GBPs
- LMA GLPs
- EU Taxonomy and associated technical annex.

ISSUER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Meyer Burger's responsibility was to provide information and documentation on:

- Framework
- Selection processes
- Documentation of ESG risks management at the asset level against the EU taxonomy

ISS ESG'S VERIFICATION PROCESS

ISS ESG is one of the world's leading independent environmental, social and governance (ESG) research, analysis and rating houses. The company has been actively involved in the sustainable capital markets for over 25 years. Since 2014, ISS ESG has built up a reputation as a highly-reputed thought leader in the green and social bond market and has become one of the first CBI approved verifiers.

ISS ESG has conducted this independent Second Party Opinion of the Green Financing Framework to be issued by Meyer Burger based on ISS ESG methodology and in line with the ICMA GBPs and LMA GLPs.

The engagement with Meyer Burger took place in April 2021.

ISS ESG'S BUSINESS PRACTICES

ISS has conducted this verification in strict compliance with the ISS Code of Ethics, which lays out detailed requirements in integrity, transparency, professional competence and due care, professional behaviour and objectivity for the ISS business and team members. It is designed to ensure that the verification is conducted independently and without any conflicts of interest with other parts of the ISS Group.

About ISS ESG SPO

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As part of our Sustainable (Green & Social) Bond Services, we provide support for companies and institutions issuing sustainable bonds, advise them on the selection of categories of projects to be financed and help them to define ambitious criteria.

We assess alignment with external principles (e.g. the ICMA Green / Social Bond Principles), analyse the sustainability quality of the assets and review the sustainability performance of the issuer themselves. Following these three steps, we draw up an independent SPO so that investors are as well informed as possible about the quality of the bond / loan from a sustainability perspective.

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