



SECOND PARTY OPINION (SPO)

Sustainability Quality of the Issuer and Green Finance Framework

Stenus Fastigheter i Norden AB
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VERIFICATION PARAMETERS

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Type(s) of instruments contemplated | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Green Financing Instruments |
| Relevant standards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Green Bond Principles, as administered by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) (as of June 2021 with June 2022 Appendix 1)Green Loan Principles, as administered by the Loan Market Association (LMA), Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) and Loan Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA) (as of February 2023)Stenus Fastigheter i Norden Green Finance Framework (as of September 11, 2023) |
| Scope of verification | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stenus Fastigheter i Norden AB Green Eligibility Criteria (as of September 11, 2023) |
| Lifecycle | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-issuance verification |
| Validity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Valid as long as the cited Framework remains unchanged |

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SCOPE OF WORK

Stenhus Fastigheter i Norden AB (“the Company”, or “Stenhus”) commissioned ISS Corporate Solutions (ICS) to assist with its Green Financing Instruments by assessing three core elements to determine the sustainability quality of the instruments:

1. Stenhus’ Green Finance Framework (as of September 11, 2023) – benchmarked against the International Capital Market Association’s (ICMA) Green Bond Principles (GBP) and the Loan Market Association’s (LMA), Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) and Loan Syndications and Trading Association (LSTA) Green Loan Principles (GLP).
2. The Eligibility Criteria – whether the project categories contribute positively to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and how they perform against proprietary issuance-specific key performance indicators (KPIs) (See Annex 1).
3. Linking the transaction(s) to Stenhus’ overall Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) profile – drawing on the issuance-specific Use of Proceeds (UoP) categories.

STENHUS BUSINESS OVERVIEW

Stenhus Fastigheter i Norden AB operates as a real estate company. It is classified in the Real Estate industry, as per ISS ESG’s sector classification.

Stenhus Fastigheter i Norden AB owns and manages public and commercial properties. As of December 2022, the Company had a rentable area of 964,297 square meters.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

| SPO SECTION | SUMMARY | EVALUATION ¹ |
|---|---|---|
| Part 1: Alignment with GBP/GLP | The Issuer has defined a formal concept for its Green Financing Instruments regarding use of proceeds, processes for project evaluation and selection, management of proceeds and reporting. This concept is in line with the Green Bond Principles and Green Loan Principles. | Aligned |
| Part 2: Sustainability quality of the Eligibility Criteria | <p>The Green Financing Instruments will (re)finance eligible asset categories which include:</p> <p>Green categories: Green Buildings, Energy Efficiency.</p> <p>Product and service-related use of proceeds categories² individually contribute to one or more of the following SDGs:</p>  <p>Process-related use of proceeds categories³ individually improve (i) the Issuer's/Borrower's operational impacts and (ii) mitigate potential negative externalities of the Issuer's/Borrower's sector on one or more of the following SDGs:</p>  <p>The environmental and social risks associated with those use of proceeds categories are managed.</p> | Positive |
| Part 3: Linking the transaction(s) to Stenhus' ESG profile | The key sustainability objectives and the rationale for issuing Green Bonds are clearly described by the Issuer. The project categories financed are in line with the sustainability objectives of the Issuer. | Consistent with Issuer's sustainability strategy |

¹ The evaluation is based on the Stenhus' Green Finance Framework (September 11 2023 version), on the analysed Eligibility Criteria as received on September 11, 2023, and on the Indicative Corporate Rating applicable at the SPO delivery date.

² Green Buildings

³ Energy Efficiency

SPO ASSESSMENT

PART I: ALIGNMENT WITH GREEN BOND PRINCIPLES AND GREEN LOAN PRINCIPLES

This section evaluates the alignment of the Stenhus' Green Finance Framework (as of September 11, 2023) with the Green Bond Principles (GBP) and Green Loan Principles (GLP).

| GREEN BOND PRINCIPLES AND GREEN LOAN PRINCIPLES | ALIGNMENT | OPINION |
|---|-----------|---|
| 1. Use of Proceeds | ✓ | <p>The Use of Proceeds description provided by Stenhus' Green Finance Framework is aligned with the GBP and GLP.</p> <p>The Issuer's green categories align with the project categories as proposed by the GBP and GLP. Criteria are defined in a clear and transparent manner and a qualitative description of the expected environmental benefits of the project category is provided. Moreover, the issuer commits to disclose the planned allocation of proceeds by project category at pre-issuance for each Green Financing Instrument.</p> <p>The issuer defines exclusion criteria for harmful projects categories and defines a look-back period – for operational expenses - of three years, in line with best market practices.</p> |
| 2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection | ✓ | <p>The Process for Project Evaluation and Selection description provided by Stenhus' Green Finance Framework is aligned with the GBP and GLP.</p> <p>The project selection process is defined and structured in a congruous manner. ESG risks associated with the project categories are identified and managed through an appropriate process. Moreover, the projects selected show alignment with the sustainability strategy of the Issuer.</p> <p>Moreover, the issuer identifies alignment of its Green Bond Framework and its green projects with official or market-wide taxonomies and any green standards or certifications used, in line with best market practices.</p> |
| 3. Management of Proceeds | ✓ | <p>The Management of Proceeds provided by Stenhus' Green Finance Framework is aligned with the GBP and GLP.</p> |

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|----------------------------|----------|---|
| | | <p>The net proceeds collected will be equal to the amount allocated to eligible projects, with no exceptions. The net proceeds are tracked in an appropriate manner and attested in a formal internal process. The net proceeds are managed on an aggregated basis for multiple Green Bonds (portfolio approach). Moreover, the Issuer discloses the temporary investment instruments for unallocated proceeds.</p> <p>The issuer has defined an allocation period of 12 months, in line with best market practices.</p> |
| <p>4. Reporting</p> | <p>✓</p> | <p>The allocation and impact reporting provided by Stenhus' Green Finance Framework is aligned with the GBP and GLP.</p> <p>The Issuer commits to disclose the allocation of proceeds transparently and to report in an appropriate frequency. The reporting will be publicly available on the Issuer's website. Stenhus explains that the level of expected reporting will be at portfolio level and the type of information that will be reported. Moreover, the Issuer commits to report annually, until the proceeds have been fully allocated.</p> <p>The Issuer is transparent on the level of impact reporting and the information reported and further defines the duration, scope, and frequency of the impact reporting, in line with best market practices.</p> |

PART II: SUSTAINABILITY QUALITY OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A. CONTRIBUTION OF THE GREEN FINANCING INSTRUMENTS TO THE UN SDGs⁴

Companies can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by providing specific services/products which help address global sustainability challenges, and by being responsible corporate actors, working to minimize negative externalities in their operations along the entire value chain. The aim of this section is to assess the SDG impact of the UoP categories financed by the Issuer in two different ways, depending on whether the proceeds are used to (re)finance:

- specific products/services,
- improvements of operational performance.

1. Products and services

The assessment of UoP categories for (re)financing products and services is based on a variety of internal and external sources, such as the ISS ESG SDG Solutions Assessment (SDGA), a proprietary methodology designed to assess the impact of an Issuer's products or services on the UN SDGs, as well as other ESG benchmarks (the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Acts, the ICMA Green and/or Social Bond Principles and other regional taxonomies, standards and sustainability criteria).

The assessment of UoP categories for (re)financing specific products and services is displayed on a 3-point scale (see Annex 1 for methodology):



Each of the Green Financing Instruments' Use of Proceeds categories has been assessed for its contribution to, or obstruction of, the SDGs:

| USE OF PROCEEDS (PRODUCTS/SERVICES) | CONTRIBUTION OR OBSTRUCTION | SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| <p>Green Buildings</p> <p><i>New buildings constructed after December 31, 2020, and existing buildings constructed before December 31, 2020 that have or will have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Primary Energy Demand (PED) at least 10% lower than the threshold set for Nearly Zero-Energy Building (NZEB) according to national building regulations or</i> ▪ <i>EPC A or B⁵ within the top 15% of the national building stock in terms of PED.</i> | Contribution |  |

⁴ The impact of the UoP categories on UN Social Development Goals is assessed with proprietary methodology and may therefore differ from the Issuer's description in the framework.

⁵ Stenhus uses Fastighetsägarna's report by CIT Energy Management to assess that EPC B is within the top 15% of the buildings stock in Sweden. https://www.fastighetsagarna.se/globalassets/bilder/nyheter/sverige/topp-15-och-30-sverige-_221214.pdf?bustCache=1671217429654

Green Buildings

Buildings that have or will receive⁶:

- *Miljöbyggnad/Miljöbyggnad iDrift Silver*
- *BREEAM/ BREEAM In-Use Very Good*
- *LEED Gold*

Contribution

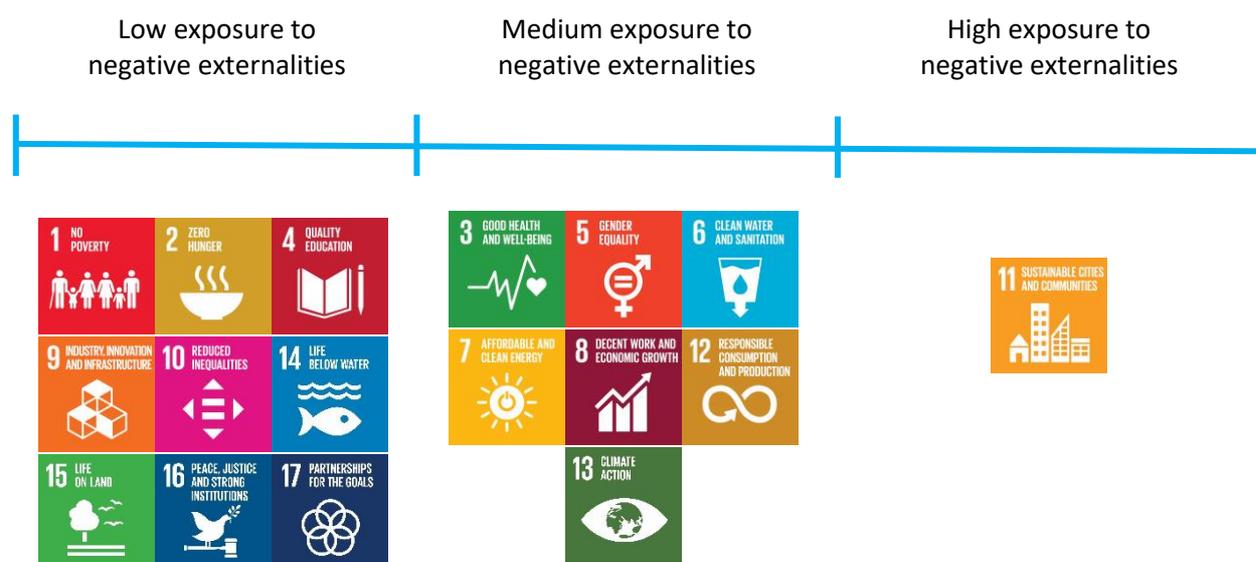


⁶ If no certification is received for a project, the project will not be eligible anymore and thus Stenhus will remove it from the green pool of eligible assets.

2. Improvements of operational performance (processes)

The below assessment aims at qualifying the direction of change (or “operational impact improvement”) resulting from the operational performance projects (re)financed by the UoP categories, as well as related UN SDGs impacted. The assessment displays how the UoP categories are mitigating the exposure to the negative externalities relevant to the business model and the sector of the Issuer.

According to ISS ESG SDG Impact Rating methodology, potential impacts on the SDGs related to negative operational externalities⁷ in the Real Estate (to which Stenhus belongs) are the following:



The table below aims at displaying the direction of change resulting from the operational performance improvement projects. The outcome displayed does not correspond to an absolute or net assessment of the operational performance.

| USE OF PROCEEDS (PROCESSES) | OPERATIONAL IMPACT IMPROVEMENT ⁸ | SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS |
|--|---|---|
| <p>Green Buildings</p> <p><i>Major renovations and re-constructions leading to savings of at least 30% of Primary Energy Demand (PED)⁹</i></p> | ✓ |   |
| <p>Energy Efficiency</p> <p><i>Expenditures related to the installation of onsite solar panels, converting to LED lighting, heat pumps¹⁰, improvements in ventilation systems, extension of district heating and cooling systems</i></p> | ✓ |   |

⁷ Please, note that the impact of the Issuer’s products and services resulting from operations and processes is displayed in section 3 of the SPO.

⁸ Limited information is available on the scale of the improvement as no threshold is provided. Only the direction of change is displayed.

⁹ The Issuer states that the energy saving will be validated through an EPC and an energy audit will be conducted by an independent expert.

¹⁰ Powered by renewable energy.

¹¹, installation of infrastructure for electric cars
(electric charging points).

¹¹ Powered by renewable energy.

B. MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Green Buildings

The table below evaluates the Eligibility Criteria against issuance-specific KPIs. All of the assets will be located in Sweden.

ASSESSMENT AGAINST KPIs

All Categories

Labor, Health, and Safety

- ✓ The assets are located in Sweden, where high labor, health and safety standards are in place (i.e., International Labor Organization (ILO) core conventions).

Labor, Health, and Safety in the supply chain

- ✓ Stenhus has measures in place ensuring that assets financed under this framework meet high labor and health & safety standards in the supply chain. The issuer has a Code of Conduct in place, that require suppliers and subcontractors to comply with national laws and regulation as well as collective agreements.¹² Moreover, Stenhus' states that its suppliers are solely based in Sweden, where high labor, health and safety standards are in place.

Green Buildings

User Safety

- ✓ The issuer activities are taking place in the European Union (EU), which ensures safety and security in the buildings. Stenhus complies with Swedish Work Environment Authority's and Boverket's regulations (2:3, 2:5, 7),¹³ concerning safety, fire safety, hygiene, and protection against noise.

Water use minimization in buildings

- ✓ The issuer has measures in place systematically ensuring that the assets financed under this framework provide for water consumption reduction measures. Buildings are designed to ensure high water quality and comply with public health requirements in compliance with Boverket's mandatory provisions and general recommendations 6:6. (i.e., water metering, high-efficiency fixtures and fittings, rainwater harvesting, and water drainage)¹⁴. Stenhus attributes water consumption issues to its tenants' responsibility. Yet the Company has Green Appendix water initiative in place, which

¹² Stenhus' Code of Conduct, <https://www.stenhusfastigheter.se/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Stenhus-uppforandekod-leverantorer.pdf>

¹³ Boverket regulation, https://www.boverket.se/contentassets/a9a584aa0e564c8998d079d752f6b76d/konsoliderad_bbr_2011-6.pdf

¹⁴ Boverket's mandatory provisions and general recommendations 6:6, https://www.boverket.se/contentassets/a9a584aa0e564c8998d079d752f6b76d/konsoliderad_bbr_2011-6.pdf

allows the tenants and Stenhus to cooperate to improve water usage. The Company further tracks the tenants' consumption and water use improvement annually.

Furthermore, the Company has a target to certify existing and new constructions in line with BREEAM and LEED which will take water consumption minimization into account.

Site location

- The Issuer has no policies in place systematically ensuring, that assets financed under this Framework are located within a maximum of 1km from one or more modalities of public transport. However, the issuer confirmed that the majority have bus stops located close (within 1km) to the buildings financed.

Construction Standards

- Currently, Stenhus does not have any policies in place systematically ensuring that assets financed under this framework provide for sustainable procurement regarding building materials (e.g., recycled materials).

Conservation and Biodiversity Management

- ✓ The issuer has policies in place to ensure the potential impact on biodiversity is mitigated. According to Plan -och bygglagen (Planning and construction law), this is regulated by regional plans depending on location. The potential impact on biodiversity has been mitigated and reduced as it aligns with the European Union standard in terms of performing Environmental Impact Assessments Moreover, Stenhus complies with the Swedish Environmental Code (Sw. Miljöbalken), which regulates biodiversity issues and land conservation. The chapter 7 of the Swedish Environmental Code has defined different types of protected areas due to their recognized natural, ecological and cultural values (i.e., Natura 2000 areas; Nature reserve; National parks; Biotope protection areas in the marine environment; Natural memory; Beach protection areas; Animal and plant protection areas etc.).¹⁵

Solar Panels and Energy Efficient Measures

Environmental aspects of construction (or production) and operation

- ✓ Stenhus has policies and measures to ensure that assets are to be recycled at the end of their lives. The Company complies with Swedish Waste Ordinance (2020/614)¹⁶(Sw. Avfallsförordningen) regarding waste, which ensures that the materials used for solar panels and energy-efficiency measures are recycled at the end of their lives. Moreover, Stenhus is committed to following the real estate sector's Code of Conduct

¹⁵ Area Protection, Environmental Code (1998:808) ch.7, Boverket, <https://www.boverket.se/sv/PBL-kunskapsbanken/planering/oversiktsplan/allmanna-intressen/hav/naturvarden/omrade/>

¹⁶ Swedish Waste Ordinance (2020/614), [Waste Ordinance \(2020:614\) Swedish Code of Statutes 2020:2020:614 up to and including SFS 2023:139 - Parliament \(riksdagen.se\)](https://www.riksdagen.se/sv/PBL-kunskapsbanken/planering/oversiktsplan/allmanna-intressen/hav/naturvarden/omrade/)

for suppliers developed by the Swedish Property Federation (Sw. Fastighetsägarna)¹⁷ in 2018. The code of conduct includes a requirement for the suppliers to implement a system to ensure that waste is disposed of in a proper manner, reused and recycled.

Energy Efficient Measures

Environmental aspects of construction (or production) and operation

- The issuer does not have policies in place systematically ensuring its suppliers have an environmental management system in place. Nonetheless, Stenhus mentions in its Code of Conduct, that suppliers need to comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.¹⁸

EV charging stations and networks

Environmental aspects of construction (or production) and operation

- Stenhus does not have any policies in place ensuring the components of the EV charging stations go through life-cycle assessment.

¹⁷ Real Estate Code of Conduct for suppliers developed by the Swedish Property Federation, https://www.fastighetsagarna.se/globalassets/broschyror-och-faktablad/riktlinjer/fastighetsbranschens-uppforandekod-for-leverantorer_code-of-conduct.pdf?bustCache=1643025481375

¹⁸ Stenhus' Code of Conduct, section 4, <https://www.stenhusfastigheter.se/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Stenhus-uppforandekod-leverantorer.pdf>

PART III: LINKING THE TRANSACTION(S) TO STENHUS' ESG PROFILE

A. CONSISTENCY OF GREEN FINANCING INSTRUMENTS WITH STENHUS' SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

Stenus' sustainability strategy is included in its business model, with initiatives like energy saving in its properties and installation of renewable energy. There is no information available on the issuer/borrower's climate transition Strategy.

There is no information available on the Issuer's financial budget to achieve the specific ESG targets. Stenus is working on defining its ESG targets, and its working towards achieving its goals with actions like replacing the oil boilers with renewable energy sourced boilers, using geothermal heating, and certifying its buildings.

Stenus discloses its targets publicly in its annual report. The information shared includes reporting scope 1 and 2 emissions of carbon dioxide. The Issuer's goals include having 0% fossil fuel heating in 2023 and using renewable energy when possible (Stenus has signed an agreement in 2022 to have 100% renewable electricity).

The sustainability committee is responsible for monitoring and reporting the sustainability work. Additionally, the Green Finance Committee (GFC), consisting of the CEO, Deputy CEO, CFO, and Treasury Controller is responsible for the evaluation and selection of eligible projects to be financed under the Green Finance Framework. The GFC approves the Green Finance Report, ensures that the projects comply with laws and regulations, and identifies environmental and social risks.

Stenus has followed international reporting initiatives and standards and reports in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) since 2022.

The issuer has never issued any GSSB/L before.

Rationale for issuance

The Issuer is financing green buildings and energy efficiency measures as it is aware of the environmental impact of the Real Estate sector.

Opinion: *The key sustainability objectives and the rationale for issuing Green Bonds and Loans are clearly described by the Issuer. The project categories financed are in line with the sustainability objectives of the Issuer.*

B. STENHUS' BUSINESS EXPOSURE TO ESG RISKS

This section aims to provide an overall level of information on the ESG risks to which the Issuer is exposed through its business activities, providing additional context to the issuance assessed in the present report.

ESG risks associated with the Issuer's industry

The Issuer is classified in the Real State industry, as per ISS ESG's sector classification. Key challenges faced by companies in terms of sustainability management in this industry are displayed in the table below. Please note, that this is not a company specific assessment but areas that are of particular relevance for companies within that industry. The issuer is classified under Real Estate industry, as per ISS ESG's sector classification.

| ESG KEY ISSUES IN THE INDUSTRY |
|--|
| Climate protection, energy efficiency and renewables |
| Environmental and social aspects in site selection |
| Green building considerations |
| Health and well-being of occupants |
| Occupational health and safety |

ESG strengths and points of attention related to the Issuer's disclosures

Leveraging ISS ESG's Research, the following strengths and points of attention¹⁹ have been identified:

| STRENGTHS | POINTS OF ATTENTION |
|--|---|
| The Company has procedure such as supplier risk assessment in place, that ensure compliance with supplier standards. | <p>The Company operates in Sweden, which has high legal standards, thus limiting the risk of its employee's health and safety. However, the Company has not implemented a health and safety system of its own. Additionally, it remains unclear if the Company has a strategy or implements measures for the mental health of its employees. Moreover, there is limited information on supplier standard with respect to labor rights and working conditions.</p> <p>Information on integrating contractors into a health and safety management system is missing. Further, there are no disclosures on</p> |

¹⁹ Please note that Stenhus Fastigheter I Norden AB is not part of the ISS ESG Corporate Rating Universe. Thus, the information is based on a disclosure review conducted by the analyst in charge of the Real State sector, based on publicly available information exclusively. No direct communication between the Issuer and the analyst has taken place during the process. The below is not based on an ISS ESG Corporate Rating but considers ISS ESG Research's methodology.

| | |
|---|---|
| | accident rate and fatalities amongst its employees and suppliers. |
| The Company acknowledges climate change and addresses its own responsibility in this context. It has implemented some elements of an energy management system such as action plans, targets and objectives, and data compilation. | The Company has disclosed limited information about its greenhouse gas emission inventories. It has property heating data; however, it accounts for only a small proportion of the overall operational business. It has also implemented some measures regarding energy efficient heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC), building envelope and lighting; however, the Company's energy efficiency strategy and measures on further elements such as building automation systems, and appliances and equipment is missing. Further, there is no indication of disclosure on climate change risks and mitigation, GHG and energy intensity, and energy reduction targets. |
| | The Company has implemented some measures to reduce tenant and customer exposure to chemical factors; however, details on physical and biological factors are missing. Further, there is no information on a strategy to improve the well-being and safety and security of tenants. |
| | There is no evidence of measures for promotion of green vehicles and alternative forms of transportation such as cycling networks and walkable communities for tenants and customers. Additionally, there is no indication if the Company has adopted a measure or a strategy to reduce the negative effect of construction, refurbishments, and closure activities on the neighborhood. Further, the Company has not provided a commitment towards responsible site selection and biodiversity management. |
| | There is no disclosure on green procurement of building materials, measures to minimize construction and demolition waste reduction, and water use minimization of buildings |

Please note that the consistency between the issuance subject to this report and the Issuer's sustainability strategy is further detailed in Part III.A of the report.

Sustainability impact of products and services portfolio

Leveraging ISS ESG's Sustainability Solutions Assessment methodology, the contribution of the Issuer's current products and services portfolio to the Sustainable Development Goals defined by the United

Nations (UN SDGs) has been assessed as per the table below. This analysis is limited to the evaluation of final product characteristics and does not include practices along the Issuer’s production process.

Social Impact of Product Portfolio:

Stenhus is a real estate company that owns and manages buildings in Sweden. The Company’s property portfolio comprises assisted living-related facilities and educational facilities, that positively contribute to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal of providing basic services and delivering education. However, limited details are available to estimate the contribution to social SDGs. Therefore, the social impact of its product portfolio is considered neutral.

Environmental Impact of Product Portfolio:

| PRODUCT/SERVICES PORTFOLIO | ASSOCIATED PERCENTAGE OF FLOOR AREA ²⁰ | DIRECTION OF IMPACT | UN SDGS |
|--|---|---------------------|---|
| Buildings certified to a comprehensive sustainable building standard | 1.09% | Contribution |  |

Breaches of international norms and ESG controversies

At Issuer level

At the date of publication and leveraging ISS ESG Research, no controversy in which the Issuer would be involved has been identified.

At industry level

Based on a review of controversies over a 2-year period, the top three issues that have been reported against companies within the Real Estate industry are as follows: Accounting/ disclosure standards, Failure to respect the right to just and favorable conditions of work, and Strike action.

Please note that this is not a company specific assessment but areas that can be of particular relevance for companies within that industry.

²⁰ Percentages presented in this table are not cumulative.

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The ISS ESG SPO provides an assessment of labelled transactions against international standards using ISS ESG proprietary methodology. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.issgovernance.com/file/publications/SPO-Use-of-Proceeds-Bonds-and-Loans.pdf>

ANNEX 2: Quality Management Processes

SCOPE

Stenhus commissioned ICS to compile a Green Financing Instruments SPO. The Second Party Opinion process includes verifying whether the Green Finance Framework aligns with the Green Bond Principles and Green Loan Principles and to assess the sustainability credentials of its Green Financing Instruments, as well as the Issuer's sustainability strategy.

CRITERIA

Relevant Standards for this Second Party Opinion:

- ICMA Green Bond Principles (as of June 2021 with June 2022 Appendix 1)
- LMA Green Loan Principles (as of February 2023)

ISSUER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Stenhus' responsibility was to provide information and documentation on:

- Framework
- Eligibility criteria
- Documentation of ESG risks management at framework level

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.

This independent Second Party Opinion of the Green Financing Instruments to be issued by Stenhus has been conducted based on a proprietary methodology and in line with the ICMA Green Bond Principles and LMA Green Loan Principles.

The engagement with Stenhus took place from August to September 2023.

ISS' 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 behavior 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 this SPO

ISS ESG is one of the world's leading rating agencies in the field of sustainable investment. The agency analyses companies and countries regarding their environmental and social performance.

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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