

IFC picks up \$103m L&T green bonds

New Delhi: World Bank's private sector financing arm IFC has subscribed to green bonds worth \$103 million floated by L&T Infrastructure Finance Company, indicating the multilateral lending agency's commitment to supporting renewable energy projects in India.

The bond issue is the first such paper accorded green tag by markets watchdog Sebi since it came out with norms for this category in May.

L&T Infrastructure Finance, a wholly-owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings, will use the proceeds to fund solar power projects. The company has been increasing its focus on renewable energy, which now makes up 37% of its total portfolio of \$3.5 billion, or Rs 22,774 crore. IFC had earlier invested \$50 million in Yes Bank and \$75 million in PNB Housing Finance through instruments that would now qualify as Green Bonds but were floated before the SEBI norms were announced.

IFC's contribution to India's renewable energy sector accounts for 15% of the incremental capacity since 2010. **TNN**

IFC subscribes to first official green bond

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International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector financing arm of the World Bank Group, has invested ₹667 crore (\$103 million) in L&T Infrastructure Finance Company by subscribing to the country's first official green bonds. This is in line with IFC's strategy to support renewable energy infrastructure in the country and also to develop the capital markets.

L&T Infrastructure Finance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings, will use the fund to give loans to solar power projects. It has been increasing its focus on renewable energy, which has come to comprise 37 per cent of its total portfolio of ₹22,774 crore (nearly \$3.51 billion).

The issue by L&T Infrastructure Finance to IFC qualifies as the first green bond approved by Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), and may catalyse other similar programmes.

On May 30, Sebi had come out with norms governing green bonds. It said only those bonds would qualify as green whose proceeds are used for projects or assets of renewable energy, clean transport, sustainable water or land management, climate change adaptation and energy efficiency such as green buildings or biodiversity conservation.

IFC had earlier invested \$50 million in Yes Bank and \$75 million in PNB Housing Finance through instruments that would qualify as green bonds but were floated before the Sebi circular.

IFC has said India needs \$2.5 trillion to meet its climate change mitigation targets by 2030. IFC was one of the earliest issuers of green bonds, launching a green bond programme in 2010. It helps private sector address development challenges through investments, innovative financing, and advisory.

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L&T Infra Fin raises ₹667 cr from IFC via green bonds

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This investment of Rs 667 crore in line with IFC's strategy to support renewable energy infrastructure in the country and also develop the capital markets, the company said.

L&T Infrastructure Finance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings, will use this money to give loans to solar power projects, it said.

On May 30 this year, the Securities and Exchange Board of India issued norms governing green bonds.

“This green bond subscription will serve as a catalyst for corporates to issue green bonds and provide the impetus for financiers to stay invested for a longer-term,” country head for IFC in India, Jun Zhang, said.

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IFC, A MEMBER of the World Bank Group, on Thursday said it has invested ₹667 crore in L&T Infrastructure Finance Company by subscribing to the first official green bonds in India.

This investment of ₹667 crore is in line with IFC's strategy to support renewable energy infrastructure in the country and also develop the capital markets, the company said in a statement.

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IFC subscribes to L&T Finance green bonds for solar projects

MUMBAI: The World Bank's private financing arm IFC has invested Rs 667 crore (\$103 million) in L&T Infrastructure Finance Co by subscribing to the first official Green Bonds in India, a joint statement by both parties said on Thursday. "This is in line with the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) strategy to support renewable energy infrastructure in the country and also develop the capital markets," the statement said. The L&T Finance Holdings subsidiary L&T Infrastructure Finance "will use this money to give loans to solar power projects". "The issue by L&T Infrastructure Finance to IFC qualifies as the first Green Bond approved by Sebi (Securities and Exchange Board of India)." In collaboration with the Tata Group, IFC has created the first private sector "green" investment bank in India -- Tata Cleantech Capital Limited -- and given \$170 million in wholesale investments to financial intermediaries that support the climate change programme in the country, the statement said.

IFC invests ₹667 crore in L&T subsidiary's green bonds

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Mumbai, July 6

International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group, has invested ₹667 crore in green bonds sold by L&T Infrastructure Finance, it said in a statement. These are India's first official green bonds.

L&T Infrastructure Finance is a wholly-owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings, the financial services arm of engineering and infrastructure conglomerate L&T. It will use the funds to provide loans to solar power projects, the statement added. Renewable projects currently account for 37 per cent of the company's total portfolio of ₹22,774 crore.

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The transaction announced by IFC is the first investment in green bonds in India, norms for which had been put in place by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on May 30.

SEBI ruled that those bonds whose proceeds are used for projects or assets involving renewable energy, clean transport, sustainable water/land

management, climate change adaptation, and energy efficiency would qualify as 'green'.

IFC had earlier invested \$50 million in YES Bank and \$75 million in PNB Housing Finance through instruments that would qualify as green bonds but were floated before SEBI's circular of May 30.

The agency's contribution to India's renewable energy sector accounts for 15 per cent of the incremental capacity.

Lending to L&T Infrastructure Finance Company by subscribing to green bonds is in line with IFC's strategy to support renewable energy infrastructure in India and developing capital markets.

IFC invests \$103 million in L&T arm's green bonds

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The funds will be used by L&T Infrastructure Finance to provide loans to solar power projects. Renewable energy comprises 37% of the company's total loan portfolio of Rs22,774 crore (\$3.51 billion).

"This partnership with IFC will further diversify our funding profile and demonstrate the strength of our project appraisal and risk assessment capabilities for renewable energy lending," said Virender Pankaj, chief executive, L&T Infrastructure Finance.

In the last five years, IFC has invested about \$1.2 billion in

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climate-friendly projects through direct investments in India.

This includes its investments in green debt instruments of \$50 million issued by Yes Bank Ltd and \$75 million in PNB Housing Finance.

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Cleantech Capital Ltd, an infra finance company, in India. Tata Cleantech Capital Ltd has given \$170 million in wholesale investments to financial intermediaries that supports the climate change program in the country.

"L&T Infrastructure Finance is a leading financier to the renewable sector and this green bond subscription will serve as a catalyst for corporates to issue green bonds and provide the impetus for financiers to stay invested for a longer-term, which is essential for long-gestation and capital intensive infrastructure projects," said Jun Zhang, India head for IFC.

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He also said India needs \$2.5 trillion to meet its climate change mitigation targets by 2030 and the issue by L&T Infrastructure Finance to IFC qualifies as the first green bond approved by SEBI, and may catalyse

other similar programs.

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L&T Infrastructure Finance has been increasing its focus on renewable energy, which has come to comprise 37 percent of its total portfolio of Rs 22,774 crore, the release said.—PTI