

# **Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Regulation and Development of the Financial Market**

## **JSC "Kazakhstan Stock Exchange"**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**On holding an online conference together with KASE and international financial organizations on the possibilities of attracting "green" financing by Kazakhstani issuers**

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Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Regulation and Development of the Financial Market (hereinafter – the Agency) and JSC "Kazakhstan Stock Exchange" (hereinafter – KASE) inform about the meeting of international financial organizations with Kazakhstani issuers held on May 20, 2022 on KASE market on attracting financing for issues of "green" and other sustainable development bonds.

The event was attended by representatives of such international financial organizations as the United Nations, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, International Finance Corporation and the Asian Development Bank, whose priority is investment in sustainable projects.

Representatives of international organizations informed about their initiatives in the field of sustainable financing development, as well as the possibilities of their participation as investors in projects of Kazakhstani issuers.

Pavel Afanasyev, Director of the Agency's Securities Market Department, informed the audience that since 2021 Kazakhstan has formed the necessary legal environment for the issuance of sustainable financing instruments: "green", social bonds, sustainable development bonds. The rules of state registration of "green", social bonds, sustainable development bonds and bonds related to sustainable development have been adopted.

The state provides an opportunity to receive financial assistance through the instruments of guaranteeing and subsidizing coupon interest (up to 7%) on "green" bonds listed on KASE and (or) the Astana International Financial Center Exchange.

"The issues of transition to the principles of sustainable development have become of high importance worldwide. In order to preserve the investment attractiveness of Kazakhstani issuers, it is required to implement the principles of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) in their business models. This will contribute not only to long-term sustainable business development, but also to decarbonizing the domestic economy and achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement," Pavel Afanasyev said.

"KASE is working on the development of the green and sustainable financing market on an ongoing basis. The Exchange has an infrastructure for issuing and placing "green", social and other sustainable bonds. In particular, the conditions for listing such bonds have been defined, benefits have been provided, work has been carried out with international rating and audit companies that provide an independent assessment (verification) of "green" and other ESG bonds for compliance with international standards with preferential verification for issuers," said Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC Ermek Mazhekenov.

Following the results of this meeting, issuers expressed interest in issuing sustainable and "green" instruments.

The Agency and KASE, in turn, express their readiness to assist Kazakhstani issuers in issuing sustainable financing instruments.

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