

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

Nexus Asset Funding Corporation

<Affirmation>

ABCP program: J-1+

Rationale

Following the affirmation of ratings for Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited ("SMTB"), JCR affirmed the "J-1+" rating on the ABCP program of Nexus Asset Funding Corporation, to which SMTB provides a 100% credit enhancement and liquidity facility.

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Rating

<Affirmation>

Instrument Name: ABCP Program

Maximum: Y300 billion

Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility: 100% Loan Commitment Agreement by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited

Rating: J-1+

Rating Assignment Date: September 19, 2017

The criteria used for identifying matters which serve as assumptions for the assessment of the credit status, and the criteria used for setting of grades indicating the results of the assessments of the credit status are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<http://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

Outline of methodology for determination of the credit rating is shown as "ABCP Programs" (June 1, 2016) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<http://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>). Rating methodologies for other ancillary points such as eligible deposit accounts and bankruptcy remoteness are also shown within the same page.

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