

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

<Asset Securitization Products> Narasaki Stax Accounts Receivable ABL 23-02

<Assignment>

ABL: J-3

Rationale

Narasaki Stax securitizes its accounts receivable from the customers. Against the default risk of debtors, the payment of a portion of the purchase price equivalent to the required subordination ratio is deferred based on the creditworthiness of debtors of the receivables subject to assignment. However, because of the commingling risk and dilution risk, the ceiling of the rating is the creditworthiness of the originator. There are no concerns about capabilities of parties to the structure to carry out their administrative duties. As discussed above, risk with respect to principal repayment and interest payment is evaluated at a level consistent with J-3 rating.

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Rating

<Assignment>

Instrument Name: ABL 23-02 Class B ABL-1 (Narasaki Stax)

ABL Execution Amount: JPY 176,721,907

Subordination Ratio: 36.67%

Final Maturity Date: June 30, 2023

Coupon Type: Fixed

Rating: J-3

Instrument Name: ABL 23-02 Class B ABL-2 (Narasaki Stax)

ABL Execution Amount: JPY 154,356,819

Subordination Ratio: 36.67%

Final Maturity Date: July 31, 2023

Coupon Type: Fixed

Rating: J-3

<Information on Outline of Issue>

ABL Execution Date: February 22, 2023

Repayment Method: Bullet Repayment

Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility:

- Senior-subordinated structure (Subordination Ratio: 36.67%)

- Three-month tail period

- Subordination Ratio: Payment Retention Price / Total Amount of Receivables

Disclosure Requirements for Securitization Transaction Ratings with respect to Basel II have been met.

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Originator: Narasaki Stax Co., Ltd.

SPC: Progress Funding Corporation

Arranger: North Pacific Bank, Ltd.

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Yen-denominated money claim (accounts receivable) generated by originator's validated domestic transaction



Rating Assignment Date: February 20, 2023

The assumptions for the credit ratings and the definitions of the rating symbols are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "Notes and Accounts Receivables" (June 2, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://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.

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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