

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

Asagao Credit Service LLC

<Assignment>

Long-term Issue Rating: Preliminary AA

JCR has assigned a preliminary rating of AA to certainty of Asagao Credit Service LLC's fulfillment of settlement obligations regarding housing loans under risk transfer agreement.

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Rating

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Instrument Name: Certainty of fulfillment of settlement obligations regarding compensation for housing loans under risk transfer agreement

Risk Transfer Agreement

Settlement Obligation Limit*: Approximately JPY 55.0 billion (scheduled)

Risk Transfer Agreement

Participation Commencement Date**: February 28, 2024 (scheduled)

Scheduled End Date of

Risk Transfer Agreement***: February 25, 2030 (scheduled)

Coupon Type: -

Redemption Method: -

Preliminary Rating: AA

*Issue Amount

**Issue Date

***Final Redemption Date

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Participant: Asagao Credit Service LLC

Arranger: Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Deposits to be made by Asagao Credit Service LLC to the financial institution where the account is opened

Rating Assignment Date: January 12, 2024

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 "Housing Loans" (August 2, 2021) 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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