

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

<Asset Securitization Products> Earls Four Limited Series 1081

<Assignment>
Notes: A-

Earls Four Limited Series 1081 is a credit-link product, to which JCR has assigned a rating of A-, as detailed hereunder.

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Rating

<Assignment>
Instrument Name: Series 1081
Issue Amount (bn): JPY 1.0
Subordination Ratio: -
Scheduled Redemption Date: April 21, 2033
Coupon Type: Fixed
Rating: A-

<Information on Outline of Issue>

Issue Date: July 7, 2022
Coupon Payment Dates: April 21 and October 21 every year
Redemption Method: Bullet Redemption
Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility: NA

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Issuer: Earls Four Finance Limited
Arranger: Deutsche Bank (London Branch)
Swap Counterparty: Deutsche Bank (London Branch)
Resident Country of Reference Entity: Undisclosed
Industry of Reference Entity: Undisclosed
Rating of Reference Entity: Undisclosed

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Bonds, CDS Agreement, Asset Swap Agreement

Rating Assignment Date: July 6, 2022

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Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "Credit-Linked Products" (December 3, 2012) 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.

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