

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

<Asset Securitization Products> Aso Shoji Bills Receivable ABL17-12

<Assignment>
ABL: J-1

Rationale

Aso Shoji securitizes its bills receivable from the customers. There are no concerns about capabilities of parties to the structure to carry out their administrative duties. Risk with respect to principal repayment has been reduced to a level consistent with J-1 rating through senior-subordinated structure and legal measures.

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Rating

<Assignment>
Instrument Name: Aso Shoji Bills Receivable ABL17-12
ABL Execution Amount: Y175,400,489
Subordination Ratio: 16.39%
Final Maturity Date: March 5, 2018
Coupon Type: Fixed
Rating: J-1

<Information on Outline of Issue>

ABL Execution Date: December 28, 2017
Repayment Method: Bullet Repayment
Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility: Senior-subordinated structure
Subordination Ratio: 16.39% (Subordination Ratio = Subordination Amount / Total Amount of Receivables, rounded to two decimal places)
Disclosure Requirements for Securitization Transaction Ratings with respect to Basel II have been met.

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Originator: Aso Shoji Co., Ltd.
ABL Borrower: Chigin Kyodo Funding Corporation
Arranger: The Nishi-Nippon City Bank, Ltd.
Collecting Bank: The Nishi-Nippon City Bank, Ltd.

<Information on Underlying Assets>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Originator's bills receivable accepted for settlement of receivables generated from valid domestic transactions.

Rating Assignment Date: December 28, 2017

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Outline of methodology for determination of the credit rating 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.



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