News Release



Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

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

<Asset Securitization Products> Clover 2021, LLC.

<Assignment>

Bonds:

Class A Bonds: AAA Class B Bonds: AA-Class C Bonds: AAA

Rationale

This is a rating on a synthetic CLO whose reference obligation is loans to SMEs offered by participating financial institutions in the Securitization Support Programs (Purchase-type Operation) of Japan Finance Corporation ("JFC").

The risks associated with the principal redemption and interest payment of the Class A and Class B Bonds under the scheme have been reduced to a level equivalent to the ratings of the respective bonds through the credit enhancement and mechanisms under the structure, and the risks associated with the principal redemption and interest payment of the Class C Bonds are considered to be converged and linked to the creditworthiness of JFC.

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Rating

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Instrument Name	Issue Amount	Subordination Ratio	Scheduled Redemption Date*	Coupon Type	Rate (per annum)	Rating
Bonds no. 1 Class A	JPY 10,000,000,000	41.2%	May 30, 2025	Fixed	0.29%	AAA
(Limited Recourse Clause, For Qualified Institutional Investors Only)						
Bonds no. 1 Class B	JPY 3,303,000,000	21.8%	May 30, 2025	Fixed	Undisclosed	AA-
(Limited Recourse Clause, No Split Clause)						
Bonds no. 1 Class C	JPY 3,100,000,000	3.5%	May 30, 2025	Fixed	0.19%	AAA
(Guaranteed, Limited Recourse Clause, For Qualified Institutional Investors Only)						

Total Issue Amount: JPY 16,403,000,000

<Information on Outline of Issue>

Issue Date: March 16, 2021

Scheduled Redemption Schedule: Redemption of principal in whole or in part on the 20th day

of March, June, September and December of every year on and after June 20, 2021 to December 2024 and on the

Scheduled Redemption Date

Redemption Method: Pass-through redemption basically every three months in

the order of Class A, B, and C

With respect to the Class C, in cases where the full amount of unpaid principal and interest cannot be paid by deposit on the Scheduled Redemption Date, the unpaid amount will be paid in a lump sum on the Scheduled Redemption Date by fulfillment of JFC's guarantee

Credit Enhancement & Liquidity Facility: Class A: Senior-subordinated Structure

< Initial Subordination Ratio: 41.2%>, Reserve Account of

part of interest payments of Class C

^{*} JCR assigned a Social Bond Evaluation "Social 1" to the bonds. For the details, please refer to JCR's press release 20-D-1346. JCR's social bond evaluation is different from its credit rating and does not promise to provide or make publicly available a predetermined credit rating.

^{*}Legal Final Maturity Date



Subordination Ratio: 1 - Class A Principal / Initial Principal

of Pool of Loans Receivables

Class B: Senior-subordinated Structure < Initial Subordination Ratio: 21.8% >

Subordination Ratio: 1 - (Class A + Class B Principal) /

Initial Principal of Pool of Loans Receivables Class C: Guarantee by JFC, Senior-subordinated Structure < Initial Subordination Ratio: 3.5%>

Subordination Ratio: 1 - (Class A + Class B + Class C Principal) / Initial Principal of Pool of Loans Receivables

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

<Information on Structure and Stakeholders>

Lender, individual CDS Buyer:

14 participating financial institutions nationwide

Individual CDS seller, 2nd CDS

Japan Finance Corporation

buyer, and Guarantor of Class C: SPC (2nd Seller):

Clover 2021, LLC.

Financial Institution holding the Deposit:

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited

Arranger:

Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd.

<Information on Underlying Assets and Reference Portfolio>

Outline of Underlying Assets: Ordinary bank accounts deposited with the Financial

Institution holding the Deposit

Rating Assignment Date: March 16 2021

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 "CLOs" (June 1, 2012) and "Synthetic CDOs" (September 24, 2019) 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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