

Lagos, Nigeria

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RE: ANNOUNCEMENT – PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF GREEN BOND

Sequel to its earlier announcement on January 18, 2019, Access Bank Plc ('the Bank') hereby notifies The Nigerian Stock Exchange that the Securities & Exchange Commission has approved the Book Build in respect of the proposed Green Bond (with climate credentials) being issued by the Bank.

The Bond is a 5-year Fixed Rate Senior Unsecured Green Bond Issuance of up to N15 Billion ("the Issue"), the first ever Climate Bonds Standard Certified Corporate Green Bond issued in Africa. The Issue has been awarded a B2 rating by Moody's; was verified by PwC (UK) and certified by the Climate Bond Initiative as having met the Climate Bond Standards.

The details of the Book Build are set out below:

Bond	5 year Fixed Rate Senior Unsecured Bond 2019-2024
Coupon Band:	14.90% to 15.10% per annum
Commencement of Book Build:	Thursday, February 21, 2019
Conclusion of Book Build	Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m
Distribution of Allocation Letters	Thursday, February 28, 2019
Funding of Commitment	Friday March 01, 2019

It will be recalled that the Bank had in June 2018 launched the Nigerian Green Bond Market Development Programme in partnership with FMDQ OTC Securities Exchange and the Securities Exchange Commission.

Speaking on this Issue, the Bank's Group Managing Director, **Mr. Herbert Wigwe** said:

"With our pace-setting experience in the mainstreaming of sustainability in our business operations, we are confident that this Issue will further help in supporting environmentally friendly investors to meet their investment objectives whilst simultaneously supporting the Bank's customer towards realizing growth opportunities in the fast-developing low carbon economy."

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The Issue proceeds will be used to finance eligible green projects that meet the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI) standards. The Issue will serve as a turning point for Nigeria, attracting both domestic and international investors and will set the pace for other Nigerian corporates to raise green capital.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD



**SUNDAY EKWOCHI
COMPANY SECRETARY**

ABOUT ACCESS BANK

Access Bank Plc is a full service commercial Bank operating through a network of 310 branches and service outlets located in major centres across Nigeria, Sub-Saharan Africa and the United Kingdom. Listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange in 1998, the Bank serves its various markets through 5 business segments: Corporate and Investment Banking, Commercial Banking, Business Banking, Personal Banking, Operations and IT Divisions.

The Bank has over 800,000 shareholders including several Nigerian and International Institutional Investors and has enjoyed what is arguably Africa's most successful banking growth trajectory in the last 17 years.

As part of its continued growth strategy, Access Bank is focused on mainstreaming sustainable business practices into its operations. The Bank strives to deliver sustainable economic growth that is profitable, environmentally responsible and socially relevant.

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