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Nordic Investment Bank  
Daiwa Securities Group Inc.

## **Issuing of NIB Environmental Bonds**

~Supporting projects that enhance the environment through investment~

The Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) (rated Moody's: Aaa / S&P: AAA) and Daiwa Securities Group announce the issuance of NIB Environmental Bonds (the "Bonds") to support projects enhancing the environment.

The Bonds will be issued by NIB, arranged by Daiwa Securities Capital Markets Co. Ltd., the wholesale securities firm under the Daiwa Securities Group, and the Bonds will be distributed by Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd., the Group's retail securities firm, to Japanese retail and institutional investors.

"Addressing environmental challenges is a concern shared among a growing number of fixed-income investors worldwide. In order to respond to this demand, NIB has introduced NIB Environmental Bonds", says Lars Eibeholm, Head of Treasury and CFO of NIB.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The proceeds of the Bonds will be used for financing selected loans to projects which are considered to enhance the environment in NIB's member countries.

NIB has established a framework that allows for funds raised through specific bond issuances to be directed to its environmental lending. Lending projects qualify as eligible under the framework if they meet with strict internal environmental sustainability criteria and are aimed at (but not limited to)

- Reducing emissions to air by promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy, public transport solutions and recycling;
- Reducing discharges to water by improving wastewater treatment and cutting down pollutant runoff from agriculture.

The net proceed of the issue will be held in a separate portfolio pending disbursement to eligible projects.

Payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be solely made on the credit standing of NIB and would not be directly linked to the performance of environmental lending.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information about NIB Environmental Bonds and loans disbursed under the above mentioned framework will be found on NIB's webpage by using the link below. The information is subject to continuous update.

[http://www.nib.int/capital\\_markets/environmental\\_bonds](http://www.nib.int/capital_markets/environmental_bonds)

NIB Environmental Bonds will provide Japanese investors with an opportunity to support environmentally sustainable projects.

Summary Terms of the NIB Environmental Bonds

Issuer	The Nordic Investment Bank (NIB)
Currency	South African Rand
Tenor	4 years
Indicative Coupon*	5.10% ±0.50% per annum
Denomination	ZAR 10,000
Offering Period	November 7, 2011 ~ November 21, 2011
Delivery of the Notes in Japan	November 25, 2011
Maturity Date	November 19, 2015

\* Actual coupon may be outside of said range.

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■ About the Nordic Investment Bank (NIB)

The Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) is the common international financial institution of the eight Nordic and Baltic countries. NIB provides long-term financing to the energy, environmental, transport, logistics and communications, and innovation sectors for projects that strengthen competitiveness and enhance the environment. NIB has the highest possible credit rating, AAA/Aaa, with the leading rating agencies Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

As an international financial institution (IFI), NIB is comparable to, for example, the World Bank, and the European Investment Bank (EIB). Typical for such institutions is that they are established by an international treaty entered into between their member countries under public international law. Like other IFIs, NIB is also governed by its constituent documents. Furthermore, IFIs are characterised by membership support, which strengthens the creditworthiness of the institution.

■ About the Daiwa Securities Group

Founded in 1902, the Daiwa Securities Group is one of the largest independent and comprehensive securities group in Japan. Through its global network, the Group provides a broad range of financial services to our clients worldwide, including wealth management and support for corporate activities, and thus contributing to the development of our society and economy. The core business areas include brokerage, development and



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distribution of financial products including equity, bond and derivatives, underwriting of equity, bond and other securities, M&A advisory, asset management, and investment. In addition, the Group entered into banking business in 2011.

The Daiwa Securities Group has its operational base around the world, including Japan, the U.S., Europe, and Asia Oceania.

A total of approximately 16,000 employees work for the Group companies worldwide, and the customer assets under custody totals around JPY43trillion and a combined asset under management of two asset management companies is about JPY14 trillion. (All figures are as of the end of June 2011)

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