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Press release

Alperia S.p.A.: first public issue “green” of Euro 500 million

A new achievement in sustainable finance for Alperia S.p.A. (“Alperia” or the “Company”): against the issue of its first public “green bond”, the Company will allocate an amount equal to Euro 500 million in financing and/or refinancing of “green” projects. In particular, the new non-convertible bond is part of the sustainable strategy aimed at decarbonising and responsible use of hydric resources.

The Company has issued 4 “green” bonds in private placement, the first in 2016, which confirm, together with the bond of today, the “green” role of the Company also in the capital markets.

The characteristics of the “green bond” of Alperia

The aggregate amount of the new “green bond” of Alperia, reserved to qualified investors, to be issued under the company’s Euro Medium-Term Notes Programme of the Company of Euro 1.5 billion, last updated on 8 June 2023, is equal to Euro 500 million, repayable bullet at maturity after 5 years. The bond provides for an annual fixed-rate coupon of 5.701%.

“The transaction met a great interest; has seen, indeed, a significant participation of international investors, most of them specialised in sustainable finance products, as demonstration of investors’ approval and trust for the Alperia Group. During the execution has been made subscription requests of approximately Euro 1 billion. To be noted that more than 10% of the new “green bond” has been subscribed by banks and local funds”, notes the General Manager Luis Amort.

An amount equal to the proceeds arising from the issue will be used to finance and/or refinance projects generating significant environmental benefits, so-called “Eligible Green Projects,” selected based on the evaluation criteria defined in the Green Financing Framework (GFF) published by the Company in May 2023. These projects, which pursue one or more of the goals in the UN’s 2030 Agenda,

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or Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), divided in the following categories: “Renewable energy”, “Energy efficiency” e “Clean transportation”.

The settlement date of the issue is expected for 5 July 2023 and the notes will be listed, as of the issue date, on the regulated market of Euronext Dublin. It is also expected that the “green bond” will be assigned a rating in line with the one assigned to Alperia, equal to BBB, by Fitch.

Partners in the transaction

The financial institutions involved in the issue of the “green bond” of the Company are Banca Akros, BNP Paribas, Crédit Agricole CIB, Intesa Sanpaolo (IMI CIB), Mediobanca and UniCredit, coordinated by the M&A – structured finance direction of Alperia led by Gianni Cencini.

The same financial institutions acted as *Green Structuring Advisors* in the context of the structuring of the Green Financing Framework.

The law firm Legance Avvocati Associati provided the Company with assistance while Gianni & Origoni assisted the joint bookrunners of the “green bond”. Ethica Group, with the Debt Advisory team, assisted the Company as financial advisor for the structuring of the bond.

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