

**Rated entity:**

Bearer Bonds with the ISIN: XS2092628275 issued by Institutional Infrastructure Holdings S.A., Compartment 30

**Rating:**

BBB-

**Rating outlook / addition:**

Outlook stable

**Basic rating data:**

Initial Issue Date	16.03.2020
Jurisdiction rated entity	German law
Exchange	---
Legal form	Luxembourg securitization company in the form of a Société anonyme (SA)
Issue volumen	EUR
Seniority	Non-subordinated
Collateralisation	Collateralized
Credit Enhancement	Intended
Legal Maturity	16.03.2045
Cupon	3.5% p.a.
Cupon period	Quarterly
Cupon type	Conditional
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**Rating rationale:**

CRA's rating assessment is driven by a cash flow analyses combined with CRA's evaluation of the asset manager's quality and the characteristics of the investment vehicle. CRA identifies an increased structural risk. While some transaction features mitigate the structural risk, other characteristics like the seniority and weak collateralization of the rating object within the whole transaction increase risk potential. The portfolio and credit risk assessment is still highly influenced by assumptions. With respect to the investment strategy, investments can already be acquired in the construction phase and bear in CRA's view a higher risk profile until they reach the operational phase. However, CRA has a positive view on the asset manager with its resilient track record and well established procedures regarding the investment process or risk management. This should mitigate, at least partially, risks resulting from a complex asset class with a limited history, especially in the offshore wind sector and minimize risks in building up a portfolio in a competitive market. Compared to the initial rating a second investment was made and the underlying fund had its financial close above target, which eliminates placement risks.

**Primary key rating driver:**

- (+) Performance of predecessor fund and track record of the asset manager
- (+) Expected quality of future fund investments / good quality of seed investment (including expected established and creditworthy contractors )
- (+) Relatively good predictability of wind and solar farm yields from the time the operating phase is reached / Partial market and electricity price security through design of subsidy regimes or power purchase agreements
- (+) Geographical diversification of the assets planned / Financial basis established due to Financial Close above target
- (-) Still high blind pool investment share of the fund
- (-) Subordinated use of issue proceeds within the whole transaction structure
- (-) Part of the portfolio will comprise construction risks
- (-) Offshore windparks are exposed to a higher risk profile compared to onshore wind and solar farms / No reliable empirical experience on the long-term operation of offshore wind energy plants
- (-) FX risks

## Ratings sensitivities:

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) p-case and operating costs of the portfolio assets by an amount of +2.5% and -5% respectively, resulting in a quantitative rating of AA+.

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) p-case and electricity market price of the portfolio assets by an amount of -2.5% and -2.5% respectively, resulting in a quantitative rating of BB-.

## ESG-Criteria:

CRA generally considers ESG factors (environment, social and governance) within its rating decisions. In the present case, ESG criteria had a low comprehensive impact to the rating.

The subsequent ESG factors had had been considered:

- Impact on environmental quality through CO2 savings

## Latest rating date / Disclosure to rated entity / Maximum validity:

30.04.2021 / 30.04.2021 / 16.03.2045

Between the disclosure of the credit rating to the rated entity and the public disclosure, no amendments were made to the credit rating.

## Initial rating date:

13.02.2020 / BBB- / stable outlook

## Status of solicitation:

The rating is a solicited rating. The degree of participation was as follows:

With Rated Entity or Related Third Party Participation: Yes

With Access to Internal Documents: Yes

With Access to Management: Yes

## Notes:

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The rating was conducted on the basis of Creditreform Rating's "Issue Ratings" in conjunction with Creditreform's basic document "Rating Criteria and Definitions".

Important sources of information in the context of the rating were, in addition to the submitted documents, a conference call on 21/04/2021. The submitted documents and information provided by the Asset Manager or rather the Issuer were sufficient to meet the requirements of Creditreform Rating AG's rating methodology.

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This rating was carried out by analysts Simon Cordes (Lead) and Agne Bacionyte, all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Sascha Pomorin.

Closing of the transaction occurred on or about 16/03/2020. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 29/04/2021, as provided by the Asset Manager or the Issuer.

The issuer or all relevant parties have examined the rating report prior to publication and were provided with at least one full working day to appeal the rating committee decision and provide additional information. The rating decision was not amended following this examination.

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