# Swedavia Green Bond Impact Report 2020



# This is Swedavia

Swedavia owns, operates and develops Sweden's national basic infrastructure of airports. We shall contribute to the access needed so that people are able to live all across the country and so that the entire country is competitive. As an export-dependent country far from many markets and with an increasingly important tourism industry, good access is essential. Swedavia shall also work to increase the environmental sustainability of the country's transport system.



# A green transition for passengers of the future

Across the world, flights enable meetings between people in a way that no other transport mode does. Air travel links cultures and economies and enables relations between people from widely different parts of our planet. Yet it not only enables international travel, but also links together a vast country like Sweden.

Air transport today is an essential requirement for what is to a large extent a globalised economy. It creates jobs in all industries and contributes to economic growth and prosperity throughout the world. The aviation industry and the access that air travel creates contribute directly and indirectly to millions of jobs, 200,000 of which are in Sweden. Together they contribute more than 175 billion kronor annually to Swedish GDP.

Meanwhile, humankind faces the critical task of transitioning to a fossil-free society. In order for air transport to contribute to social development in the future as well, our industry also needs to be fossil-free in the long term. Air travel needs to be part of the transport of the future – and the transport of the future must be sustainable.



# Heading towards a fossil-free society

Swedavia's climate work is based on two pillars. First, our own operations shall be run with the least possible climate impact. We therefore have a goal for Swedavia's own emissions of fossil carbon dioxide to be zero by the end of 2020. This is a goal we will achieve. Second, we shall contribute to the industry's transition to a more sustainable society so we are working actively with the development of biofuel and electrified air travel, among other solutions.

#### **Green bonds**

In December 2019, Swedavia became one of the world's first airport operators to issue a green bond, aimed at funding projects and investments in climate change adaptation and environmental sustainability. Swedavia has been an established participant in the capital market since 2013, and an important step was taken with these green bonds to integrate its sustainability perspective in financial activities as well. In October 2019, Swedavia established its first Green Bond Framework linked to the company's medium-term note (MTN) programme. The framework enables funding through so-called green bonds, and in the past year Swedavia has issued green bonds totalling SEK 1.25 billion, which corresponds to 25% of Swedavia's total outstanding bonds in the company's MTN programme as of September 30, 2020.

## Swedavia's Green Bond Framework

The Green Bond Framework describes how bond proceeds are to be used and how management and reporting are to be carried out. One essential condition for a project to be funded by green bonds is that it meets the requirements laid out in Swedavia's Green Bond Framework, which in turn is based on the latest version of the Green Bond Principles (2018). The framework covers the project categories green buildings and infrastructure, renewable energy, clean transport, energy efficiency, and pollution prevention and control.

#### Second Opinion on Green Bond Framework

Swedavia's Green Bond Framework was subject to an independent external review by CICERO Shades of Green (CICERO), which also issued a Second Opinion on the company's Green Bond Framework (Swedavia Green Bond Second Opinion, September 26, 2019). Four of the five project categories were given the highest grade, Dark Green. One of the categories, green buildings and infrastructure, was given the grade Light Green. In its opinion, CICERO highlights Swedavia as a role model for airports globally. It has taken into account in its opinion the fact that the framework allows investments in airport infrastructure to increase capacity that could enable an increased environmental impact related to air traffic. CICERO has given the management and governance structure in the green bond framework the grade Excellent. Swedavia's Green Bond Framework and the Second Opinion are available in their entirety on our website: swedavia.se/about-swedavia/financial-information.

### Investments identified under the framework

Swedavia's investments approved for funding through green bonds totalled SEK 2.575 billion as of September 30, 2020. Of this amount, SEK 420 million was for existing facilities and SEK 2.155 billion was for ongoing projects. Of these approved investments, SEK 1.25 billion has been placed in Swedavia's green portfolio, which corresponds to the amount of green bonds issued. The company's green portfolio thus consists of the green investments funded by green bonds.

Representatives from Swedavia's different business and operating areas are responsible for identifying potential environmental investments, and these are then assessed by a committee consisting of Swedavia's CEO, Chief Environmental Officer, Treasurer and the head of the company's investment portfolio. The committee is responsible for ensuring that projects that are classified as green meet the requirements laid out in Swedavia's Green Bond Framework.



\*Based on the Swedish Air Transport Society's road map.

# **Green portfolio**

# INVESTMENTS APPROVED AND ALLOCATION BY CATEGORY

SEK M	Investments	Amount allocated	Allocation (%)
Green buildings	636	636	51%
- Scandic Landvetter Hotel	200	200	
– Sky City Office One, Arlanda	236	236	
- Terminal Development South, Landvetter	200	200	
Renewable energy	156	156	12%
– Aquifer, Stockholm Arlanda	18	18	
- Production facility, heating, Arlanda	98	98	
- Production facility, cooling, Arlanda	40	40	
Clean transport	423	423	34%
- Replacement of vehicle fleet	423	423	
Energy efficiency	35	35	3%
Pollution prevention and control			
TOTAL AMOUNT	1,250	1,250	100%



# **ALLOCATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

# **Bonds issued**

Swedavia has issued bonds for a nominal amount of SEK 1.25 billion, and the capital is being used to fund our green buildings and our transition to meet the company's goal of fossil-free operations by the end of 2020.

Investments include the replacement of vehicles in our fleet, the transition to a renewable energy supply for heating and cooling, and properties in the form of the Sky City Office One complex at Stockholm Arlanda and the Terminal Development South project at Göteborg Landvetter. Both properties were given BREEAM's Excellent rating as their preliminary certification grade. The proportion of bond proceeds used for refinancing is 30%. Swedavia has a special account for transactions related to its green bond issues. In cases where the investment amount is below the outstanding volume of green bonds, Swedavia is obliged to place the corresponding amount in this account. As of September 9, 2020, the investment amount approved exceeded the green bonds outstanding and the balance of the dedicated account for green bonds was therefore zero.

GREEN BONDS ISSUED			
Loan no.	Volume (SEK)	Issue date	Maturity (year)
122	1,000	December 12, 2019	5
125	250	May 26, 2020	5

# AQUIFER, STOCKHOLM ARLANDA

During the summer, the aquifer pumps up cold water that cools the terminals at Stockholm Arlanda. The heated water is then pumped back to the aquifer so that it can be pumped up again to heat the terminals during the winter. The only energy needed is for pumps, which saves about 19 GWh of energy and about 7,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.

200,000,000 m<sup>3</sup> 9 GWh



# **CLEAN TRANSPORT**

Swedavia's work to transform its vehicle fleet has largely contributed to the company-wide goal of zero emissions of fossil  $CO_2$  by 2020. By investing in a fossil-free, energy-efficient fleet of vehicles, significant environmental benefits have been achieved. Fossil-free renewable diesel, biogas and electricity are the power sources that have enabled this goal to be reached.



These vehicles are called plough-sweep-blow (PSB) machines. PSBs run on fossil-free fuel and contribute to Swedavia's goal of zero emissions of fossil carbon dioxide.



## **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Swedavia is constructing a new heating plant in Kolsta, west of Stockholm Arlanda Airport. The facility will be powered by renewable liquid fuel and is an important step in Swedavia's ambition to be a world leader in operating airports with the least possible climate impact. The plan is for the new facility to start operating in April 2021. Heat from the boiler, combined with district heat purchases, is an important component in meeting Swedavia's long-term goal of airport operations that do not produce any fossil carbon dioxide. The plant's output will be 30 megawatts.

## **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

In recent years, a number of energy efficiency projects have been carried out at Stockholm Arlanda Airport. Swedavia has the goal to reduce its energy use by 2 per cent annually, and investments in energyefficient technologies make a significant contribution to achieving this goal. High-mast light bulbs have been replaced with more efficient LED bulbs in virtually every apron area, which saves 930,000 kWh of electricity a year. Older lighting systems inside the terminals and multi-storey car parks have been replaced with energy-efficient LED technology. Just by changing the lighting and adding a motiondetector system in Terminal 2's multi-storey car park, Swedavia has saved 1,450,000 kWh a year.

Other kinds of energy efficiency projects carried out at Stockholm Arlanda Airport in recent years include the replacement of ventilation fans and their control system. Replacements have been carried out in nearly every terminal, and there are projects under way aimed at replacing the old type of fans that have no control system. As a result of projects in this category carried out in 2016–2018, there was a total saving of 2,840,000 kWh of electricity and heating a year.



LED technology contributes not just significant energy savings but also better lighting in the areas it is used. The picture shows the difference in light quality between an apron where high-mast light bulbs were replaced with LED bulbs and an apron that still has an older type of fixture (on the left).

## **GREEN BUILDINGS**

BREEAM-SE is an important tool for Swedavia's property development operations so that the company can achieve its ambitious sustainability goals. In the autumn of 2019, Swedavia was named Property Owner of the Year with the Highest Average BREEAM-SE Rating by the Sweden Green Building Council for the recently completed Office One complex at Stockholm Arlanda and Terminal Expansion South at Göteborg Landvetter.

One of the environmental projects funded by green bonds is the new BREEAM-certified Sky City Office One complex at Stockholm Arlanda.



GREEN BUILDINGS					
New construction and refurbishment projects	Place	Level of certification	Calculated reduction in energy use, cf. Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning regu- lations, kWh	Calculated annual reduction in energy use, tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e	Calculated annual energy use, kWh/m <sup>2</sup>
Terminal South Landvetter*	Landvetter	BREEAM Very Good	475,000	66.5	54.3
Hotel Scandic Landvetter**	Landvetter	BREEAM Very Good	50,100	6.2	73.8
Sky City Office One Arlanda***	Arlanda	BREEAM Exellent	459,300	77.0	77.0

 $^{\ast}$  The building's total value is SEK 905 M. Amount allocated to green portfolio SEK 200 M.

\*\* The building's total value is SEK 388 M. Amount allocated to green portfolio SEK 200 M.

\*\*\* The building's total value is SEK 534 M. Amount allocated to green portfolio SEK 236 M.

RENEWABLE ENERGY			
Production facilities	Place	Calculated annual production, kWh	Maximum capacity, mW
Production facility, heating, cooling and aquifer*	Arlanda	2,188,000	32

\* Energy data calculated for investment of SEK 223 M. Amount allocated to green portfolio SEK 156 M.

# **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Energy-efficiency projects	Place	Calculated reduction in energy use, kWh
Savings in electricity, heating and cooling*	Arlanda	6,392,870

\* Energy data calculated for investment of SEK 55 M. Amount allocated to green portfolio SEK 35 M.

CLEAN TRANSPORT		
Replacement of vehicle fleet	Number of vehicles, all airports	Calculated annual reduction in emissions, tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e*
Fossil-free vehicles	159	4,327
Electric cars	47	n/a

\* Emissions data calculated on investment of SEK 435 M. Amount allocated to green portfolio SEK 423 M.



## Auditor's Limited Assurance Report

To Swedavia AB, corp. ld 556797-0818

#### Introduction

We have been engaged by the Management of Swedavia AB ("Swedavia") to undertake a limited assurance engagement of selected information presented in Swedavia's Impact Report 2020 ("Report").

The scope of our work was limited to assurance of information on the total amount of Green Bonds issued by Swedavia as of September 30, 2020 and information on the approved Eligible Assets together with the respective allocation of investments presented on page 5 of the Report.

#### **Responsibilities of the Management**

The Management is responsible for the preparation of the Impact Report in accordance with the applicable criteria. The criteria are defined in Swedavia's Green Bonds Framework. This responsibility also includes the internal control relevant to the preparation of the Impact Report that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the selected information specified above based on the limited assurance procedures we have performed. Our assignment is limited to the historical information that is presented and does not cover future-oriented information.

We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with ISAE 3000 Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of financial information. A limited assurance engagement consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for the preparation of the selected information mentioned above and applying analytical and other limited assurance procedures. A limited assurance engagement is different and substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden.

The firm applies ISQC 1 (International Standard on Quality Control) and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. We are independent of Swedavia AB in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

The limited assurance procedures performed do not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. The conclusion based on a limited assurance does not provide the same level of assurance as a conclusion based on an audit.

Our procedures are based on the criteria defined by the Management as described above. We consider these criteria suitable for the preparation of the Report.

We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusions below.

#### Conclusion

Based on the limited assurance procedures performed, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the selected information specified above and presented in the Report is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the criteria defined by the Management.

Stockholm, December 17, 2020

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