# PROVINCE DE QUÉBEC - 5-YEAR GREEN BOND - CAD\$500 MILLION

### **Highlights**

February 22, 2018

#### **ISSUE DETAILS**

Issuer: Province de Québec

Ratings: Aa2/AA+/AA- (Stable/Stable)

Size: CAD\$500 million (no-grow)

Launch Date: February 22, 2018 Issue Date: March 1, 2018 Maturity Date: March 1, 2023

 Coupon:
 2.45%

 Yield:
 2.481%

 Price:
 \$99.855

 Re-offer Spread:
 +38 pbs

Benchmark: CAN 1.75% March 1, 2023

Exchanges: Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX) -

**Euro MTF Market** 

Leads: CIBC, HSBC, RBC Capital Markets and

**TD Securities** 

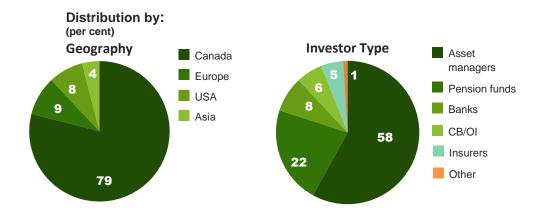
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### **EXECUTION**

- Tuesday, February 20, 2018: The mandate was announced at the opening of London's markets and an invitation to a web presentation was sent to investors worldwide. More than 70 participants joined the web presentation.
- Wednesday, February 21, 2018: The transaction was officially announced for CAD\$500 million (no-grow) and with an initial spread indication in the context of the Québec curve of roughly 38.5 basis points. The size of the issue was capped at CAD\$500 million bearing in mind Québec's green borrowing needs at this time.
- Thursday, February 22, 2018: With an order book exceeding CAD\$1.8 billion, Québec has narrowed the final spread to 38 basis points, a level that allows for balancing the quality of the order book, while setting the spread still in the context of the Québec curve.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- On February 22, 2018, Québec successfully issued its second Green Bond.
  - With an order book of more than \$CAD1.8 billion, Québec achieved success that surpassed that of the inaugural issue in February 2017, in respect of which interest exceeded CAD\$1.1 billion.
- Québec thus becomes the second government to issue Green Bonds on the Canadian market this year. To date, Québec, along with Ontario, is one of only two provinces to issue Green Bonds on this market.
  - In the coming years, Québec will be a regular issuer on the Canadian market.
- The issue has again received strong interest from investors with Green mandates or the signatories of United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI), who account for over 85% of total sales.
- The issue was offered on the international market for a sufficiently long period to enable both international and domestic investors to participate in it. It has thus achieved broad primary market distribution with 50 investors, 79% of them in Canada, 9% in Europe, 8% in the United States, and 4% in Asia. As for the types of investors, 58% were asset managers, 22%, pension funds, 8%, banks, 6%, central banks and official institutions, 5%, insurers, and 1%, other types of investors.



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#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

- An amount equal to the net proceeds from the Green Bond issue is credited to a designated account, in order to track the use and allocation of funds related to eligible projects.
- As long as the account balance is positive, amounts equivalent to the funds disbursed are deducted from this balance as they are allocated to eligible projects approved in accordance with the program's framework.
- The first disbursements required for the projects selected must materialize within 12 months of the Green Bond issue or within the six months preceding issuance.
- Pending subsequent disbursements, the unallocated balance is invested in short-term Treasury Bills or in short-term securities issued or guaranteed by the Québec government or another Canadian government.
- The Ministère des Finances publishes an annual information bulletin for investors on the progress of funded projects, the allocation of funds to projects and the environmental benefits. The most recent bulletin was published in February 2018.

#### FRAMEWORK AND ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- The funds raised will be used to finance environmentally-friendly projects in accordance with the framework of Québec's Green Bonds program.
  - The framework has obtained the highest possible rating ("dark green") granted by the Centre for International Climate Research (CICERO).
- The green projects eligible fall into one of the following categories (excluding electricity generation projects involving fossil fuels and nuclear energy):
  - public transit;
  - energy efficiency;
  - renewable energy;
  - sustainable waste management;
  - sustainable land development;
  - water management or water treatment;
  - forest, agricultural land and land management;
  - climate adaptation and resilience.



### PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SECOND ISSUE

 The four projects that satisfied the selection criteria of the first issue are once again eligible for funding under this issue of Green Bonds, but the purchase of new AZUR métro cars will continue to be favoured:

PROJECT NAME	CATEGORY	POTENTIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (%)
New AZUR métro cars	Public transit	[50-100]
Réno-Systèmes	Public transit	[0-15]
Réno-Infrastructures	Public transit	[0-10]
Hybrid bus purchase	Public transit	[0-25]