Pricing Supplement

Series No.: NZD-014-00-1
Tranche No.: 1

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

N.Z.$5,000,000,000 Domestic Medium-Term Note Programme

Issue of

N.Z.$750,000,000 1.50 per cent. Notes due 6 August 2026 (the Notes)

This Pricing Supplement (as referred to in the Information Memorandum dated 27 January 2010 and Deed Poll dated 27 January 2010 in relation to the above Programme) relates to the Tranche of Notes referred to above. The particulars to be specified in relation to such Tranche are as follows.

The Issuer is not a registered bank in New Zealand pursuant to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989. The Notes are not the obligations of any government and, in particular, are not guaranteed by the Government of New Zealand.

This Pricing Supplement should be read in conjunction with the Conditions of the Notes as set out in the Information Memorandum.

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<td>ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited Bank of New Zealand The Toronto-Dominion Bank</td>
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7 Aggregate principal amount of Tranche: N.Z.$750,000,000
8 Issue Date: 6 August 2021
9 Issue Price: 99.569066 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Tranche
10 Denomination(s): (a) Outside New Zealand, N.Z.$1,000 and integral multiples thereof, and (b) within New Zealand, N.Z.$100,000 and multiples of N.Z.$1,000 thereafter, subject to the requirement that the amount payable by each person who subscribes for the Notes must be at least N.Z.$750,000
11 Rating:
   Programme Rating: As at the date of this Pricing Supplement, the Programme has been rated AAA by S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc. (formerly Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.), AAA by Fitch, Inc. and Aaa by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc.
   Notes Rating: As at the date of this Pricing Supplement, the Notes have been rated AAA by S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., AAA by Fitch, Inc. and Aaa by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc.
12 Business Day: Wellington and Auckland
13 If the Notes are Fixed Rate Notes: Condition 6 shall apply
   Fixed coupon amount: The amount of interest payable to each Noteholder will be calculated by applying the Interest Rate to the outstanding nominal amount held by that Noteholder, multiplying such sum by the Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with the applicable market convention. The Interest Rate is fixed and will remain the same from the Issue Date until the Maturity Date.
   Interest Rate: 1.50 per cent. per annum payable semi-annually in arrear
   Interest Payment Dates: 6 February and 6 August in each year, beginning 6 February 2022, up to and including the Maturity Date
   Interest Period End Dates: 6 February and 6 August in each year, beginning 6 February 2022, up to and including the Maturity Date, with no adjustment
Business Day Convention:

(a) for Interest Payment Dates: Following
(b) for Maturity Date: Following
(c) for Interest Period End Dates: No adjustment
(d) for any other dates: Following

Day Count Fraction: NZ Govt Bond Basis

14 Redemption Amount: Redemption at par
15 Early Redemption Amount: Not applicable
16 Early Redemption Date (Call): Not applicable
17 Early Redemption Date (Put): Not applicable
18 Maturity Date: 6 August 2026
19 Record Date: 10 calendar days before the relevant Interest Payment Date or, if not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day
20 Listing: Not applicable
21 Any Clearing System other than the NZClear System: Euroclear and Clearstream
22 ISIN: NZADBDT014C0
23 Common Code: 237077580
24 Other conditions: Use of Proceeds

During the life of the Notes, ADB will use its best efforts to apply an amount equal to the net proceeds thereof for use in its ordinary operations to finance a pool of eligible projects which promote gender equality and women’s empowerment, directly or indirectly through governments of ADB members or financial or other institutions or investments in private sector projects.

Eligible projects include those funded either in whole or in part from ADB’s ordinary capital resources that target narrowing gender disparities and promoting empowerment of women and girls. To achieve this, such projects would typically address one or more of the following five areas/dimensions of gender equality and women’s empowerment, either as part of the overall objective of the project (referred to by ADB as a “gender equity theme” project) or by incorporating them into specific project components (referred to by ADB as an “effective gender mainstreaming” project):

- women’s economic empowerment – access to finance/credit; micro, small and medium-sized enterprise development; agriculture development; value chain support; financial literacy and entrepreneurship training;
- gender equality in human development –
education, skills development and technical and vocational education and training, including "nontraditional” female subjects/job sectors such as science and mathematics, engineering, technology, industry, health, reproductive health, and sanitation;

- reduced time poverty of women – reduced drudgery and time spent on unpaid care and domestic work through basic infrastructure (transport, water, sanitation, energy) or affordable child, elderly or family care support;

- participation in decision-making and leadership – through community groups, local governments, and public and private sector management; and/or

- women’s resilience against risks and shocks including climate change and disaster impacts – environmental protection/ rehabilitation; flood and disaster risk management; budget support and social protection; prevention of gender-based violence.

The above examples of eligible projects are for illustrative purposes only and no assurance can be provided that disbursements for projects with these specific characteristics will be made by ADB during the term of the Notes. In case it would be unable to apply an amount equal to the net proceeds of the Notes as provided above, ADB will apply the remaining proceeds thereof to its ordinary operations in accordance with the Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank.

Payment of principal of and interest on the Notes will be based solely on the creditability of ADB, and not on the performance of investments and loans under ADB’s projects on gender equality and women’s empowerment.

25 Modification to selling restrictions: The selling restrictions for New Zealand and Singapore set out in clause 2 and clause 8, respectively, of Schedule 5 of the Programme Agreement are changed for the purpose of clause 7.4 of the Programme Agreement as set out in Schedule 1 to this Pricing Supplement.

For the purposes of paragraph (a) of the section of the Information Memorandum entitled “Documents Incorporated by Reference”, the statements in the sections of the Information Memorandum entitled “Selling Restrictions – New Zealand” and “Selling Restrictions – Singapore” are amended and supplemented as set out in Schedule 1 to this Pricing Supplement.

26 Modification to tax opinion: The “Non-resident withholding tax” and “Resident withholding tax” statements in the section of the Information Memorandum entitled “New Zealand and United States Federal Taxation – New Zealand” are amended and supplemented as set out in Schedule 2 to this Pricing Supplement.
Schedule 1

New Zealand selling restriction

The Notes must not be offered for sale or subscription in New Zealand in breach of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (the FMC Act (N.Z.)). Notes may not be offered or sold except in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in any jurisdiction in which they are offered, sold or delivered. No offering document in respect of any Notes may be published, delivered, or distributed in or from any country or jurisdiction except under the circumstances that will result in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Issuer does not intend that the Notes be offered for sale or subscription in New Zealand as a “regulated offer” within the meaning of the FMC Act (N.Z.). Accordingly, no product disclosure statement has been prepared or will be lodged in terms of the FMC Act (N.Z.), and no person may, directly or indirectly, subscribe for, offer, sell, transfer, deliver or distribute any Information Memorandum, information, advertisement or other offering material relating to the Notes, in breach of the FMC Act (N.Z.).

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

(A) it has not offered, sold or transferred, and will not offer, sell or transfer, directly or indirectly, any Notes; and

(B) it has not distributed, and will not distribute, directly or indirectly, the Information Memorandum, the relevant Pricing Supplement, any other offering memorandum or document or any advertisement in relation to any offer of the Notes,

in each case in New Zealand, other than:

(a) to persons who are “wholesale investors” within the meaning of clause 3(2)(a), (c) or (d) or 3(3)(b) of Schedule 1 to the FMC Act (N.Z.), being persons who fall within one or more of the following categories of “wholesale investor”:

(i) a person who is required to pay a minimum subscription price of at least N.Z.$750,000 for the Notes (disregarding any amount lent by the offeror, the Issuer or any associated person of the offeror or the Issuer) before the issue, sale or transfer of those Notes; or

(ii) a person who is:

(A) an “investment business”;

(B) “large”; or

(C) a “government agency”,

in each case, as defined in Schedule 1 to the FMC Act (N.Z.); or

(b) in other circumstances where there is no contravention of the FMC Act (N.Z.) (provided that Notes may not be offered, sold or transferred to any person that is a “wholesale investor” under the FMC Act (N.Z.) solely because that person is an “eligible investor” (as defined in clause 41 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act (N.Z.)) or that person meets the investment activity criteria specified in clause 38 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act (N.Z.).

In addition, each Dealer will be required to represent and agree that Notes may only be transferred to persons who have RWT-exempt status (as defined in the Income Tax Act 2007) and have submitted satisfactory evidence of their exemption from resident withholding tax to the Registrar.
Singapore selling restriction

The Information Memorandum has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it will not offer or sell the Notes nor make the Notes the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor will it circulate or distribute the Information Memorandum or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than:

(a) to an accredited investor;

(b) to an expert investor;

(c) to an institutional investor; or

(d) to any other person that is not an individual,

as such terms are defined in the Securities and Futures Act (Cap. 289) (as amended) of Singapore.
Schedule 2 – New Zealand Taxation

Non-resident withholding tax

The Issuer enjoys certain exemptions from New Zealand tax under the International Finance Agreements Act and the Income Tax Act 2007. As a result, the Issuer and the Paying Agent are not required to withhold New Zealand non-resident withholding tax from any payment of premium or interest in respect of the Notes where the beneficial owner of the Note is a non-resident of New Zealand to which the non-resident withholding tax rules in the Income Tax Act 2007 apply.

Resident withholding tax

As a result also, the Issuer is exempt from the requirement to withhold resident withholding tax ("RWT") from any payment of premium or interest in respect of a Note to a New Zealand resident beneficial owner (or a non-resident beneficial owner to which the RWT rules in the Income Tax Act 2007 apply). The Registrar will not have an obligation under the Income Tax Act 2007 to withhold RWT if the person receiving the payment from the Registrar has RWT-exempt status (as defined in section YA 1 of the Income Tax Act 2007) and has submitted satisfactory evidence of its RWT-exempt status to the Registrar.