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Helaba's Green Bond significantly oversubscribed

- **Helaba's first Green Bond successfully launched**
- **Volume of EUR 500 million**
- **Proceeds to finance sustainable solar and wind energy projects**
- **Holistic approach to sustainability strategy**

Helaba has placed its first-ever Green Bond on the capital markets. The sustainability bond with a volume of EUR 500 million was met with keen interest from investors and, with an order book of EUR 1bln, was oversubscribed twice. The proceeds of the issue will be used to finance sustainable projects for the expansion of solar and wind energy. The green loans selected are compliant with the future EU Taxonomy Regulation.

Helaba has firmly embedded the issue of sustainability into its business strategy and supports its clients in their transformation towards carbon-neutral business models by providing sustainable lending. This concept already incorporates future growth in the sustainable credit portfolio.

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Head of Treasury at Helaba

"In line with the bank's sustainability strategy, we want to position Helaba as a fully sustainable issuer across all funding instruments on the refinancing side, too," explains Dirk Mewesen, Helaba's Treasurer. According to him, investors are increasingly aligning themselves with issuers' overall sustainability credentials. Mewesen is positive about Helaba's success: "Strong demand from investors for our Green Bond indicates that we are on the right track with our approach," he adds.

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