



## Chilean water company launches 'green and social' bond

Agua Andinas, Chile's largest water utility, has raised CLP40.5 billion (\$68 million) from a bond that it has labelled 'green and social'.

The seven-year amortising deal pays a coupon of 1.8% and was 3.6 times oversubscribed, entirely by domestic investors.

It was the first green issue denominated in Chilean pesos and is likely to trigger numerous other issues from domestic banks and corporates, said an industry consultant in Santiago. "Chilean pension funds and asset managers do want this stuff," he added.

The proceeds will be used primarily for projects that contribute to the protection of water resources, climate change adaptation, and access to drinking water and sanitation, in line with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals 6, 12 and 13.

Vigeo Eiris has opined that the issue aligns with the Green Bond Principles and the Social Bond Principles.

BBVA was the financial advisor and lead manager on the transaction.