

NIPPON LIFE FINANCES DESALINATION PROJECT IN CHILE

Nippon Life Insurance Company (President: Hiroshi Shimizu; hereafter “Nippon Life”) has executed a syndicated loan for approximately 33.5 million US dollars (approximately 3.6 billion yen; hereafter “the loan”) with Caitan SpA, participated directly or indirectly by Mitsui & Co., Ltd (“Mitsui”) and Cobra Instalaciones y Servicios.S.A, to finance a desalination plant (hereafter “the plant”) in the state of Antofagasta in the northern region of the Republic of Chile. Nippon Life has joined the loan syndication process from the primary phase, and as a result the loan will be the first financing transaction for a project in Chile for Nippon Life.

The project will produce large amounts of pure water for the operation of a copper mine by means of the desalination of sea water in the plant that faces the South Pacific. Supplying the water through a pipeline connection that extends approximately 150 kilometers, the project will contribute to the promotion of copper production in Chile where the northern region has a chronic problem of water shortage.

Securing a long-term income opportunity for the life insurer’s investment portfolio, Nippon Life is honored to provide a loan to ensure water resources for the development copper mining, which is the core industry of Chile,.

In our mid-term management plan (FY2017-FY2020), we also announced our plan to invest 2.0 trillion yen in various growing fields. Financing this project represents another step in our commitment to invest in growing fields.

By promoting our investments that are characterized by both social responsibility and profitability, in growing fields such as financing overseas projects, Nippon Life continues to strive to further expand both customer profit and industrial development all over the world.

< Finance Overview >

Borrower	Caitan
Shareholders	Mitsui:50%, Cobra Group:50%
Signing Date	June 8, 2018
Nippon Life Loan Amount	Approximately 33.5 million US dollars (Approximately 3.6 billion yen)

< Facility Overview >

Location	Antofagasta, Chile
Plant Area	9.9 hectares
Main Facilities	Desalination plant, water pipeline, seawater intake
Desalination Capacity	86.4 million liters per day
Completion Date	April 2020 (Planned)
Project End	April 2040 (Planned)

【Desalination Plant Location】



(Source: Mitsui)