

# Experiences with SME Finance and Green financing in Korea

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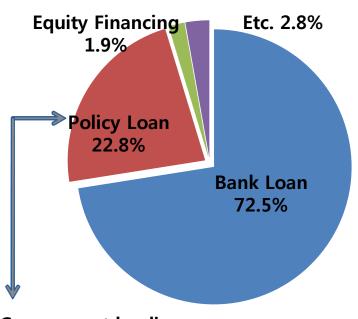
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## 1. SME Financing Market in Korea

Government lead Korea's SME Financing.

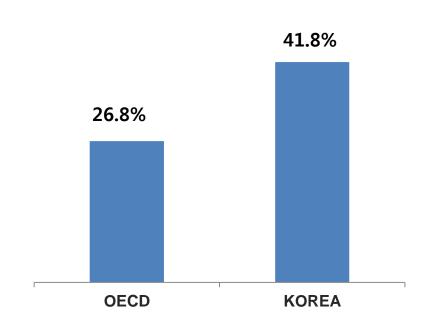
Lending is absolute gravity, 95.3% of funding sources.

#### **Funding sources of Korean SMEs**



Government lending Credit guarantee (KCF/KTF/KOREG)

#### SME loan-to-total-loan-ratio



Sources : OECE(2012)

# 2. SMEs' Funding Support Polices in Korea

## Korean Government: Expanding the Frontier of SME Financing.

#### **Public (State-funded) lending**

- Provide cheap, longtenure credit to focused industries
  - Mostly for capital expenditure purposes
- With funds from the Gov't (or state agencies)
  - Banks borrow funds from the government and relend it to industries (on-lending)

#### **Guarantees**

- Enhance SMEs' creditworthiness to facilitate SME lending
- Guarantee agencies(3)
  - KODIT
  - KOTEC
  - K-sure
- Funding source
  - Contributions from the Gov't and banks

#### **Mandatory SME loan ratio**

- Encourage banks to allocate a certain portion of their lending to SMEs
  - IBK: 70% + of the outstanding balance
  - Commercial banks
  - w/ nation-wide network:45% + of incrementalgrowth
  - w/ limited local network:60% + of incrementalgrowth

## 3. Green Finance: How it works

Underlying concept of "National strategy for Green Growth", the role of Green financing sets up and implements by public agencies

**Energy Efficiency sector for SMEs in** National strategy for green growth

- Industry
  - Energy Management System
  - Soft loan for energy saving facilities & Tax Incentives
  - Energy Services Companies(ESCO)
  - Energy Audit
  - Energy Audit Assistance
  - Investment in energy supplier's Demand-side Management(DSM)
  - Integrated Energy Supply
  - Green Growth Partnership
  - Energy Supporter
  - Negotiation on Energy Use Plan
- Buildings
- Transport
- Appliances & Equipment

Role of Green Financing Under the 5 year plan

Activating policy finance for early investment

- Fostering early Investment in Green Tech & Industry
- Enlarging finance : guarantee, policy loans, marching funds
  - KDB, IBK, KEXIM's role
  - Quasi-gov't org's guarantee
  - Private/Public matching fund
    Building up Infrastructure
    Of Green Finance

Fostering Carbon Market

## 4. Green Finance: Growth Stage –wise policy

#### **Public Fund**

#### **Commercialization**

- Public seed money based policy (not subsidy)
- Green tech fund
- Green SME fund
- Credit guarantee for green companies and green projects
- Public loan for green SMEs

#### **Credit Guarantee**

#### R&D

- Fiscal aid driven
- Green tech R&D subsidy
- Invest connected R&D
- Purchase—conditioned R&D

#### **Project Financing**

#### Maturing stage

- Private sector driven: securing green financing infra
- Carbon finance/Green insurance
- Credit loan with no mortgage for exportation of green parts and material of SMEs

#### **Private Equity Fund**

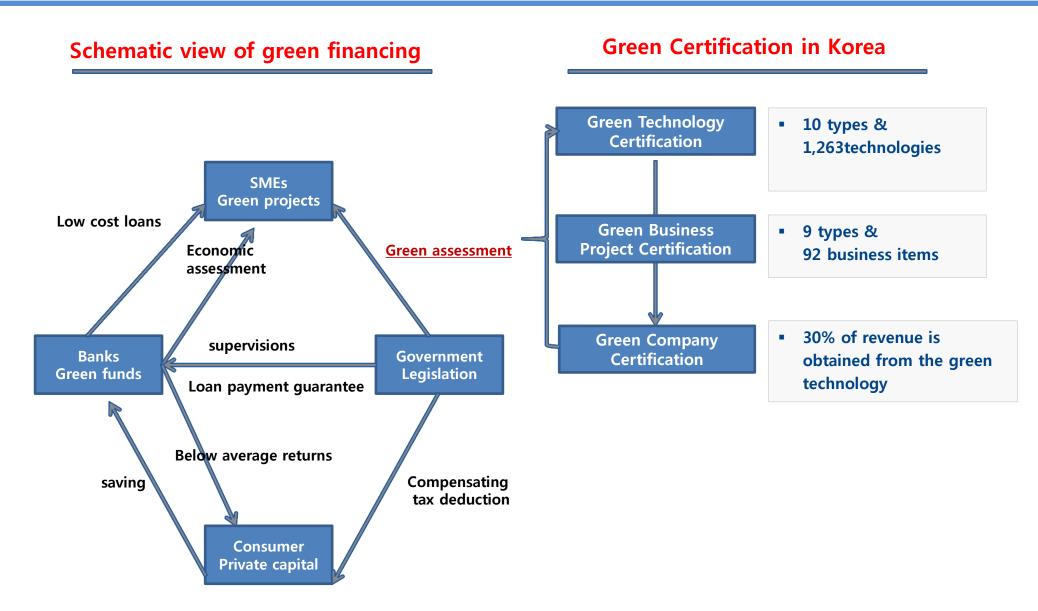
#### Growth

- Long term funding through capital market
- Policy incentives to mitigate investment risk on a need basis
- Dividend income tax exemption for green long term saving and bond

Loan

✓ Business cycle

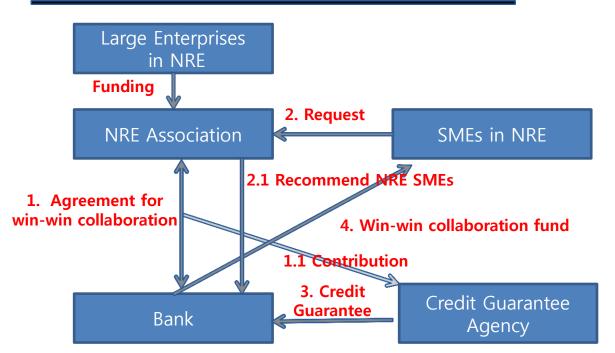
## 5. Green Assessment: Green Certification



## 6. <Case 1 >: NRE win- win collaboration fund



#### Flow chart of NRE win-win collaboration fund



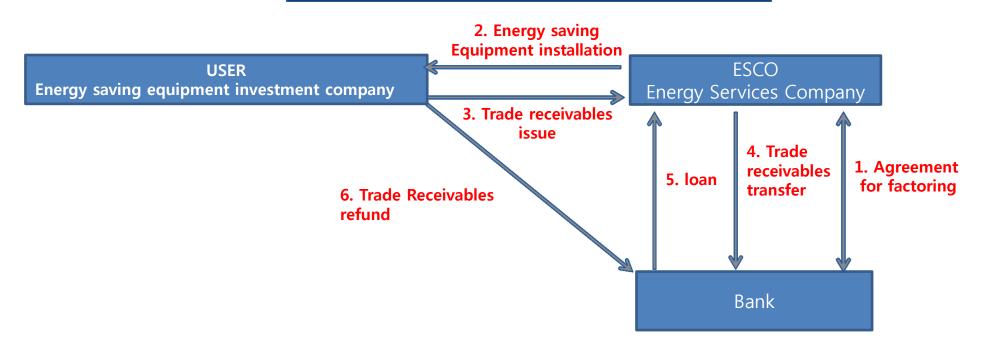
- Open: September 1, 2011
- Guarantee Scale: 1.2 Brillion \$
- Target SMEs :NRE manufacturing, facilities, electricity)
- Guarantee limit in 5 years(extension or renewal)
- Limit per SME : within ten million \$

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# 6. <Case 2 >: ESCO Trade Receivables Factoring



#### Flow chart of ESCO Trade Receivables Factoring



## 7. Implications(Guiding questions)

- ✓ G1. EE Financing for SMEs is not significantly different from general SME financing.
  - 1 Risk 1: The degree of development in green industry and green companies
  - Risk 2: Commercialization of green tech
  - Risk 3: SME itself
- ✓ G2. Government's strong support and finance institution's evaluation skill is necessary.
  - Foster green industry and green SMEs
  - 2 Develop an evaluation system that can be estimated on green tech and business
- G3. EE financing for SMEs starts from understanding the characteristics of SMEs in EE sector.
   Many SMEs produce and supply parts/components for large corporations.
  - Utilize green growth partnership between conglomerates and SMEs
  - 2 Develop a high-efficiency certified product and industry such as LED
- ✓ G4. Robust EE financing of SMEs is essential for an advanced economy.
  - Respond to the paradigm shift in the industry : the fourth industrial revolution
  - 2 Key factor of SME manufacturing' innovation is energy efficiency: Utilize this trend

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