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タイトル: Does It Pay to Incorporate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Criteria in Lending? -Evidence From the Banking Sector of Bangladesh-

要旨: Practitioners often argue that banks should not be concerned about Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) criteria. Unlike manufacturing firms, they do not discharge anything hazardous to the environment and society. Naturally, the question arises: why then banks should be motivated to incorporate environmental, social, and governance (ESG)

criteria in the lending process? The objective of this study is to find the current status and motivation for incorporating ESG factors in the investment decisions process of the banks in Bangladesh. In doing so, primary data has been collected from 30 private commercial banks (PCBs) operating in Bangladesh. The finding of the study suggests that banks being more prudent in incorporating ESG factors in lending decisions are rewarded through better financial performance. The study results have significant implications for theorists. practitioners, and policy-makers, which will encourage them to be proactive in incorporating ESG risk factors quantitatively in the lending decision-making process.

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