

## Reliance & Jio Secure India's largest syndicated loan

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April 6, 2023: New Delhi: Reliance Industries and Jio Info COMM have reportedly raised \$5 billion in foreign currency loans, marking it the largest syndicated loan in India's corporate history.



Reliance secured \$3 billion from 55 banks, including nearly two dozen Taiwanese banks as well as global giants such as Bank of America, HSBC, MUFG, Citi, SMBC, Mizuho, and Credit Agricole. Jio obtained an additional \$2 billion from 18 banks. The \$3 billion financing closed on March 31, while the \$2 billion add-on facility was secured on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April on the same terms as the borrowing for Reliance, signed on March 31 with 55 lenders. The add-on, which is split equally between Reliance and Jio. Reliance intends to allocate the majority of the funds raised towards its capital expenditures, while Jio plans to utilize the funds for its nationwide 5G network rollout.

"Jio is expanding its True-5G reach at a rapid pace and has already rolled out a large portion of the planned True-5G network in this country. Covering the majority of the nation is a matter of immense pride for us," Jio Spokesperson said.

It is unusual for Asian loan markets to have such a large unplanned green shoe option. The oil-to-telecom conglomerate is one of the most sought-after credits from India and enjoys deep banking relationships. **By-- Dr K N Mistry**