

Classification and Environmental and Social Strategy (ESS)

Acelen Renewables: Brazil's SAF Breakthrough for Greener Aviation (15772-01) - Brazil

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1. Project Scope and Objective and IDB Invest Participation

Acelen Renewables (the “Client” or “AcelenR”) is a Brazilian company seeking support to finance the design, implementation, and operation of a new biorefinery that will utilize renewable feedstocks (the “Project” or the “Biorefinery”), aiming to become the largest facility of its kind in Latin America. This facility will produce sustainable aviation fuel (“SAF”) and hydrotreated vegetable oil (“HVO” or “RD”) from vegetable oils, waste oils, and/or tallow, utilizing Hydrotreated Esters and Fatty Acids (“HEFA”) technology. The Project’s associated facilities include a gas pipeline and a transmission line. The biorefinery will be located at a site next to the Mataripe Refinery, located in the district of Mataripe, in the municipality of São Francisco do Conde, Bahia State, Brazil.

2. Classification and Environmental and Social Strategy

In accordance with BID Invest’s Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy, the Project has been pre-classified in Category A since its activities may cause significant adverse environmental and social risks and impacts, including: i) possible contamination of soil, and ground and surface water; ii) air emissions; iii) risks of industrial accidents; iv) occupational health and safety risks and impacts; v) affectation of neighboring communities; vi) impacts on biodiversity; and vii) disturbances on ecosystem services.

The Performance Standards (“PS”) likely to be triggered by the Project are: i) PS1: Assessment and management of environmental and social risks and impacts; ii) PS2: Labor and working conditions; iii) PS3: Resource efficiency and pollution prevention; iv) PS4: Community health and safety; v) PS5: Land acquisition and involuntary resettlement and vi) PS6: Biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of living natural resources.

The Project Environmental and Social Due Diligence (“ESDD”) will involve, among other activities: i) the review of documents, procedures, policies, and regulations of the Client and government authorities; ii) the analysis of complementary studies; iii) interviews with Client representatives, consultants hired for technical studies and community representatives; and iv) a site visit to the Project and its surroundings.

Once the ESDD process is completed, the Project categorization will be confirmed, and an Environmental and Social Review Summary (“ESRS”) and an Environmental and Social Action Plan (“ESAP”) will be prepared, agreed with the Client and published on this website.

3. Additional Information

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