

Kingdom of Morocco**Noor-Ouarzazate Concentrated Solar Power Plant Project****Chair Summary*****September 30, 2014**

Executive Directors approved the loans for the Noor-Ouarzazate Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) Plant Project for the Kingdom of Morocco (R2014-0214) in the amount of (a) US\$ 400 million equivalent from IBRD and (b) US\$119 million from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) on the terms and conditions set out in the President's Memorandum. The Minutes will reflect that Ms. Aviel wished to be recorded as abstaining.

Directors noted the Project's potential transformational impact in light of World Bank Group's twin goals and objective to contribute to climate change mitigation. The possible demonstration effect of this project in the context of concessional climate finance was also welcomed. They commended the Government of Morocco's commitment to increasing the share of renewable energy, including CSP technology, in its national energy capacity. Directors underscored that diversification of energy sources will generate a range of development benefits for the country, including enhanced energy security, promoting sustainable development, strengthening the competitiveness of the relevant sectors, improving local manufacturing capacity, and creating jobs.

Directors appreciated the experience developed by the borrower in implementing the contemplated PPP structure, as well as the energy sector reform that the Government of Morocco is undertaking to improve the sector's overall financial viability. Directors emphasized the importance of strengthened environmental and social risk management, including effective grievance redress mechanisms at the project level.

Directors underscored the importance of a fair and competitive procurement process as well as the potential need to continue engaging with the Moroccan authorities in creating adequate conditions for managing the procurement process.

Directors appreciated that the project design leverages Bank assistance with partnerships with other donors that will provide additional funding. They stressed the importance of monitoring and evaluation, encouraged staff to build upon the current and previous phases of the Project and to feed the lessons learned back into the World Bank Group and its clients. Directors welcomed the ongoing efforts of staff and the Government of Morocco to share lessons learned through South-South knowledge exchange.

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