INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

1. Basic Project Data

Country:	Egypt, Arab Republic of	**Project ID:**	P153487
Project Name:	Equal Access and Simplified Environment for Investment (EASE) in Egypt (P153487)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Sherif Bahig Hamdy,Nabila Assaf		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	01-Apr-2015	**Estimated Board Date:**	25-Jun-2015
Managing Unit:	GTCDR	**Lending Instrument:**	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Public administration- Industry and trade (100%)		
Theme(s):	Regulation and competition policy (40%), Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise support (40%), Managing for development results (20%)		
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)?			No
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	5.00	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		

Financing Source	Amount
Borrower	0.00
MENA Transition Fund - IBRD as Implementing Agency	5.00
Total	5.00

Environmental Category:	C - Not Required
Is this a Repeater project?	No

2. Project Development Objective(s)

To improve the regulatory environment for investors through simplified licensing and transparent industrial land allocation processes.

3. Project Description

The project aims to provide technical assistance and systems to enable GAFI to implement its mandate based on the newly issued Investment Law, and streamlining IDA's licensing and land allocation processes, making them more predictable and transparent. The project will support the deployment of these reforms through GAFI's OSSs by providing technical assistance, systems and capacity building. The project will also provide technical assistance and capacity building to the ERRADA regulatory governance program. Full detailed project description in available in Annex 2 of PAD.

Component 1: Facilitating accessible and transparent investor services (GAFI)
The Project aims to support GAFI become the national platform facilitating business entry, licensing, and access to investor information at the sub-national level through its One Stop Shops and GAFI Information Portal. This would entail addressing GAFI's processes and interfaces with all the involved regulators, including primarily IDA, but also other line ministries and local authorities involved in licensing, developing an IT system to deliver business entry, licensing services, and investor information, and capacity building and technical assistance to enable and support GAFI in this enhanced client-facing role, particularly of its OSSs. This component will also include supporting GAFI in developing the necessary implementation instruments and action plan that would enable it to carry out its mandate in light of the new Investment Law. This component will also include project management activities to be undertaken by the Project Management and the Project Implementation Units as defined under Section IV "Implementation".

Component 2:   Industrial Sector Regulatory Reform (IDA)
The Project aims to support IDA in focusing on its strategic roles of regulation and development and transform its approach to implement risk based regulation principles. This component will focus on the two primary functions of IDA, industrial licensing and industrial land allocation. The IDA is currently engaged in mapping its industrial licensing processes in collaboration with ERRADA and with World Bank Group support. The project will build on this work by supporting a fundamental restructuring of the IDA's role in industrial licensing as well as the reengineering of underlying processes for administering the industrial license. The redesigned process will then be deployed in IDA branches and GAFI OSSs. On industrial land allocation the project will support developing a "wholesale" model of land development (through reforming the developer concession agreements) and developing and deploying an online industrial land allocation system. This component will also finance IDA staff training, workshops, and ICT upgrading needed to implement these activities.

Component 3:   Capacity building for managing regulatory reforms (ERRADA)
The Project aims to strengthen the capacity of the GoE regulatory reform program (ERRADA). The project will focus on supporting ERRADA around a set of "horizontal" (cross-cutting) reforms that target constraints affecting firms in all sectors of the economy. It will in particular focus on reforms that promote transparency and predictability of the regulatory environment. It will also support "vertical" reforms in priority areas like industrial licensing and land allocation that complement components 1 and 2. Within the horizontal reforms, the project will support ERRADA in:
-        completing a comprehensive inventory of business related formalities/administrative procedures;
-        process mapping and re-engineering of the most relevant/frequent formalities/administrative procedures with the objective of streamlining and simplifying them;
-        establishing an informational portal of business related administrative procedures rendering all information related to the requirements of these procedures accessible to the general public in a simple and comprehensive manner;

\-   putting in place a public consultation and review mechanism to secure that all business related legislative proposals are properly reviewed and consulted with the stakeholders, including the private sector.

 4. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

The aim of the project is to reform key investment processes and services, as well as enhance the Government of Egypt's capabilities to implement these services, which would be achieved primarily through analytical and advisory services. The project will be implemented both in Cairo and throughout Egypt, particularly since Component 3 will involve TA to the GAFI One Stop Shops which are located in governorates outside Cairo. World Bank safeguard policies are not triggered as a result of proposed activities under the components. The project will not include the construction of physical infrastructure or civil works. Increased business activity that may indirectly result from the project is not expected to have adverse environmental impacts as beneficiaries are expected to largely be SMEs in less capital intensive sectors.

 5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	
Indigenous Peoples OP/ BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	

II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:

There are no safeguards issues or impacts associated with the proposed project.
2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:
3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.
4. Describe measures taken by the borrower to address safeguard policy issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described.
5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.

B. Disclosure Requirements

If the project triggers the Pest Management and/or Physical Cultural Resources policies, the respective issues are to be addressed and disclosed as part of the Environmental Assessment/ Audit/or EMP.
If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:
Not Applicable

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level

The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information			
Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	NA [×]
Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected groups and local NGOs?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	NA [×]
All Safeguard Policies			
Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	NA [×]
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	NA [×]
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	NA [×]
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	NA [×]

III. APPROVALS

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