

Annex B – Public Information Summary

Host Country	Nigeria
Names of Borrowers	Robust International Pte Ltd. Robust International Commodities Ltd.
Project Description	A \$20 million direct Loan to Robust International Pte Ltd and Robust International Commodities Limited to finance working capital for value-added specialty commodity processing in Nigeria.
Proposed DFC Loan	\$20 million loan with a 5-year tenor and 3-year grace period
All-Source Funding Total	\$20 million
Policy Review	
Developmental Objectives	<p>Nigeria’s agricultural sector is a key driver of economic growth and an important source of livelihoods, especially in rural areas. In 2022, the sector accounted for 24% of GDP and employed nearly two-thirds of the working-age population. The country’s agricultural finance gap is estimated at \$183 billion, equivalent to approximately 90% of the \$200 billion demand for financing by the sector.</p> <p>In response to these challenges, the DFC loan will provide working capital to expand Robust International’s commodity purchasing capabilities in Nigeria, increasing local value addition. The Project is expected to increase the proportion of total procurement of raw cashew nuts and sesame seeds sourced from small-holder farmers, generate an estimated \$375 million in exports sales, and support more than 1,000 new jobs at Robust International’s recently built local processing facilities. In addition, the Project will enable Robust International to conduct outreach to small-holder farmers to improve farming practices and increase the quality, sustainability, and traceability of its supply chain. Given the Project’s characteristics, it is categorized as Exceptionally Impactful per DFC’s Impact Quotient (IQ).</p>
Environment and Social Assessment	<p>SCREENING: The Project has been reviewed in light of DFC’s ESPP and was determined to be categorically eligible. The Project is screened as Category B because impacts are primarily site-specific and can be managed and mitigated in accordance with the Applicable Standards</p> <p>APPLICABLE STANDARDS: Under DFC’s ESPP, the Borrower is required to comply with applicable local and national laws and regulations related to environmental and social performance. DFC’s environmental and social due diligence indicates that the</p>

investment will have impacts which must be managed in a manner consistent with the following International Finance Corporation's (IFC) 2012 Performance Standards (PS):

- PS 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts;
- PS 2: Labor and Working Conditions;
- PS 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention;
- PS 4: Community Health, Safety and Security; and
- PS 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources.

PS 5 is not triggered at this time because the Project will not involve any land acquisition, and significant adverse impacts related to involuntary resettlement are not expected. PS 7 and PS 8 are not triggered at this time because significant adverse impacts concerning indigenous peoples and cultural heritage are not expected. The Borrower represents that Project sites in Ogun and Kano were acquired at market rates between willing buyer and seller, and the ESIA's for Kano and Ogun did not identify any economic or physical displacement or identify any potential risks or impacts to Indigenous people or cultural heritage. The use of DFC proceeds under this Project does not include additional warehouse acquisition; however, the Borrower will be required to notify DFC of any new land acquired or leased for the Project (including land with existing structures or for the construction of new structures) and to ensure that any acquisition does not result in economic or physical displacement.

In addition to the above standards, the Borrower will be required to implement the Project in accordance with the following guidelines:

- IFC General Environmental Health and Safety Guidelines (2007);
- IFC EHS Guidelines for Food and Beverage Processing (30 April 2007); and
- IFC and EBRD Guidance Note on Workers' Accommodation.

Environmental and Social Risks and Mitigation:

Key environmental and social issues related to the Project include: the need for stakeholder engagement (including appropriate grievance mechanisms); labor and working conditions (including occupational health and safety) at warehouses and processing facilities; supply chain management (for labor and biodiversity risks), security management; and the need for effective implementation of management systems for EHS and food safety at the processing facilities and warehouses.

Environmental and Social Management System. The Borrower has an Environmental and Social Management System in place, which is comprised of a combination of corporate, national, and site-specific policies, procedures, and management plans. Robust carried out Environmental and Social Impact Assessments for its facilities in Ogun and Kano and has been implementing Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) for both sites. The Borrower's ESMP addresses environmental management and monitoring, including of air quality, groundwater quality, and noise. Robust also has an

	<p>Environmental and Social Responsibility Policy and Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. The Borrower has E&S organizational capacity to implement its ESMS, including EHS and OHS committees.</p> <p><i>Stakeholder engagement processes.</i> The Project sites in Ogun and Kano are in the jurisdiction of two host communities and adjacent to different kinds of land use, including agricultural, business/residential, and other industrial sites. Further, Robust operates warehouses across Nigeria for the distributed aggregation of raw goods prior to transport to its main processing facilities. The Borrower has various policies and procedures guiding its engagement with external and internal stakeholders, but will be required to provide comprehensive, site-specific IFC PS1- aligned stakeholder engagement plans for the Kano and Ogun sites.</p> <p><i>Labor/workforce management.</i> The Project relies on large numbers of workers engaged by third parties to carry out shift-based and night work. The Borrower's ESMS, including HR policies and procedures, apply to all workers, including indirect workers, and provides access to grievance mechanisms. The Borrower will be required to provide a worker grievance procedure for Ogun based on the one applicable to Kano. At the corporate level, Robust has a comprehensive Occupational Health and Safety Policy that applies to all employees, contractors, and subcontractors. Robust also has a country-specific Health and Safety Policy, processes for incident reporting and corrective actions, as well as a suite of standard operating procedures (SOPs) that integrate OHS considerations for the Kano plant. DFC will require Robust to also develop and implement SOPs tailored to the occupational health and safety risks at the Ogun facility.</p> <p><i>Community health and safety.</i> Robust has measures in place to address community health and safety risks, including SOPs for driver training and driver and vehicle safety, as well as facility-specific traffic management plans. In addition, the Borrower has obtained Food Safety System Certification (FSSC) 22000 for sesame processing activities and will obtain a similar internationally recognized food safety certification for cashew processing.</p> <p><i>Security personnel and management.</i> Robust engages security forces at its facilities and to accompany certain cargo. The Borrower has in place various policies and procedures that address due diligence, conduct, monitoring, and training of security personnel. Robust will be required to provide site-specific Security Management Plans for Ogun and Kano that align with IFC PS4 (paragraphs 12-14).</p> <p><i>Supply chain labor and biodiversity risks.</i> The Borrower has varying levels of oversight and leverage over its supply chain, which includes smallholder farmers it regularly engages through training and extension services, other smallholder farmers, and aggregators. The Borrower has in place policies and procedures to manage social and environmental risks in its supply chain, including a Supplier Code of Conduct, a Selection and Onboarding Manual applicable to a subset of new suppliers, as well as an Environmental and Social Supply Chain Risk Assessment tool, which provides for regular supplier audits. Robust also carries out digital mapping of smallholder farms in its supply chain and verifies that farms are not located within national parks,</p>
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	protected forest areas, or recently converted critical or natural habitat. The Borrower will be required to update its supply chain management procedures to document a differentiated approach for due diligence, training, and monitoring for different types of suppliers (e.g., smallholder farmers and aggregators), including how suppliers are prioritized for audits.
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