## **Public Information Summary**

<b>Host Countries</b>	Africa Regional
	Angola
	Benin
	Botswana
	Burkina Faso
	Cameroon
	Cape Verde
	Congo, Dem. Rep.
	Congo, Rep.
	Cote d'Ivoire
	Egypt
	Ghana
	Kenya
	Lesotho
	Madagascar
	Malawi
	Mali
	Mauritius
	Morocco
	Mozambique
	Namibia
	Nigeria
	Rwanda
	Senegal
	South Africa
	Tanzania
	Togo
	Tunisia
	Uganda
	Zambia
Name of Borrower	SFC Finance Limited, a Mauritius company
<b>Project Description</b>	Financing to expand the Borrower's debt financing to small and medium
	enterprises ("SMEs") in Africa.
Proposed DFC Loan	\$65,000,000 loan with a 10-year tenor
All-Source Funding Total	\$95,000,000
Policy Review	
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Developmental Objectives	The Project is expected to have a positive development impact in Sub-
	Saharan Africa by allocating at least \$95 million to a portfolio of growth-

oriented small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that support provide economic, social, and environmental benefits. SMEs are a critical enterprise segment for Africa's economic development and productivity. Throughout Africa, SMEs represent 90% of all companies, an estimated 40% of GDP, and 80% of employment. Yet access to finance for SMEs is relatively limited and represents a barrier to enterprise growth. Unmet financing demand is estimated to be approximately \$302.8 billion, or 15% of GDP, for Sub-Saharan Africa. The Project is expected to provide loans to at least 27 SMEs, while providing significant technical assistance to facilitate growth. The Project is also part of a 2X Flagship Fund, qualifying as 2X due to the Borrower's commitment that at least 30% of its investees will be women-owned or -led, as well as committing to gender diversity among the Borrower's own staff and senior management.

## **Environment and Social Assessment**

The Project has been reviewed against DFC's 2020 Environmental and Social Policies and Procedures manual ("ESPP") and has been determined to be categorically eligible. DFC loans to non-bank financial institutions for the expansion of debt financing to small and medium enterprises ("SMEs") are screened as a Financial Intermediary C (FI-C) for environmental and social assessment. These downstream loans are expected to result in minimal adverse environmental and social impacts. Therefore, all those downstream loans have been pre-screened as low risk for and further review and consent is not required for these loans.

To ensure that the Borrower's loans are consistent with the DFC's statutory and policy requirements, the DFC Loan will be subject to conditions regarding the use of proceeds. The primary environmental and social issues identified in this transaction relate to the need for an Environmental and Social Policy that meets the 2012 IFC Performance 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 and applicable provisions of the 2012 International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard ("PS") 1 and 2. A deskreview based due diligence assessment indicates that because the Project will use DFC support to support the expansion of SME lending in Africa, significant adverse impacts concerning community health and safety, biodiversity, land acquisition and resettlement, indigenous peoples, and cultural heritage are not anticipated; therefore, PS 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not triggered at this time. The Borrower does utilize private security and therefore, relevant aspects of PS 4, Community Health, Safety and Security are triggered.

The Borrower has an Environmental and Social Risk Policy, grievance mechanisms, and human resources policies commensurate with its

investment strategy. However, the Borrower will be obligated to update
its worker grievance mechanism to include an anonymous pathway for
submissions to meet the expectations listed in DFC's 2020
Environmental Policy and Procedures.