

Initial Project Summary – Dasa Uranium Mining Project

Project Location: Agadez, Niger

Name of Applicant: Global Atomic Corporation

Name of Project: Dasa Uranium Project

Project Description: The Project involves the mining of uranium at a site which is located near Agadaz in Niger.

The surrounding area is sparsely inhabited with no permanent villages within the project's direct (i.e., 7 km) area of influence. Livestock grazing occurs to a limited extent within the area. The extended (i.e., 15 km) area of influence includes three permanent villages and more extensive livelihood activities.

Environmental and Social Categorization and Rationale: The Project has been reviewed against DFC's categorical prohibitions and determined to be categorically eligible. The Project is screened as Category A because it has significant diverse impacts which are associated with the extraction of uranium from an underground mine and processing of the ore. Primary environmental and social issues of concern include radiation impacts, mine safety, worker and community health and safety, labor management, workers' accommodation, air emissions (including dust and particulate matter) and their impact on ambient air quality, groundwater and water availability (both in terms of quantity and quality), tailings and other waste and hazardous materials management, sewage and wastewater management, security personnel, infrastructure impacts, economic displacement, protection of biodiversity and living natural resources, indigenous peoples, and cultural heritage.

Environmental and Social Standards: DFC's preliminary environmental and social due diligence indicates that the Project will have impacts that must be managed in a manner consistent with the following of the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) 2012 Performance Standards:

- 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;
- PS 5: Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement;
- PS 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Management of Living Natural Resources;
- PS 7: Indigenous Peoples; and
- PS 8: Cultural Heritage.

In addition to the Performance Standards listed above, the IFC's Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) General Guidelines (April 30, 2007) and the IFC's EHS Guidelines for Mining (2007) are also applicable to the Project.

Location of Local Access to Project Information: The Project ESIA will be available for review at:

- *National Environmental Assessment Office (Bureau National d'Etude d'Impact) (BNEE)
Koirakano, rue KK – 37 BP 578 Niamey, Niger*
- *BNEE Regional Office c/o the Governor's Office XXMR+7F8, Agadez, Niger*
- *BNEE Regional Office c/o Office of the Prefecture 7R9M+WQ5, Tchirozerine, Niger*