

Public Information Summary

Host Country

Jordan

Name of Counterparty / Insured Party

- Meridiam Eurasia 3 SAS
- Suez International SAS

Project Description

The Project is the early works for the development of the Aqaba-Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance Project (“AAWDCP”), a desalination plant and conveyance system in Jordan, on a build, operate, and transfer basis. The early works will primarily include field surveys, design development, and early mobilization activities (the “**Project**”).

DFC Product Type

Political Risk Insurance

DFC Insured Amount

Up to \$50,000,000

Total Project Costs

Up to \$100,000,000

U.S. Involvement

N/A

Insurance Specific

Private Insurer Participation

N/A

Investment Type

Equity

Foreign Enterprise

National Carrier Project Company

Policy Review

Developmental Objectives

Jordan faces a severe and growing water crisis driven by declining rainfall, overexploited aquifers,

aging infrastructure, and rapid population growth due to refugee inflows. In response to these challenges, the Project and the subsequent AAWDCP construction and operations phase will help close Jordan's projected 2040 water deficit by 75%, while reducing reliance on overstressed resources and supporting job creation and regional stability. Given the Project's characteristics, the Project is categorized as Exceptionally Impactful per DFC's Impact Quotient.

Environment and Social Assessment

SCREENING: This Project has been reviewed against DFC's 2024 Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures ("ESPP") and has been determined to be categorically eligible. The Project was screened as a Category C under DFC's ESPP because the activities to be undertaken are primarily desktop exercises involving minor fieldwork and are therefore expected to have minimal adverse environmental and social risks or impacts.

APPLICABLE STANDARDS: Under DFC's ESPP, the Project 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 Project will have impacts which must be managed in a manner consistent with the following International Finance Corporation ("IFC") 2012 Performance Standards ("PS"):

- PS 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts; and
- PS 2: Labor and Working Conditions.

Because Project activities to be undertaken are primarily desktop exercises (design and documentation development) and minor fieldwork (surveys), significant adverse impacts related to pollution, community health and safety, involuntary resettlement, biodiversity, indigenous peoples, or cultural heritage are not anticipated; therefore, PS's 3 through 8 are not triggered at this time.

Environmental and Social Risks and Mitigation: Minimal environmental and social risks associated with the Project relate to labor and contractor management and occupational health and safety of contractors/consultants. The DFC political risk insurance will not cover any construction or refurbishment activities.

Based on DFC's review of Project documentation and responses from the Insureds, the Project's overall Environmental and Social policies are generally adequate given the scale and nature of the Project. As per DFC's ESPP (2024), given that the Project is Category C, the Project is not required to establish a formal Environmental and Social Management System ("ESMS") but is required to have in place appropriate environmental and social policies and procedures that will guide the Project, human resource management systems, and internal and external-facing grievance mechanisms.

The Project has developed an Environmental, Health and Safety ("EHS") Plan and Security Management Protocol which prioritize the health and safety of consultants and contractors who will be doing field surveys. Although the Project's EHS Plan broadly outlines the requirements for

an external grievance mechanism and stakeholder engagement, the Project will be required to submit to DFC more detailed procedures.

The Project involves highly skilled engineers and scientists who will be contracted to conduct desktop studies, documentation and design development, submitting for permit applications, and scientific/engineering field surveys. The Project will be required to submit to DFC human resources policies and procedures that will guide the human resources management of its consultants/contractors. This must include a gender-based violence/sexual harassment policy and internal grievance mechanism that meets the requirements of IFC PS 2.