

Information Summary for the Public

Host Country:	Mexico
Name of Borrower:	Operadora de Servicios Mega, S.A. de C.V. SOFOM E.R.
Project Description:	Expansion of Borrower's leasing and lending business to capitalize on significant unmet demand among small and medium companies
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$9,750,000
Total Project Cost:	\$10,300,000
U.S. Sponsor:	WorldBusiness Capital Inc.
Foreign Sponsor:	Jose Guillermo Romo de la Peña
U.S. Economic Impact:	The Project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy. There is no U.S. procurement associated with this Project, and, therefore the Project is expected to have a neutral impact on U.S. employment. The Project is expected to have a neutral U.S. trade impact.
Developmental Effects:	This Project is expected to have positive developmental impact by expanding the availability of financing across the Project Company's portfolio of loans and leases to SMEs in Mexico. Despite Mexico's high-income status, access to finance for SMEs continues to be a constraint for growth. Only 31% of small firms have a line of credit, and just a little over a half of medium-sized firms hold a line of credit in Mexico. SMEs are an important driver for economic growth in Mexico, as they employ half of the labor force in the formal economy. In addition to expanding its total portfolio, the Project Company estimates that 25% of its loans will target women-owned businesses. The Project expects to help Mexico to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goal #5 (Gender Equality) and #8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).
Environmental and Social Assessment	<p>The Project is expected to operate in a manner consistent with the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards, OPIC's Environmental and Social Policy Statement, and applicable local laws.</p> <p>The Project has been reviewed against OPIC's categorical prohibitions and has been determined to be categorically eligible. Loans to financial institutions for the purposes of providing loans and leases to SMEs are screened as Category C projects under OPIC's environmental and social guidelines. The environmental, health, safety, and social impacts of the Project are considered minimal. However, to ensure that the Borrower's loans and leases are consistent with OPIC's statutory and Policy requirements, the loan will be subject to conditions regarding use of proceeds.</p>

The Project has in place a labor management system, including human resources policies and employment contracts, commensurate to the Project's activities. The Borrower also has an Environment, Social, and Governance Policy in place that is guided by IFC Performance Standards.

The Borrower will provide a healthy and safe work environment for its employees.

This review covers the commensurate human rights risks associated with on-lending in Mexico.