

INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC

Host Country(ies):	The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Name of Borrower(s):	AM Solar B.V./Jordan
Project Description:	Development, construction, and operation of a 51.9MW solar PV power plant located in Al Manakher, Amman, Jordan.
Proposed OPIC Loan:	Up to \$40,000,000
Total Project Costs:	Up to \$56,000,000
U.S. Sponsor:	The AES Corporation
Foreign Sponsor:	Mitsui & Co., Ltd.
Policy Review	
U.S. Economic Impact:	The Project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy. U.S. procurement in the form of legal and engineering services is expected to have a <i>de minimis</i> impact on U.S. employment.
Developmental Effects:	This Project is expected to have a positive developmental impact by expanding Jordan's capacity to generate clean energy by 52MW. The Project will enhance Jordan's energy security by helping diversify its energy mix to include renewable energy. Domestic power generation is primarily fueled by imported oil and gas, exposing the country to price fluctuations and supply disruptions. The Project will help ameliorate Jordan's fiscal balance by reducing reliance on fossil fuel imports, which account for 40% of the country's annual budget and represent 18% of its GDP. The Project dovetails with the Government of Jordan's National Energy Strategy, which calls for increasing the share of renewable energy in the total energy mix to 20% by 2025, of which 800MW is to be comprised of solar power generation.
Environment:	SCREENING: The Project has been reviewed against OPIC's categorical prohibitions and determined to be categorically eligible. Medium scale solar power generation facilities are screened as Category B under OPIC's environmental and social guidelines because impacts are site specific and readily mitigated. The major environmental and social issues associated with the Project include the need for appropriate health and safety measures and a robust environmental and social management system for day-to-day aspects of construction and operation including solid waste disposal, hazardous materials management and treatment and disposal of wastewater. The Project is subject to a Climate Change Resiliency Assessment per Executive Order 13677.

APPLICABLE STANDARDS: OPIC’s environmental and social due diligence indicates that the Project will have impacts that must be managed in a manner consistent with the following International Financial Corporation (“IFC”) 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; and

PS 4: Community Health, Safety and Security.

The Project is sited in a desert area with little ecological significance. There are no protected flora or fauna on site. As a result, PS 6 is not triggered at this time.

In addition to the Performance Standards listed above, the IFC’s April 30, 2007 Environmental, Health, and Safety General Guidelines are applicable to the Project.

Environmental and Social Risks and Mitigation: The Borrower has developed a draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (the “CEMP”). The CEMP serves as a framework and will need to be further developed as more detailed information becomes available (e.g., construction schedule, definition of activities) and as the Borrower works with the engineering, procurement and construction (“EPC”) contractor on the CEMP. OPIC will require that the Borrower develop and submit to OPIC the final CEMP. During construction, the Borrower will appoint a full-time environmental health and safety (“EHS”) officer who will be on-site and will liaise with contractors’ EHS personnel and will be responsible for ensuring environmental and social standards are being upheld.

The EPC contractor will be responsible for the health and safety of all personnel onsite during construction and will prepare an Occupational Health and Safety (“OHS”) Plan for construction prior to start of any construction activities onsite. The OHS Plan will be prepared in accordance with the IFC EHS General Guidelines and relevant Jordanian standards. OPIC will require that the Project submit to OPIC the OHS Plan as a condition to first disbursement.

CO_{2eq} emissions: < 100 tons/year

Avoided emissions: < 55,000 tons CO₂ per year

<p>Social Assessment:</p>	<p>The Project will have impacts that must be managed in a manner consistent with IFC’s Performance Standards, OPIC’s Environmental and Social Policy Statement and applicable local laws.</p> <p>OPIC’s statutorily required language regarding the rights of association, organization and collective bargaining, minimum age of employment, and prohibition against the use of forced labor, will be supplemented with provisions concerning non-discrimination, hours of work, the timely payment of wages, and hazardous working conditions. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project, including contracted workers.</p> <p>The Borrower has in place a human resources management system that meets the applicable standards. The system includes public and employee grievance mechanisms, employment contracts, and a collective bargaining agreement that applies to all Borrower employees. Contracted workers on the Project are covered by the contracting company’s human resources policies and employment contracts, which are commensurate to the risks of the Project.</p> <p>The Borrower is in the process of working with a third-party to strengthen its overall stakeholder and community engagement strategy, and will submit the results in a Stakeholder Engagement Plan.</p> <p>This review covers the commensurate human rights risks associated with solar power generation facilities in Jordan.</p>
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