Early Warning System

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Ethiopia - AMEA Power Aysha One Wind Project

Quick Facts

Countries	Ethiopia
Specific Location	Aysha Woreda
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-07-15
Borrower	AMEA Power Aysha Wind One PLC
Sectors	Construction, Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 80.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 110.20 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 508.00 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the project aims to increase Ethiopia’s renewable electricity generation capacity, diversify the country’s energy mix and reduce reliance on hydropower through the development of a 300 MW wind power plant. More specifically, the project seeks to strengthen the reliability and resilience of Ethiopia’s electricity system, contribute to meeting rapidly growing electricity demand, increase access to electricity and support Ethiopia’s objective of achieving universal electricity access by 2030. The project is expected to generate approximately 1,189 GWh of renewable electricity annually and avoid around 55,713 tonnes of CO?-equivalent emissions per year. It will also contribute to a more diversified electricity generation mix by increasing the share of wind power.

The 300 MW Aysha Wind Project is a non-sovereign renewable energy project in Ethiopia involving the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a greenfield 300 MW wind farm, together with a 5 km, 230 kV transmission line connecting the project to the Aysha II substation and associated substation upgrades required for interconnection. The project site is located near Aysha Woreda town in the Somali Regional State, approximately 620 km northeast of Addis Ababa. The project is expected to generate approximately 1,189 GWh of electricity annually. Ethiopian Electric Power (EEP) will purchase the electricity under a 25-year take-or-pay Power Purchase Agreement and will take ownership of the 5 km transmission line once it has been constructed. The borrower is AMEA Power Aysha Wind One PLC, a special-purpose vehicle incorporated in Ethiopia to implement the project. The company is currently wholly owned by AMEA Power, while Ethiopian Investment Holdings (EIH) is expected to acquire a 3% equity participation at financial close. The total project cost is estimated at USD 508 million and is expected to be financed with a debt-to-equity ratio of up to 75:25. Approximately USD 381 million in senior debt is expected to be provided by a syndicate of development finance institutions led by the African Development Bank and IFC as co-Mandated Lead Arrangers, together with concessional financing. The African Development Bank is expected to provide a senior loan of up to USD 80 million, mobilize USD 20 million from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) as a senior concessional loan and USD 10 million from SEFA as a subordinated loan, and act as co-MLA alongside IFC to mobilize the remaining senior debt from other development finance institutions. The project was procured through direct negotiation following approval by Ethiopia’s Public-Private Partnership Board. In August 2024, AMEA Power signed the 25-year PPA with EEP, an Implementation Agreement with the Ministry of Finance, and a 25-year land lease agreement with the Somali Regional State Government. The project will be implemented under a lump-sum, fixed-price, turnkey EPC contract covering wind turbines, balance of plant, transmission infrastructure and substations, with long-term operations supported by a 25-year OEM-backed service agreement.

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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	AMEA Power Limited	Parent Company	Energy

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