Early Warning System

AIIB-000476

Oman: Oman Broadband Company - Tranche 2

Early Warning System

Oman: Oman Broadband Company - Tranche 2

AIIB-000476

Quick Facts

Countries	Oman
Financial Institutions	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2021-12-22
Borrower	Oman Broadband Company (OBC)
Sectors	Communications, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 46.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 46.00 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the project objective is to continue the nationwide rolling out of Oman Broadband Company existing high-speed broadband network.

The Project is an extension facility provided in connection to an existing AIIB project (Oman Broadband Infrastructure, 2017), where AIIB has previously provided financing to OBC for the initial high-speed broadband network rollout focusing mainly on urban areas in Muscat (Phase 1). For Phase 1 deployments, AIIB mobilized a total of USD239.2 million.

Following the completion of Phase 1, AIIB is financing the next phase of the network roll out (Phase 2), which is expected to complete by 2025 with the expected total funding of approximately USD151 million (the Project). The amount of a senior debt available for Phase 2 is sized at approximately USD46 million. The financing structure would blend the existing with additional debt.

Phase 2 has the same business proposition to Phase 1 through Basic End-User Service (BEUC) and mobile backhaul services. It will cover part of the remaining part of Muscat and urban areas outside Muscat which were not included in Phase 1, using a mix of fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) and the new 5G fixed-wireless-access (FWA) technologies.

The total home passed target under Phase 2 deployment until 2025 amounts to 226,000 where 77% of the home passed is outside Muscat area and the majority (83%) of the home passed roll-out targeting the high dense population across urban areas. For the backhaul, the total coverage target of tower/mobile is 1,550km up to 2030.

Investment Description

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Oman Broadband Company	Client	Communications

Contact Information

PROJECT TEAM LEADER
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
Edwin Hin Lung Yuen
Senior Private Sector Operations Specialist
edwin.yuen@aiib.org

BORROWER
Oman Broadband Company (OBC)
Mohammed Bamkhalef
Lead Financing & Investment
mohammed.bamkhalef@withaq.om

IMPLEMENTING ENTITY
Oman ICT Group (OICT)
Dominique Reverdy
Group Executive Advisor – Corporate Finance
dominique.reverdy@ictg.om

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: https://www.aiib.org/en/contact/information-request/index.html

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF AIIB

The AIIB has established the Accountability Mechanism for Project-Affected People (PPM). The PPM provides Òan opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIBÕs failure to implement the ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project level GRMs or AIIB Management processes.Ó Two or more project-affected people can file a complaint. Under the current AIIB policy, when the bank co-finances a project with another development bank, it may apply the other bank's standards. You can refer to the Project Summary Information document to find out which standards apply. You can learn more about the PPM and how to file a complaint at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html

The complaint submission form can be accessed in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali, Chinese, English, Tagalog, Hindi, Nepali, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu. The submission form can be found at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/submission/index.html

Bank Documents

- Project Summary (October 27, 2021) [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- AIIB-000027 Oman: Broadband Infrastructure Project