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Quick Facts

Countries	United Arab Emirates
Financial Institutions	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Project Company (SPV) to be established for DSST Package J
Sectors	Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 400.00 million
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Project Description

According to bank provided information, the Project aims to strengthen Dubai's wastewater management system through the development of a resilient, efficient and sustainable gravity-driven sewerage tunnel network.

The Dubai Strategic Sewerage Tunnel ("DSST") Program comprises the development of a strategic deep-tunnel wastewater conveyance network intended to replace a large portion of the emirate's existing pump-station-based conveyance infrastructure. Specifically, the Project proposes to finance Package J of the overall DSST Program, which includes approximately 60 km of tunnels and associated shafts, the terminal pump station with a capacity of 5,500 million liters per day (MLD), and link sewers and shafts extending across approximately 13 km. The Project is designed to provide long-term wastewater conveyance capacity required to support Dubai's projected population growth, economic expansion and urban development. The Project is expected to improve service reliability, reduce environmental and public health risks, increase operational efficiency and contribute to the emirate's climate resilience, sustainability and resource-efficiency objectives. Through the replacement of energy-intensive pumped conveyance infrastructure with a gravity-driven system, the Project is also expected to generate energy savings and greenhouse-gas emission reductions.

The Project is being delivered under a 30-year Build-Own-Operate-Transfer ("BOOT") concession, with Dubai Municipality acting as contracting authority and offtaker supported by Government of Dubai. A special purpose vehicle ("SPV") will be established and will act as the Borrower. Engineering, procurement and construction ("EPC") obligations will be undertaken by a joint venture under a fixed-price, lump-sum turnkey contract, while operations and maintenance will be undertaken by a dedicated O&M joint venture.

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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

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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 (August 9, 2026) [Original Source]