

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-ALMASUNBIRD2X

Alma Sunbird 2X LLC



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	ALMA Sunbird 2X LLC
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 40.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 63.50 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of a loan portfolio guaranty to mobilize commercial investors to finance 2X eligible and climate solutions-focused financial institutions and SME borrowers. At least 80% of the total project will be used to finance 2X eligible borrowers.

The Project is expected to have positive impacts by expanding lending to small and medium enterprises and financial institutions in mostly low-income and lower-middle-income countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The majority of the Project is expected to support 2X Eligible Enterprises, and the Project will also support clean energy initiatives and nature-based solutions, such as forest conservation, reforestation, and agroforestry.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Typically, DFC loan portfolio guaranties to investment funds for the support of on-lending to small- and medium-enterprises (“SME”) within, energy, and nature-based solutions and non-banking financial institutions through fintech are screened as a Financial Intermediary B (FI-B) for environmental and social assessment. However, this Project was screened as Category FI-B because it involves an investment fund making subsequent investments into portfolio companies that conduct permanent afforestation of uninhabited degraded lands and the Project is expected to have moderate environmental and social risks that are mostly site-specific and are readily addressed through mitigation measures. Other downstream investments are expected to result in minimal adverse environmental and social impacts. Therefore, all of those downstream investments have been pre-screened as low to moderate risk and further review and consent is not required for these investments.



Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Proposed DFC Guaranty: \$40 million, 8-year tenor

Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- [ALMA Sunbird 2X LLC](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

Alma Sunbird 2X LLC is managed by Almavest Ltd.

According to the Company's website, *ALMA* uses innovative technology to provide creative debt financing to companies with a positive social impact.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Almavest Ltd.	Parent Company	-



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION (DFC)

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Bank Documents

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