



DFC-2024-WAYCOOLFOODSA

WayCool Foods and Products Private Limited



Quick Facts

Countries	India
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	WayCool Foods and Products Private Limited
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 5.50 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 25.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, DFC will provide a five-year guaranty of a loan denominated in Indian Rupees and issued by an Indian commercial bank to the Borrower. The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Loan to meet working capital needs as the company grows its food distribution network ahead of demand and expands into new regions and food products.

Income for agricultural households is half of the median household income in the country as a whole, and the traditional agricultural value chain involves between 5 and 11 transfers, increasing costs and reducing farmers' ability to respond quickly to changes in demand. WayCool's vertically integrated procurement and distribution approach reduces the number of transfers in the agricultural value chain to two to three. Combined with WayCool's extensive suite of products and services to help increase productivity and efficiency and reduce costs, this allows WayCool to increase revenue for smallholder farmers in its network while generating jobs across its operations.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The Project was screened as a Category B under DFC's ESPP because impacts are site specific and readily mitigated.

The primary environmental and social issues associated with the Project include the need for a robust Environmental Management System to manage potential environmental and social risks related to food processing, solid waste disposal, food safety, occupational health and safety, and enhance human resources management and ensure labor practices comply with IFC and DFC labor requirements.



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\$5.5 million loan guaranty, 5 year tenor.



Private Actors Description

WayCool is a tech-driven food distribution enterprise working to transform the Indian food value chain and reduce food waste.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	WayCool Foods Private Limited	Client	-



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

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