Early Warning System

DFC-2025-METALFORSA

Metalfor S.A.

Quick Facts

Countries	Argentina
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Metalfor S.A.
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 80.00 million

Project Description

As stated on the project disclosure page, the Borrower is seeking a $50 million, eight-year secured corporate loan to increase accessibility and affordability of used specialized farm equipment and precision agriculture technology (sourced from U.S. producers).

According to the DFC, the Project will reduce the barrier Argentine SME farmers face accessing advanced farm machinery and adopting precision agriculture technology by enabling Metalfor to sell used machines on affordable 5-year installment plans instead of 3-year plans. This reduces the size of the annual payment and increases accessibility for smaller SME farms that struggle to manage debt payments amid high crop price and yield volatility. Furthermore, as part of the DFC-supported Project, Metalfor will offer training to all customers purchasing used machinery.

Moreover, the Project will enable the Borrower to introduce a technology package add-on for used equipment that includes AI-powered digital tools that increase precision application. This technology will lower the amount and cost of inputs (fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, etc.) while improving yields.

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Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, Metalfor SA is an Argentine company with more than 45 years of experience in the field. It manufactures agricultural equipment, with four manufacturing plants in Argentina (Marcos Juárez and Noetinger) as well as Brazil (Ponta Grossa).

According to the DFC, StoneX Group Inc. is acting as financial advisor. As stated on the company's website, an institutional-grade financial services franchise that provides global market access, clearing and execution, trading platforms and more.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Metalfor SA	Client	Industry and Trade
-	-	-	-	StoneX Group Inc.	Contractor	Finance

Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

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