Early Warning System

DFC-2026-SVREHOLDINGSL

SVRE Holdings Ltd. (FY2026)

Quick Facts

Countries	Brazil
Specific Location	State fo Goiás
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Borrower	SVRE Holdings Ltd (USA Rare Earth Inc.)
Sectors	Mining
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 565.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 565.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 628.00 million

Project Description

As stated by the DFC, the project consists of the financing of (a) improvements to a brownfield rare earths mine located in the state of Goiás (the “Pela ema mine”) in Brazil, (b) operational expenses, (c) refinancing of existing shareholder debt, and (d) reserve accounts and other transaction costs.

Despite being home to the world’s second-largest rare earth mineral reserves, Brazil has seen declining rare earth mine production over the past decade, with only 20 metric tons of Total Rare Earth Oxide (“TREO”) produced in 2024 compared to a 2016 peak of 2,200 metric tons. Brazil currently represents less than 1% of global rare earth exports, and rare earth mining and processing therefore has significant potential for new local income and employment while diversifying global rare earth supply chains.

In response to these challenges, the Project is expected to have a positive development impact in Brazil through financing improvements to a brownfield rare earths mine, which will be the first significant producer of heavy rare earths outside of China. This site has significant potential, with a 2025 market study finding that the Pela Ema mine could produce 10% of global supply of heavy rare earth ores over its lifetime. The mine’s primary product is expected to be Mixed Rare Earth Carbonate (“MREC”), an intermediate product that is sold to midstream market offtakers for refinement into individual rare earth metals. Improvements to metallurgic recovery and product quality are intended to increase the TREO content in the mine’s MREC, a key determinant of market value. By 2029, MREC production volume is expected to reach 4,600 tons per annum TREO, supporting an anticipated $589 million in annual exports and 175 new direct jobs. Contributions to local income are expected to be substantial, exceeding $400 million over the next five years. Additionally, the Project will support broader local economic growth through its supply chains, which are expected to include Brazilian small and medium enterprises. Given the Project’s characteristics, it is expected to be categorized as Highly Impactful per DFC’s Impact Quotient pending final environmental and social risk deductions.

Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Private Actors Description

As stated by Bloomberg, USA Rare Earth, Inc. operates as a magnet manufacturing company. The Company develops a NdFeB magnet manufacturing, minerals supply, extraction, and processing plant. USA Rare Earth serves defense, automotive, aviation, industrial, medical, and consumer electronics industries in the United States.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
USA Rare Earth Inc.	Parent Company	Mining	owns	Serra Verde Group	Client	Mining

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]

Media

- Human rights abuses linked to transition mineral mining surge by 73% in just one year - seven in ten