

Early Warning System

DFC-PIAUI

Environment and Social Impact Assessment for the Piaui Nickel Project

Quick Facts

Countries	Brazil
Specific Location	Brejo Seco, Capitão Gervásio Oliveira Municipality - Piauí
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Borrower	Techmet, Ltd.
Sectors	Mining

Project Description

The Project involves the construction and operation of an open-pit nickel and cobalt mine entailing the mining of nickel laterite ore at a rate of 3 million dry metric tonnes per year. The ore will be processed using a heap leaching method which involves the irrigation of the ore with a dilute sulfuric acid solution to obtain the nickel and cobalt. The resulting leach solution will be purified and de-watered to produce 24,500 metric tonnes per year of nickel and 1,100 metric tonnes per year of cobalt contained in hydroxide products. All Project process plant residues will be filtered to a solid state so that they can be stacked in a dedicated and protected residue disposal area, obviating the need for a wet tailings dam.

Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

The Investment Type and Investment Amount were not available at the moment of the snapshot.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	TechMet Limited	Client	Mining

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP) [Original Source]
- Initial Project Summary [Original Source]
- Stakeholder Engagement Update 2020 [Original Source]
- Stakeholder Engagement Update 2022 [Original Source]
- Stakeholder Management Plan Guideline [Original Source]
- Summary Report
- Volume 1 [Original Source]
- Volume 2 [Original Source]
- Volume 3