

 Early Warning System

DFC-REKODIQ

Environment and Social Impact Assessment for Reko Diq Mining Project



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Pakistan
<b>Specific Location</b>	Nok Kundi village, Chagai district, Balochistan, Pakistan
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	A
<b>Borrower</b>	Reko Diq Mining Company (Private) Limited
<b>Sectors</b>	Energy, Mining



### Project Description

According to DFC, **The Reko Diq project** (the “Project”) entails developing a greenfield open-pit mining operation with processing facilities to produce a high-quality copper-gold concentrate. The Reko Diq mine development includes two open pits, a processing plant, several low-grade ore stockpiles, two waste rock dumps (WRD), a tailings storage facility (TSF), a heavy fuel oil (HFO) power plant, and photovoltaic (PV) solar array, and other auxiliary infrastructure.

The Project will be developed on land purchased or leased from the Government of Balochistan and does not require private land acquisition. The scope of the Project does not include the smelting and refining processes that commercial off-takers will undertake outside of Pakistan. The Project will produce 200-250 thousand tons of copper per year.

The Project is a major copper and gold mining development located near **Nok Kundi village** in the **Chagai district of Balochistan, Pakistan**. It is one of the world’s largest undeveloped copper-gold deposits and is operated by the **Reko Diq Mining Company (RDMC)**.

DFC claims that the project site is in a **remote, sparsely populated area** with minimal permanent settlements and limited grazing activity. However, villages and more extensive livelihood activities exist within 15 km of the site.

The project will use **existing road and rail infrastructure**, with upgrades and new construction (including a rail spur) to enable transport of copper-gold **ore concentrate** over **1,400 km** to **Port Qasim in Karachi**. Concentrate will be handled at the **Pakistan International Bulk Terminal (PIBT)** using **existing port facilities** (berth, ship loader, cranes, and conveyors), without requiring new port infrastructure. A **leased area** will house storage facilities for the concentrate.

A **fuel oil-fired thermal power plant**, supplemented with **solar power**, will provide the project’s electricity. **Diesel generators** will supply power during construction, and fuel will be transported from Port Qasim. A future plan involves connecting to the **national grid by 2042**. Water will be sourced from a **saline groundwater aquifer** near the **Pakistan-Afghanistan border**, transported via pipeline from a **borefield** to the mine and accommodation facilities.

The project includes a **potential expansion plan** to scale up production to **400,000 tons of copper per year**, which will involve increasing the capacity of related infrastructure including water, power, and tailings storage.



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### Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)



### Contact Information

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### Bank Documents

- [Disclaimer](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Impact Assessment \(ESIA\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Executive Summary \(Balochi\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Executive Summary \(English\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Executive Summary \(Urdu\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Initial Project Summary](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan](#) [Original Source]



### Other Related Projects

- IFC-46824 Reko Diq Copper
- ADB-58013-001 Reko Diq Mining Project