Early Warning System

DFC-SYRAHBALAMA

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Quick Facts

Countries	Mozambique
Specific Location	Namuno District, Cabo Delgado Province
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Borrower	Syrah Resources Ltd.
Sectors	Mining

Project Description

According to project documents:

The Project is a brownfield mine operation located in the district of Namuno in Cabo Delgado Province of northern Mozambique, approximately 265 km by road west of the port town of Pemba. The Project consists of an open pit graphite mine, with a mine life of approximately 50 years, and an onsite processing facility, which include crushing, grinding, flotation, filtration, drying, screening, and bagging. Syrah plans to upgrade the operation in 2022 to achieve production of up to 350,000 tpa of graphite concentrate. Proceeds from the DFC support would be used to finance (i) expansion of the tailings storage facility (the “TSF”), (ii) working and sustaining capital, and (iii) studies related to the construction and development of a vanadium (another critical mineral) processing facility from the mine tailings in the U.S. The Project required the acquisition of approximately 400 hectares of mostly agricultural lands (machambas).

Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Private Actors Description

According to Bloomberg, Syrah Resources Limited is a mineral exploration company. The Company's projects provide exposure to graphite, vanadium, mineral sands, copper, coal and uranium.
Twigg Exploration and Mining Limitada is its fully-owned subsidiary operating in Mozambique.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Syrah Resources Ltd	Client	Mining
-	-	-	-	Twigg Exploration and Mining Limitada	Subsidiary	Mining

Contact Information

Project contacts not available at the time of disclosure.

Location of Local Access to Project Information (i.e., ESIA):

1. Balama Graphite Operation
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2. Provincial Department of Environment- Serviços Provinciais do Ambiente
Address: 3 R Jeronimo Romero, Pemba, Cabo Delgado, Mozambique
3. National Directorate of Environment
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Bank Documents

- Critical Habitat Assessment [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) [Original Source]
- Environmental Audit Report - Operational Phase [Original Source]
- ESIA Executive Summary (Portuguese) [Original Source]
- Executive Summary - Socio-economic Impact Study Update [Original Source]
- Faunal Assessment [Original Source]
- Health Assessment [Original Source]
- Initial Project Summary [Original Source]
- Land, Natural Resource Use and Agricultural Assessment [Original Source]
- Noise Assessment [Original Source]
- Socio-Economic Assessment [Original Source]
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan [Original Source]
- Traffic and Transport Assessment [Original Source]
- Vegetation Assessment [Original Source]
- Waste Assessment [Original Source]