Early Warning System

EIB-20240336 MAURITANIA RAILWAY MODERNISATION



Quick Facts

Countries	Mauritania
Specific Location	Zouerate; El Aouj and Atomai
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-07-16
Borrower	Société Nationale Industrielle et Minière (SNIM)
Sectors	Infrastructure, Mining, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 125.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 512.00 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project concerns the capacity expansion of the railway line owned and operated by SNIM, linking the iron ore mining area of Zouerate with the port of Nouadhibou, an extension of the line to new mining sites of El Aouj and Atomai (42 km of new railway lines) to meet the transport needs generated by these two mining sites.

The promoter's investment programme includes the acquisition of rolling stock (locomotives and wagons) and equipment for infrastructure maintenance, as well as the extension of maintenance facilities.

The aim is to increase the quality, capacity, availability and reliability of rail operations in Mauritania and contribute to SNIM's competitiveness. It is expected to generate time and vehicle operating cost savings, reduce the maintenance costs of the infrastructure and improve railway safety.

This will prevent the modal shift from rail to road and, thereby, present climate, environmental and road safety benefits.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The project will be implemented mostly on the existing alignment of the railway and within the existing right of way; therefore potential negative environmental and social impacts are likely to be minor. The project was subject to an environmental social impact assessment (ESIA) in accordance with the national legislation.



Investment Description

• European Investment Bank (EIB)

Under EFSD+ Guarantee

Private Actors Description

Société Nationale Industrielle et Minière (National Industrial and Mining Company) is a Mauritanian company, operating in the research, exploitation, processing, transport and export of iron ore.





Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Société Nationale Industrielle et Minière (SNIM)	Client	-



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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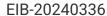
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Bank Documents

- 09/09/2025 ESDS-MAURITANIA RAILWAY MODERNISATION
- 09/09/2025 ESIA-MAURITANIA RAILWAY MODERNISATION Notice d'impact environnementale et sociale (NIES