

 Early Warning System

FMO-45081

IRRAWADDY TOWERS ASSET HOLDING PTE. LTD



Quick Facts

Countries	Myanmar
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2015-12-15
Borrower	Irrawaddy Tower Asset Holding Ltd. / Irrawaddy Green Towers Ltd. (ITAH/IGT)
Sectors	Communications, Construction
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 13.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 13.00 million



Project Description

FMO has arranged an additional financial package of USD 69.7million from European Development Finance Institutions for Irrawaddy Tower Asset Holding Ltd. / Irrawaddy Green Towers Ltd. (ITAH/IGT) to build additional mobile communications infrastructure across Myanmar. In 2015 FMO arranged a package of USD 122 million. ITAH is the holding company in Singapore of the operating company IGT in Myanmar. ITAH/IGT is owned by Alcazar Capital Ltd. in Dubai and M1 Group from Lebanon. Alcazar Capital Ltd. is a private equity house and advisory firm with a focus among others on telecom infrastructure. M1 Group is an investment holding with international interests in telecommunications, real estate, aviation, fashion, retail, energy and financial asset management.

The funding objective is to finance the construction, erection and operation of 3,000 - 4,000 telecom towers which are mainly located in rural areas. The towers are contracted by the major telecom providers in Myanmar, Telenor, Ooredoo and MPT. To that regard ITAH/IGT has signed long term lease agreements. ITAH/IGT will also provide for power management services.

Currently only a limited number of the approximately 51 million inhabitants of Myanmar have access to mobile telecommunication services. The country's objective is to substantially increase this share. In Myanmar ITAH/IGT will build a mobile telecommunication tower network thus providing coverage to approximately 15 - 20 million people. The telecom infrastructure will unlock rural areas and by doing so will provide a significant stimulus for economic development by improving access to telecommunications. Since its foundation, ITAH/IGT has created 300 direct jobs. Another 1,000 indirect jobs will be created in relation to the erection and operation of the towers. The company offers a comprehensive range of training and qualification programs for its staff and, in doing so, provides an important contribution to the transfer of technical and economic know-how.



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Contact Information

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