

 Early Warning System

IFC-32826

Norson S.A. de C.V.

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### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Mexico
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
<b>Status</b>	Active
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Borrower</b>	Norson Holding, S. de R.L. de C.V.



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## Project Description

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will expand and upgrade pork growing operations of Norson Holdings S. de R.L. de C.V. ("Norson" or the "Company"), one of the leading integrated pork producers and processors in Mexico. The project includes: (i) modernizing Norson's swine farms; (ii) increasing nursery capacity; (iii) expanding cold storage capacity; (iv) increasing slaughter, processing and value added capacity; (v) continuation of the implementation of its master sustainability program, including installing liners for waste water lagoons and an updated effluent treatment plant at the processing facility; and (vi) refinancing of the existing debt. On completion of the project, Norson's processing facilities will have an annual capacity of some 700,000 hogs, with around 85% of these sourced from Norson's own farms. Norson is a vertically integrated company, operating, manufacturing feed, which is supplied to its own farms, which in turn provide the majority of the hogs to the processing facility.

### OVERVIEW OF IFC'S SCOPE OF REVIEW

IFC's review was based upon meetings and site visits with the Company in Hermosillo Mexico, and review of documents supplied by the Company. IFC visited Norson's feedmill in Hermosillo, a farrow-to-finish and a finishing farm, outside Hermosillo, and the Company's slaughterhouse and value added meat processing facilities in Hermosillo. These site inspections were supported by presentations from and meetings with Norson's environmental, occupational health and safety (EHS) and human resources management teams, and review of written information submitted in these meetings in response to an environmental and social (E&S) questionnaire.

### IDENTIFIED APPLICABLE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS\*\*

While all Performance Standards are applicable to this investment, IFC's environmental and social due diligence indicates that the investment will have impacts which must be managed in a manner consistent with the following Performance Standards. PS 1 - Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts PS 2 - Labor and working conditions PS 3 - Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention PS 4 - Community Health, Safety and Security PS 6 - Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources If IFC's investment proceeds, IFC will periodically review the the project's ongoing compliance with the Performance Standards

### ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL CATEGORIZATION AND RATIONALE

The proposed project is essentially an expansion of existing farming and processing facilities, and the marginal environmental and social risks and impacts of the expansion are not significant. It is being developed in accordance with all applicable Mexican standards, and to standards that the US shareholder would expect in its own operations. Environmental and social risks and adverse impacts are readily managed by the Company, and are reversible. This is therefore an environmental and social category B project, in accordance with IFC's Policy on Environmental and Social Sustainability. The key environmental and social issues associated with the existing and expanded operations are: assessment and management of F&S risks. labor



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### **Contact Information**

#### ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF IFC

The Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) is the independent complaint mechanism and fact-finding body for people who believe they are likely to be, or have been, adversely affected by an IFC or MIGA- financed project. If you submit a complaint to the CAO, they may assist you in resolving a dispute with the company and/or investigate to assess whether the IFC is following its own policies and procedures for preventing harm to people or the environment. If you want to submit a complaint electronically, you can email the CAO at [CAO@worldbankgroup.org](mailto:CAO@worldbankgroup.org). You can learn more about the CAO and how to file a complaint at <http://www.cao-ombudsman.org/>



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**Other Related Projects**

- IFC-37803 Norson II