

 Early Warning System

IFC-36779

Secure ID



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Nigeria
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Borrower</b>	SECURE ID LIMITED
<b>Sectors</b>	Finance
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Equity
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 6.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 16.10 million



## Project Description

Secure ID Limited ("SID" or the "Company") is the largest supplier of smart bank cards, and other security sensitive cards in Nigeria, and is positioned to expand business to other African countries. The company started in 2006 with the supply and personalisation of bank cards, and the company is now expanding to include identity (ID) card and 'Subscriber Identity Module' (SIM) card manufacturing. Up to the end of 2014, Secure ID imported the cards, inserted the electronic chip and then personalized them for clients i.e. inserting customer specific data. In January 2015, the company commissioned a state-of-the-art card manufacturing plant in a new factory building in Lagos, Nigeria. SecureID's manufacturing plant is one of the few world-class Europay, MasterCard and Visa (EMV)-certified smartcard manufacturing plants in Africa. The card manufacturing plant produces ID cards, membership cards, loyalty cards, payment cards and secure SIM cards for telecom companies, banks, public and private industries respectively, with an annual production capacity of 200 million cards. A smart card is a plastic card that contains an embedded computer chip-either a memory or microprocessor type-that stores and transacts data; it is typically known as a chip card. The data is usually associated with either value, information, or both and is stored and processed within the card's chip. The card data is transacted via a reader that is part of a computing system. The manufacturing process of a smartcard starts with the development of the artwork which must be approved by the customer before going into production. The production process begins with the artwork moving into the pre-press lab. The output of the pre-press lab is then moved to the press room where the actual printing takes place. After printing, the finishing processes commence; these include collation, lamination, punching, hot stamping and finally milling and embedding. The IFC is considering equity investment of up to US\$6m in Secure ID Ltd to support its expansion (which will entail the purchase of additional machinery and generators) and consolidation as the leading African smart card provider. Secure ID began a 4-year development and expansion program in 2013 to (i) integrate backwards into card manufacturing; (ii) de-bottleneck existing personalization lines, (iii) introduce a "SIM card" line, and (iv) reduce the cost of energy by replacing diesel power plants with more efficient alternatives (the "Project"). The total project cost, including working capital, is estimated at US\$16.1 million.



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## Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)



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