Early Warning System

IFC-37749

ULI SME 2016

Quick Facts

Countries	Uzbekistan
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2017-02-17
Borrower	JOINT-STOCK COMPANY UZBEK LEASING INTERNATIONAL A.O.
Sectors	Energy, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 5.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 5.00 million

Project Description

This project provides Uzbek Leasing International A.O. with funds to finance leasing operations with small and medium-sized enterprises. At least 10% of the loan is earmarked for financing energy efficient leased equipment to SMEs in the country. The project is expected to have development impact in the following areas:

1. SME access to finance: the Project would provide financing to SMEs that would contribute to the creation of employment and sustainable private sector development.
2. SME access to Energy Efficiency Loans: the Project would stimulate ULI to finance energy efficiency projects of its clients.
3. Financial performance: IFC's project would support improvement of ULI's ROE, EROE.

Corporate Governance: IFC's project would support ULI's Risk Management System improvement.

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Joint Stock Company “Uzbek Leasing International A.O.” (ULI) is a universal leasing company and occupies 4.1% of Uzbek market and focuses mainly on small and medium-sized enterprises.

ULI has been IFC’s repeat client since its foundation in 1996 when IFC invested in 15% of ULI’s capital. In 2002 and in 2008 IFC has committed two senior loans to ULI for a total of US$5.5 million (both were repaid on time) and provided an extensive advisory services package to the Company.

Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- Uzbek Leasing International A.O. (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

Uzbek Leasing International A.O. was the first international leasing company established in Uzbekistan in 1996 by Malayan Banking Berhad, the National Bank for Foreign Economic Activity of Uzbekistan, EBRD and IFC.

In 2012 Uzbek-Oman Investment Company LLC invested in ULI by buying out IFC's and EBRD's stakes. After the recent capital increase in December 2015 the shareholders' structure of the Company is as follows: Maybank's stake is 19.7%, NBU owns 41.56% and UzOman owns 38.74%.

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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. You can learn more about the CAO and how to file a complaint at http://www.cao-ombudsman.org/