

 Early Warning System

IFC-39138

Absa Trade Finance



Quick Facts

Countries	South Africa
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Voting Date	2020-04-28
Borrower	Absa Bank Ltd
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 70.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 140.00 million



Project Description

According to bank provided information. the proposed Project with Absa Bank Limited is an up to US\$140 million equivalent in South African Rands (ZAR) working capital support to eligible suppliers of a large manufacturing company.



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- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Total Project cost is up to US\$140 million equivalent in ZAR of which IFC's proposed unfunded risk participation is up to US\$70 million equivalent in ZAR.

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.

- [Absa Bank Limited](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

Absa is a leading Pan-African financial services group offering banking, insurance and financial products and services to individuals, corporates and small and medium enterprises clients. Headquartered in Johannesburg, south Africa, it is the third largest commercial bank in South Africa with operations in Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Uganda, Tanzania, Seychelles, and Zambia.



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