

Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	South Africa
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2017-12-11
Borrower	MERCANTILE BANK LIMITED
Sectors	Finance
Ring Fence	Small & Medium Enterprises
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 60.00 million

Project Description

The proposed project involves IFC financing of up to US$ 60 million Rand equivalent to Mercantile Bank Limited (“MBL” or the “Bank”), an SME-focused commercial bank in South Africa. The funding will primarily be used for expanding the Bank’s lending operations to small and medium enterprises (“SMEs”), including women owned SMEs (“WOEs”) and Black Economic Empowerment owned SMEs (“BEEOEs”).

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

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.

- MERCANTILE BANK LIMITED (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** Caixa Geral de Depósitos (Parent Company)

Private Actor Relationship

There is often limited information publicly available about what development banks are funding through financial intermediaries. In 2021, the Early Warning System partnered with Oxfam International to incorporate information on high-risk projects being funded by financial intermediaries receiving funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Dutch Development Bank (FMO).

The information listed below describes the relationship between the different private actors linked to high-risk sectors and subprojects of IFC and FMO's financial intermediary investments and/or the financial intermediary's parent companies made from 2017 through 2020, including any associated ring fences.

The database, however, does not explicitly or implicitly imply that IFC or FMO have material exposure to or are contractually or legally accountable to the sub-projects financed by their financial intermediaries or the financial intermediary's parent companies. It only shows a seemingly financial relationship among the different private actors, the financial intermediaries, and IFC or FMO.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
Ascendi Group	Parent Company	Transport	owns	Douro Interior Motorway (272KM) PPP Refinancing	Client	Transport
Atlas Holdings LLC	Parent Company	Mining	owns	Alcoa Transformacion de Produc	Client	Mining
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Acciona SA	Parent Company	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Aernnova Aerospace Corp SA	Client	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Alcoa Transformacion de Produc	Client	Mining
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Alto Tajo Solar	Parent Company	Energy
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	ARTECHE LANTEGI ELKARTEA SA	Parent Company	Energy
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Ascendi Group	Parent Company	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Atlas Holdings LLC	Parent Company	Mining
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	AZVI SA	Parent Company	Construction
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Bondalti Chemicals Sa	Parent Company	Industry and Trade
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	CascaiShopping	Client	Industry and Trade
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd	Parent Company	Energy
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Douro Interior Motorway (272KM) PPP Refinancing	Client	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Douro Interior Road	Parent Company	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	EDP Energias de Portugal SA	Parent Company	Energy
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	EDP Finance BV	Parent Company	Energy
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Engie SA	Parent Company	Energy
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Ercros SA	Parent Company	Industry and Trade
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Estudio Ceramico	Parent Company	Construction

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Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	FCC	Client	Construction
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	First Capital Partner GmbH	Parent Company	Industry and Trade
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Galp Energia SGPS SA	Parent Company	Mining
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Grupo Celsa	Parent Company	Mining
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Grupo Empresarial Conesa Sl	Parent Company	Agriculture and Forestry
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Grupo Logistico Sese SL	Parent Company	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Iberwind II Producao - Socie	Client	Energy
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Inmobiliaria Carso SA de CV	Parent Company	Construction
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Inver Angelini	Parent Company	Construction
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Las Vegas Sands Corp	Parent Company	Industry and Trade
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	MCO Nominee One Ltd	Client	Finance
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Melco Intl Dvlp Ltd	Parent Company	Finance
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Monet	Client	Energy
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	MonteAdriano	Parent Company	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	MSC Kreuzfahrten AG	Parent Company	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Msc Mediterranean Shipping Co	Client	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Nard Agro	Parent Company	Agriculture and Forestry
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	NorteShopping(IMO-R)	Client	Industry and Trade
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Redexis Gas	Parent Company	Mining
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Sands China Ltd	Client	Industry and Trade

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Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Sonae Arauco SA	Client	Construction
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	Synergy Industry &	Parent Company	Transport
Caixa Geral de Depósitos	Investor	Finance	invests in	TIAA	Parent Company	Industry and Trade
CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd	Parent Company	Energy	owns	Iberwind II Producao - Socie	Client	Energy
Engie SA	Parent Company	Energy	owns	Monet	Client	Energy
First Capital Partner GmbH	Parent Company	Industry and Trade	owns	CascaiShopping	Client	Industry and Trade
Inmobiliaria Carso SA de CV	Parent Company	Construction	owns	FCC	Client	Construction
Inver Angelini	Parent Company	Construction	owns	Sonae Arauco SA	Client	Construction
Las Vegas Sands Corp	Parent Company	Industry and Trade	owns	Sands China Ltd	Client	Industry and Trade
Melco Intl Dvlp Ltd	Parent Company	Finance	owns	MCO Nominee One Ltd	Client	Finance
MSC Kreuzfahrten AG	Parent Company	Transport	owns	Msc Mediterranean Shipping Co	Client	Transport
Synergy Industry &	Parent Company	Transport	owns	Aernnova Aerospace Corp SA	Client	Transport
TIAA	Parent Company	Industry and Trade	owns	NorteShopping(IMO-R)	Client	Industry and Trade

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

Bank Documents

- Project Information