Early Warning System

IFC-42640 FirstRand SL IV



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Quick Facts

Countries	South Africa
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	В
Voting Date	2020-06-29
Borrower	FIRSTRAND BANK LTD
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 200.00 million

Project Description

The proposed project is an up to US\$200 million senior loan with a 5-year maturity to FirstRand Bank Limited ("FirstRand Bank"), an existing client of IFC. The proceeds of the Project will be used to expand FirstRand Bank's climate finance portfolio in South Africa. The Project will provide additional support to the bank's strategy to fund renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in corporates and smaller businesses. It also facilitates the bank's shifting focus, in its climate portfolio, from mitigation to resilience through the financing of "climate smart infrastructure", agriculture and manufacturing.

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• 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.

• FirstRand Bank (Financial Intermediary)



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