

 Early Warning System

IFC-44027

Celsia Revolving WC



Quick Facts

Countries	Colombia
Specific Location	Guajira, Valle del Cauca, Tolima, Atlántico and Santander departments of Colombia
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2022-06-08
Borrower	CELSIA COLOMBIA S A E S P
Sectors	Climate and Environment, Energy, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 140.00 million



Project Description

Celsia Colombia S.A E.S.P. (“Celsia” or “the Company” - <https://www.celsia.com/es/>), is a vertically integrated utility and one of the largest private-sector energy companies in Colombia with hydro, solar and thermal generation as well as transmission, distribution, and energy commercialization. The proposed investment entails an up to US\$140 million equivalent COP-linked, 5-year unsecured corporate revolving facility to IFC’s existing client, Celsia Colombia S.A E.S. P (formerly EPSA, “Celsia Colombia” or “the Company”). The proposed revolving facility could be used for: i) construction of renewable energy projects and/or acquisition of renewable energy assets; and (ii) financing of regulatory and maintenance capital expenditure on the transmission, distribution, and commercialization segments (the “project”). Under this revolving facility, any proposed investment opportunity will be presented to IFC together with the technical and environmental and social (E&S) due diligence conducted by experienced consultants. Accordingly, IFC will decide if: i) approve disbursement of the requested amount; ii) approve disbursement with the implementation of required actions determined by IFC; or iii) cannot provide funding for the proposed project under this facility; compliance with IFC Performance Standards being a key criterion in making this decision.

As part of the candidate’s pipeline for this revolving facility, Celsia has several solar projects and two wind power projects under consideration. Celsia’s Solar projects are mostly located in 4 departments, in the North and South West of Colombia including Valle del Cauca, Tolima, Atlántico and Santander departments. The wind power projects in development, Camelia (270 MW) and Acacia 2 (91,2 MW) and its associated transmission lines, are in the department of La Guajira covering the municipalities of Maicao, Albania and Uribia. In February 2018, IFC financed Empresa de Energia del Pacifico S.A. ESP (EPSA)’s construction and commissioning of the first utility-scale, grid-connected solar power plants in Colombia with a combined installed capacity of 178,8 MWp at peak. Publicly disclosed ESRS for this past investment is available at: <https://disclosures.ifc.org/project-detail/ESRS/39800/dcm-epsa-green-bond>.



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Private Actors Description

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Celsia S.A. is the Company's largest shareholder (65.11%). Celsia is a power generation company with operations in Colombia, Panama, Honduras and Costa Rica and combined generation capacity of 1,820 MW through hydroelectric, thermal, solar and wind plants. It is the 4th largest generation company in Colombia and the 2nd in Panama.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
Grupo Argos S/A	Parent Company	Industry and Trade	owns	Celsia Colombia S.A.	Client	Energy



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