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Quick Facts

Countries	Vietnam
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2022-05-31
Borrower	SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK
Sectors	Energy, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 75.00 million
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Project Description

According to the bank's website, "the investment consists of a five-year convertible senior loan of up to US$75 million on IFC's own account to Southeast Asia Commercial Joint Stock Bank (SeABank or the Bank), a top 12 private bank by asset size in Vietnam and IFC's recently onboarded client, to support the Bank's growth strategy and increase targeted lending to SMEs, including WSMEs. Of the total financing package, at least US$20 million will be earmarked exclusively for on-lending to WSMEs. IFC will have an option to convert its loan to an up to 5 percent shareholding in the form of common shares of SeABank."

As stated by Recourse and partners in a recent report, if converted to equity, the IFC will be exposed to SeABank's oil and fossil gas investments. In 2022, SeABank released
another long-term loan to PV Gas amounting to VND 895.66bn (approx $37.74m). SeABank's financial report for the last quarter of 2022 shows that it had long-term investments in five PV Oil Joint Stock Companies (JSCs) in 2021 and 2022. SeABank's long term investments in PV Oil JSC amounted to VND 44.77bn (approx $1.89m) in both 2021 and 2022. The Bank also had long-term investments in Phu My Oil Processing JSC at VND 11bn (approx $463,000) in both 2021 and 2022.

Bank disclosures on financial intermediary sub-projects are often limited. Although the bank disclosures did not categorize this as an energy project, civil society research has linked this project with oil and gas. Therefore, for purposes of this snapshot and other research, the Early Warning System team has categorized this project as an "Energy" project.

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

According to the IFC, the project involves a five-year convertible senior loan of up to US$75 million on IFC's own account. IFC's convertible senior loan to SeABank described in this SII is targeted for on-lending to SMEs, including women-owned SMEs.

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.

- SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

According to the IFC, SeABank was established in 1994 and headquartered in Hanoi, Vietnam. SeABank is currently listed on Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange (“HOSE”) with a market capitalization of VND 56,433 billion (USD 2.4 billion equivalent) as of June 15, 2022. The Bank’s charter capital as of March 31, 2022 is VND 16,598 billion. The Bank provides a wide range of commercial banking products and services to both retail and commercial clients through a nation-wide network of 173 branches. SeABank is the 12th largest private sector bank in Vietnam in terms of asset size as of December 31, 2021. The current main common shareholders as of March 31, 2022 are Madam Nguyen Thi Nga and her related persons at 16.5%. The remaining shares are owned by institutional investors and individual investors.

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ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF IFC/MIGA

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

Community Documents

- STILL BANKROLLING CLIMATE CHANGE: How MDBs Support Fossil Gas through Financial Intermediary Investm