Early Warning System

IFC-48131 Liquid ECG

Quick Facts

| Countries | South Africa |
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| Financial Institutions | International Finance Corporation (IFC) |
| Status | Proposed |
| Bank Risk Rating | В |
| Voting Date | 2023-06-16 |
| Borrower | Liquid Telecommunications Holdings Limited |
| Sectors | Communications, Infrastructure |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Loan Amount (USD) | \$ 49.16 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 79.20 million |



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Project Description

According to the IFC, Liquid Telecommunications Holdings Limited, via its local subsidiaries (including Liquid Telecom South Africa and Liquid ECG Infraco) has rolled out extensive broadband services in various provinces. The Project entails the provision of broadband services, initially using microwave, before fully transitioning to fiber once the deployment is completed. During the initial 3 years, Liquid ECG Infraco will be rolling out over 7,000 kilometres of fiber. Liquid plans to implement the project through a wholly-owned special purpose vehicle. The project activities have commenced since mid-2022, and to date there has been a roll-out of 2,700 kilometres of fiber.

Investment Description

• International Finance Corporation (IFC)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, Liquid is the leading pan-African provider of wholesale voice, wholesale data, and internet protocol services, and an existing IFC client, and provides internet services across the African continent and in particular across various provinces in South Africa.



| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| - | - | - | - | Liquid Telecommunications Holdings Limited | Client | Communications |

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Bank Documents

• Environmental and Social Review Summary