

 Early Warning System

IFC-50085

Liquid Term Loan 2



Quick Facts

Countries	South Africa
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2024-11-26
Borrower	Liquid Telecom South Africa
Sectors	Communications
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 58.17 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 220.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Project aims to support Liquid Telecom Holding Limited at raising US\$220 million in ZAR equivalent to be borrowed by their South African subsidiary Liquid Telecom South Africa ("LTSA"). IFC is providing up to ZAR 1,029 million as part of the Company's effort to strengthen its balance sheet structure. This will include the refinancing of Liquid's existing ZAR debt and drawn portion of the US\$ revolving credit facility, extending tenors and moving away from a single maturity, as well as potentially repurchasing a portion of its bond. The Project is taking place in a context where Liquid is undergoing a capital rebalancing exercise. Liquid is a strong Telco partner in South Africa and across the African continent. Since its establishment in 2004, Liquid has anchored the development of the broadband market in Africa with its presence across the region. The Project will help ensure the continuity of Liquid's endeavor to bridge the connectivity gap in Africa and enhance the resilience of the fixed broadband market in its countries.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

This is a Category B project as per IFC's Policy on Environmental and Social Sustainability. Based on IFC's review, the project is expected to have limited adverse environmental or social risks and/or impacts that are few in number, generally site-specific, largely reversible, and readily addressed through established mitigation measures.



Investment Description

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The total Term Loan amount is up to \$220 million ZAR equivalent. The proposed IFC investment is for an up to ZAR 1,029 million investment in the Term Loan, for IFC's own account.

IFC's Investment as Approved by the Board: Loan 58.17 million (USD)



Private Actors Description

Liquid is the leading pan-African provider of wholesale voice, wholesale data, and internet protocol (IP) services, and an existing IFC client, and provides internet services across the African continent.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Liquid Telecom South Africa	Client	-
-	-	-	-	Liquid Telecommunications Holdings Limited	Parent Company	-



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Bank Documents

- [Environmental & Social Review Summary \(ESRS\)](#)