Early Warning System

MIGA-15552

FirstRand Capital Optimization

Quick Facts

Countries	Ghana
Financial Institutions	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Voting Date	2026-06-07
Borrower	FirstRand EMA Holdings (Pty) Ltd
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 107.18 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, this summary describes equity investments by FirstRand EMA Holdings (Pty) Ltd (FREMA), a wholly owned subsidiary of FirstRand Limited (FirstRand or the group), in its subsidiary First National Bank of Ghana Limited (First National Bank Ghana or the bank). The Guarantee Holder or investor is FREMA. The investor has applied for MIGA guarantees of up to USD [107.18] million covering mandatory and voluntary reserves for a period of up to 3 years.

FirstRand is one of the largest financial services groups in Africa by market capitalization. The group is based in South Africa and also has subsidiaries in eight countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Its subsidiary banks outside of South Africa are required to maintain reserves at the central banks in their respective jurisdictions, based on the volume of customer deposits that these subsidiaries have. Mandatory and voluntary reserves contribute to FirstRand's overall risk-weighted assets (RWA) at the consolidated level, consuming a level of capital that could have otherwise been deployed in productive assets.

The proposed MIGA guarantee builds on a previous 2020 transaction in which MIGA issued guarantees covering FirstRand's subsidiaries in Botswana, Eswatini, Ghana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Zambia.

Investment Description

- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

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 LTD (Financial Intermediary)

Contact Information

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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You can also request general information about MIGA and for information on guarantees by emailing: migainquiry@worldbank.org

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