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Quick Facts

Countries	Mali
Specific Location	Kodialani, Kambila, Dialakorobougou, Safo, Kénié; Bamako
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2025-11-12
Borrower	Government of Mali - Energie du Mali SA
Sectors	Energy, Hydropower, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 62.49 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 62.49 million

Project Description

As stated in the project ESIA (translated with DeepL.com), the Bamako Loop project has been planned in two phases. The first, known as the South Loop, will house the interconnections and is located on the southern outskirts of the capital. The second, known as the North Loop (PBNB), which is the subject of this project, is located to the north and will receive energy from hydroelectric power plants, including Gouina, and photovoltaic farms such as Kita (50 MWp) currently being commissioned, and those planned for the Kambila and Safo substations in the Loop.

The Bamako North Loop (PBNB) includes the construction of a 225 kV high-voltage transmission line on the northern outskirts of Bamako between Kodialani and Dialakorobougou. The project includes:

(i) the construction of a 225 kV double-circuit high-voltage line between the Kodialani and Dialakorobougou substations over a distance of 103.4 km;
(ii) the construction of two new 225/33 kV substations in Safo and Kénié;
(iii) the extension of three 225/33 kV substations (Kodialani, Kambila, and Dialakorobougou); and
(iv) the construction of high-voltage lines to reconfigure the existing network and electrify new neighborhoods in the project area.

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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	BANQUE OUEST AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT	Investor	Finance
-	-	-	-	Société Energie du Mali SA (EDM-SA)	Contractor	Energy

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