SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE E&S POLICIES APPLICATION: CASE STUDIES

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Identification Action **Evaluation General Approach** Sources of impacts Potential positive Business (clients, factors development action transactions, plan countries, sectors) Potential negative factors Remediation action Social. plan environnemental and economic development impacts Documentation • E&S General Remediation action Principles and plan into legal Environmental & Sectorial Policies documentation Social procedures for • « Positive sources » Client engagement Transaction & Client (sectors, countries, process (awareness SME) raising, action plan)



EXAMPLES



EXAMPLE: 168MW RUN OF THE RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PLANT IN PERU-PROJECT FINANCE

Identification

- Renewable energy sector
- Potential biodiversity impacts
- Potential cultural heritage impacts
- Land acquisition and other socio-economic impacts

Evaluation

- Categorisation: A
- Independent Environmental and Social **Assessment**
- Gap analysis with international standards

Action

- Integrated Basin Management Plan
- Compensation Plan for land acquisition
- Socio-Economic Management Plan
- · Conservation Plans for biodiversity



EXAMPLE « POSITIVE IMPACT TRANSACTION »: KPDC CAMEROON



Identification

- Energy sector: Production & distribution
- Cameroun listed low-middleincome economy
- Project developed by AES Corporation
- Potential Impacts: Air emission; Biodiversity; Economic resettlement. Cultural Heritage

Evaluation

- Categorisation: A
- Environmental & Social Assessment satisfactory
- SG own review concluded compliance to Equator Principles provided appropriate management plan is implemented

Action

 Client commits to implement management plan which will be annually audited by qualified external consultant



Financed with African Development Bank, **IFC and Proparco**



EXAMPLE: GOLD-SILVER MINE IN ASIA - PROJECT FINANCE



Identification

- Protected area for biodiversity (with endangered species)
- Land acquisition and other socio-economic impacts
- Waste management issues

Evaluation

- Categorisation: A
- Independent Environmental & Social Assessment not satisfactory
- SG (and other banks) own review concluded non compliance to Equator **Principles**

Action

- Requirement for additional studies by competent **Environmental & Social** consultants
- Client refusal to perform these studies

SG did not participate

Costs overrun > 30% initial project costs



EXAMPLE: SOLAR POWER PLANT IN FRANCE

Identification

- Protected area for biodiversity
- Local opposition to the project

Evaluation

- Categorisation: A
- Due diligence identifies risk of non obtention of full Environment licence

Action

- 1 Project financing approval postponed until more clarity on licensing process
- 2 License awarded only to part of the project
- 3 Financing adapted to the new project's feature

SG participates

Risk of non obtention of local authorizations addressed



CLIENT INVOLVED IN CLUSTER BOMBS TRADING

Identification

 Client proposing cluster bombs in its commercial offer

Evaluation

 Assessment of compliance of potential transactions with **Oslo Convention** and its application in France

Action

• Inform/discuss with the client

> **Client withdrew from cluster** bombs activity



EXAMPLE: MULTINATIONAL OIL & GAS GROUP

Identification

- E&S controversy and legal action associated with operations in Africa
- Oil spills and conflict with local population
- E&S legal cases ongoing in the US and UK
- Other risks: Involvement in non-conventional oil & gas extraction techniques

Evaluation

- E&S Memo
- Category: Medium-High E&S reputation risk due to E&S controversies
- Generally good E&S performance but some doubts on compliance with standards listed in the OECD Guidelines for MNEs and UK/US laws due to E&S problems in Africa
- Reputation risk
- Positive factors such as transparency and progress on key sustainability indicators taken into account

Action

- Engagement with client advised and communication of SG E&S Policies
- Special E&S due diligence would be needed prior to eventual financing of the company's operations in Africa





Identification

- Controversial mine in Asia (represents important part of the group's production)
- Severe impact on environment (waste into rivers)
- Recent long term strike of thousands of workers/violence including 9 deaths
- Security issues, involvement of military

Evaluation

- Category: High E&S reputation risk notably for entity directly involved in the mine
- Doubts of compliance with international standards
- Inadequate transparency
- Positive factors such as CSR reporting taken into account (although important information missing)

Action

 Recommended not to finance directly the entity operating the mine until comfort on its E&S management is obtained



NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, EXPORT FINANCE

Identification

- Nuclear Power Sector
- Potential biodiversity impacts
- Safety/effluents to be managed properly
- Some resettlement and land acquisition

Evaluation

- Categorisation: A
- Independent Environmental and Social Assessment
- Gap analysis with international standards

Action

- Set up a team of Environmental and Social Inspectors
- · Major contracts to include environmental requirements
- Consultation with local population and complements to local government actions
- High level review of nuclear safety authority approvals
- Conservation Plans for biodiversity

OECD Common Approaches compliant

