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1. Environmental and Social Categorization and Rationale: This operation is classified as an FI-2 under the IDB Invest's Sustainability Policy. Based on information reviewed by IDB Invest, the proposed Project will have limited adverse environmental and social (E&S) impacts. LAAD's portfolio may present risks in the form of deforestation and land-use changes. LAAD asseses deforestation and land use changes for all new loans. When changes in use of land occur, LAAD ensures that it is done in compliance with local legislation and PS6 performance standard. All relevant permits are requested from prospective clients before loan approval.

- 2. Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts Key E&S issues associated with sub-projects under this investment are: i) on-farm working conditions and prevention of harmful or exploitative forms of child labor (PS2); ii) occupational health and safety on farmer fields, appropriate use of PPE; iii) on-farm agrochemical hazards, WHO banned pesticides; and capacity building in Integrated Pest and disease management (IPDM); iv) on-farm land use change/deforestation, including conversion of natural / critical habitats and biodiversity risk of investments in proximity to sensitive geographical areas (i.e. Chaco, Cerrado, etc.) (PS6); v) supply chain (issue of concern in certain geographical areas and sectors in LAC); vi) sub-project use of ozone depleting substances (chemicals, refrigerants, etc.) and compliance with the Montreal Protocol. Mitigation measures for these impacts are described below and being incorporated into the Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP).
- 3. Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS). IDB Invest carried out an evaluation of LAAD's compliance with PS1, to determine the company's parity with the nine elements of an ESMS defined in PS1; the level of maturity of each of these elements; and, the level of implementation of the system. The nine elements (requirements) of an ESMS defined by PS1 include: Policy, Identification of Risks and Impacts, Management Programs, Organizational Capacity and Competency, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Stakeholder engagement, External Communication and Grievance mechanism, Ongoing Reporting to Affected Communities, and Monitoring and Reporting. The overall assessment is very positive and showed that LAAD's ESMS is well developed, reflecting compliance with Performance Standards. And, there are some areas highlited in the improvement plan. Also, the examples of LAAD's investments discussed during the meetings with IDB Invest indicate that the ESMS has undergone considerable practical and successful implementation with LAAD clients in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The ESMS Improvement Plan includes the following ameliorative tasks:

- i. Management Programs: Where applicable, LAAD will require clients to consider external stakeholder feedback in reviewing and updating established action plans and objectives and targets. It should also integrate continual improvement plans agreed upon with its clients. In addition, and especially important for sub-projects in natural and critical habitats, LAAD will formalize current practices into a management system procedure to avoid impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services in sensitive geographical areas (for example Chaco, Cerrado, others). The procedure shall include use of satellite imagery, land use maps, and other mapping efforts. Examples of these tools that could be used are: World Resources Institute (WRI), Global Forest Watch, others; for ex-ante project assessment and monitoring. A management system procedure appropriate to the nature and scale of LAAD sub-project investments shall be developed to quantify GHG emissions for IDB Invest funded subprojects. Sub-project use of ozone depleting substances (chemicals, refrigerants, etc.) requires an ESMS procedure for sub-clients to ensure tight control of leaks to the air.
- ii. Stakeholder Engagement: Important stakeholders for LAAD's clients are also the inhabitants (employees) living in any company provided quarters. If a subproject requires it or is applicable, LAAD shall request its client to create and implement communication channels for these stakeholders, in addition to the employee grievance mechanism.
- iii. Ongoing Reporting to Affected Communities. LAAD may profit from reviewing its web page and include a clearly visible tab and contact person at LAAD for accessing a grievance

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mechanism's contact points.

- iv. Reporting to IDB Invest: To address potential exposure to E&S operational business risks in the short and long term, LAAD has established a plan for monitoring and reporting to senior management on E&S risks and impacts of its subproject operations. When reporting to IDB Invest, LAAD shall include exemplary subprojects in terms of E&S and transactions declined on E&S grounds.
- 4. E&S Risk Management at LAAD: To assess and manage E&S risk at the client and portfolio level, LAAD has developed and implemented an Environmental and Social Management System. This system provides tools, procedures and information for aggregated E&S reporting, for reporting E&S issues to senior management, ensure quality of reporting across country offices and provide measures undertaken to promote E&S sustainability (opportunities) and mitigation of E&S impacts in line with the 2012 Performance Standards. Training in E&S risk assessment has been done for country staff. LAAD will continue to work with its clients to encourage them to obtain certifications, as one way of ensuring sustainable environmental and social practices in the supply chains of companies financed. During the Due Diligence, LAAD provided samples of its ESMS implementation to assess PS6 (Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources) of a livestock subproject in the Chaco region of Paraguay. Information requested from the client included the approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment by the Secretaría de Ambiente-SEAM; the resolution of the Instituto Forestal Nacional's (INFONA), approving the "Estudio Tecnico del Plan de Uso de la Tierra for farms where land use changes were made after the year 2006, or will be made as part of the project. These are supported by information such as: Geographic coordinates of farms; Environmental & Social questionnaire; Agrochemical use form; Labor self-evaluation form. For analysis of information, the geographic coordinates are entered in ArcGIS to verify location in relation to protected or environmental sensitive areas and land use changes since year 2000. If the project involved a change of land use after the year 2006 (or a change in land use is planned as part of the subproject operations), then the farm's limits are geo-coded using the maps of the "Estudio Tecnico del Plan de Uso de Tierra". These maps indicate the authorized uses by SEAM and INFONA. Compliance with approved land use is verified utilizing Global Forest Change 2000-2015 data (Hansen, 2015), and Sentinel Satellite images to assess current land cover.

Improvement actions requested are registered in the ESMS database with action items, compliance indicator/documentation, due dates, assignees and status.

5. E&S Action Plan (ESAP). Environmental and Social Action Plan (2017 ESAP) – Updated (May,2020)

Task Title/Description

Anticipated
Completion
Date

Indicator of
Completion
Update May 2020

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PS 1 Environmental and Social IN COMPLIANCE Management System (ESMS) a) ESMS complied on Compliant: a) LAAD is required 08/31/2018 and to implement the ESMS 02/08/2019 Improvement Plan described in a) Procedures manual b) IDB Invest verified this table, aimed at closing for the ESMS to the compliance in May gaps between the ESMS and satisfaction of the 2020, the 2012 PS1. The Company 08/31/2018 **IDBINVEST** will provide to IDBINVEST its b) PS 1 ESMS Due to ESMS nature, updated Procedures Manual. Compliant verified by LAAD will update **IDBINVEST** annually. For b) Compliance with the 2012 example, recently PS1 ESMS element added a COVID-19 requirements will be verified ESMS procedure. by IDBINVEST through supervision. IN COMPLIANCE. **UPDATES ANNUALLY** Annual report to Exclusion of Category A for include LAADs IDBINVEST funded sub-Duration of portfolio and FY2019 report sent on Projects, according to loan subproject E&S 02/28/2020, indicates IDBINVEST definition. categorization Subproject categorization Formalize current practices into a management system procedure to avoid impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem Management system services in sensitive procedure to assess geographical areas. The **Biodiversity** IN COMPLIANCE on procedure shall include use of Conservation and 02/08/2019 satellite imagery, land use 04/30/2018 Sustainable maps, and other mapping Management of Living efforts. Examples of these tools Natural Resources in that could be used are: World Subprojects. Resources Institute (WRI). Global Forest Watch, others, for ex-ante project assessment and monitoring. **PARTIAL COMPLIANCE** LAAD will review its web page (6/11/2018)and include a clearly visible tab Website updated with and name of contact person at name of LAAD contact Note: name of contact LAAD (i.e. a grievance

04/30/2018

mechanism) such that LAAD

particularly as they relate to

of any queries/questions,

LAAD's E & S procedures.

may receive and become aware

person for accessing a person is not

grievance

person.

mechanism's contact

indicated in web page.

form is sent directly to

However, grievance

Compliance Officer and E&S Coordinator

Senior E&S

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Reporting to include list of exemplary subprojects in terms of E&S and transactions declined on E&S grounds.

E&S Annual Report, to be delivered each year 120 days after the closing of LAADs fiscal IN COMPLIANCE Annual Report year. Report will include exemplary subprojects and transactions declined on E&S grounds.

FY2019 E&S Annual Report sent on 02/28/2020.

GHG emissions: LAAD will create a procedure to quantify GHG emissions for its IDBINVEST funded subprojects, at the beginning of IDBINVEST's the subproject's subloan. If a sub-project exceeds 25,000 tons of CO2 equivalent, GHG for that subproject will be reported annually.

report.

Report to IDBINVEST GHG footprint of IDBINVEST funded subprojects.

TO BE UPDATED **ANNUALLY**

To date, none of the sub-projects reported exceeded 25,000 t of CO2-equivalent.

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- a) For new Sub-projects, LAAD will ensure that sub-projects look beyond R22 refrigerants when installing new equipment. b) LAAD will look into specific
- updated country phase out plans on control of ozonedepleting substances (ODS) substances based on Montreal Protocol.
- c) When investing in new projects, LAAD will make sure that IDBINVEST proceeds are not used in loans to subprojects that use any ozonedepleting substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol

Duration of

loan

- a) Annual report to include data on change of refrigerants in 2019, part of IDB in sub-projects b) Subportfolio report to IDBINVEST to include data on country updated phase out plans for sub-projects using ozone-depleting substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol. c) Report to IDBINVEST that none of IDBINVEST proceeds are used in loans to sub-projects that use any ozonedepleting substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol.
 - One client approved sub portfolio, utilizes R-409A, which contains 60% of R-22. We identified this substance as containing R-22 after granting the loan. The client is requesting a new loan and retrofit of equipment to use a different refrigerant is been requested. - One client approved in 2019, not part of IDB sub-portfolio, utilizes R-22. Conditions were established for the client to retrofit equipment and replace refrigerant by August 2022.
- 6. Contact Information For project inquiries, including environmental and social questions related to an IDB Invest transaction please contact the client (see **Investment Summary** tab), or IDB Invest using the email requestinformation@idbinvest.org. As a last resort, affected communities have access to the IDB Invest Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism by writing to mecanismo@iadb.org or MICI@iadb.org, or calling +1(202) 623-3952.