

This transaction has preliminarily been classified as Category B, pursuant to IDB Invest's Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy, as its environmental and social impacts and the expected occupational hazards for both the construction and operation stages are limited, reversible, and manageable through the application of plans and procedures that are well understood in this sector.

The environmental authority (DINAMA) has requested the preparation of two separate EIAs, for what are called Lot 1 and Lot 2. Lot 1 includes repairs to Route 14 between Sarandí del Yi and Route 8, to the interchanges, and to the exits at José Batlle y Ordóñez and Zapicán. Lot 2 includes the construction of a bridge and an elevated section across the Cebollatí River flats, as well as two bridges over smaller waterways and surface reconstruction of the bridge that currently spans the river. As of the publication of this document, the EIA for Lot 1 is approved, while the EIA for Lot 2 is nearing DINAMA approval. The plan includes operation of 10 quarries, for which the corresponding Environmental Operation Authorization will be sought from the DINAMA. The water needed for construction will be taken from waterways near the road, with authorization from the National Water Directorate (DINAGUA). The expectation is that 73 plots will be impacted, with the MTOP expropriating portions of them for the redesigned roadways. In principle, no housing relocation is expected to be necessary.

The strategy established for environmental and social due diligence consists of: a) collecting and analyzing available environmental and social documentation; b) evaluating the construction consortium's capacity for environmental and social management; c) holding virtual meetings with representatives of the project promotor, with representatives of the construction consortium, and with government authorities (especially with representatives of the Topography Office of the Ministry of Transportation and Public Works on management of involuntary resettlement), as well as with the representatives of any third parties who may be affected by the project; d) identifying potential impacts and risks that have not been noted and/or adequately assessed in the environmental and social impact studies, as well as possible deficiencies in the construction consortium's capacity for environmental and social management, in view of the requirements under IDB Invest's Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy; and e) preparing the Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) and the Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP).

Based on the information received and reviewed so far, the Performance Standards (PS) the project would be activating are as follows: PS1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risk and Impacts; PS2: Workplace and labor conditions; PS3: Efficient resource management and pollution prevention; PS4: Community Health and Safety; and PS5: Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement. The final determination of the PSs that the project would activate will be made at the conclusion of the SEDD process.

Once the SEDD process is completed, an Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) will be prepared and published on this website.

Additional Information

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