

## **Initial Project Summary**

Project Location: Pico Truncado, Santa Cruz Province, Argentina

Name of Applicant: YPF Energía Eléctrica S.A.

Name of Project: Cañadón León Wind Project

Project Description: The proposed Project involves the construction and operation of a 122.67 MW wind power project, which is in the development phase and located in Santa Cruz Province, Argentina. The Project comprises 29 wind turbine generators (WTGs), which will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 involves the construction of 24 WTG and Phase 2 the five remaining WTGs. The Project will involve construction of a 4.5 km 132 kV transmission line and 11.3 km of new roads.

The Cañadon Leon project site has a total surface area of 40 km<sup>2</sup>. The wider project area is a conventional oil field, under production for several decades, on the property of and under operation by YPF S.A. The Project area includes one single village: Cañadón Seco, which is located approximately 1.2 km away from the site perimeter (nearest turbine location), two farms (*estancias*) of which only one is active (1.6 km and 1.2 km away from project site), and a rehabilitation center for youths suffering from addictions, Valdocco Foundation, Patagonia House (1 km from the project site).

The Project is located within the Patagonian steppe on the edge of two ecological areas— Shrubby Steppe of the Gulf of San Jorge and the Central Plateau. Plant species found during field surveys include species from both ecological areas. Desktop studies indicate potential presence of migratory species with national level protection status including *Chloephaga rubidiceps* (Ruddy headed goose), *Chloephaga picta* (upland goose), and *Pluvianellus socialis* (Magellanic Plover). The Project continues to collect site-specific primary data on birds and bats through on-site baseline surveys.

Environmental and Social Categorization and Rationale: The Project has been reviewed against OPIC's categorical prohibitions and determined to be categorically eligible. The Project is screened as Category A because the Project represents a greenfield wind project which could have significant adverse environmental and social impacts that are diverse and irreversible. The major environmental and social concerns related to the Project include the potential for impacts on avifauna, cumulative impacts, and impacts to community health and safety resulting from increased traffic and movement of heavy equipment during construction and worker influx.

There are no known inhabitants within the Project site; no resettlement or economic displacement is anticipated. There are three indigenous communities located between 17- 30 km from the Project area. According to the local Institute of Indigenous Affairs, these indigenous communities are not physically present within the Project site, nor are known to use the land within or near the project site.

Environmental and Social Standards: OPIC's environmental and social due diligence indicates that the Project will have impacts that must be managed in a manner consistent with the following International Finance Corporation (IFC) 2012 Performance Standards: PS 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts; PS 2: Labor and Working Conditions; PS 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention; PS 4: Community Health, Safety, and Security; and PS 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources. Performance Standard 5, 7, and 8 are not triggered by the Project at this time. Applicable provisions of the IFC General Environmental, Health and Safety (EH&S) Guidelines and the EH&S Guidelines for Wind Energy also apply to the Project.

Location of Local Access to Project Information: A local language version of the and the Supplemental Environmental and Social Information Package will be made available starting on July 23, 2019 at the YPF office in Cañadón Seco:

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