

Initial Project Summary

Project Location: Dakar, Senegal

Name of Applicant: ContourGlobal

Name of the Project: ContourGlobal Cap des Biches

Project Description: The Project involves the construction and operation of a 53 mega Watt (MW) electric power plant which will be located in Rufisque (near Dakar) in Senegal. The Project consists of three combustion engines equipped with a heat recovery system and a short transmission line of approximately 500 meters in length connecting the power plant to the adjacent substation. The main fuel for the Project will be heavy fuel oil (HFO). The Project site is adjacent to a Senegalese power generation facility and is located in an industrialized zone near a school and residential community. The Project site is adjacent to a plot of land used by a thermal power plant which was abandoned for commercial reasons. The Project will use the fuel storage tanks installed for the old power plant on the adjacent site.

Environment 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 projected greenhouse gas emissions exceed 100,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO_{2eq}) annually. The primary environmental and social issues potentially associated with the thermal power plant are: air emissions and ambient air quality impacts; water usage and surface water quality impacts from the discharge of wastewaters; waste disposal; potential site contamination associated with past fuel storage by a previous operator; occupational, health and safety during both construction and operations; life and fire safety; influx of construction workers; noise; and traffic impacts both during construction and operations of the power plant.

Environmental and Social Standards: International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Performance Standards (January 2012) 1 (Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts), 2 (Labor and Working Conditions), 3 (Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention), 4 (Community Health, Safety, and Security), are triggered by the Project. The Project does not involve involuntary resettlement or impacts on biodiversity and living natural resources, Indigenous Peoples, or cultural heritage as defined by the IFC. Therefore, Performance Standards (P.S.) 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not triggered by this Project at this time. Guidelines applicable to the Project include the IFC's Environmental, Health and Safety General Guidelines (April 2007), IFC's Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines for Electric Power Transmission and Distribution (April 30, 2007) and the IFC's Environmental Health, and Safety Guidelines for Thermal Power Plants (December 19, 2008).

Location of Local Access to Project Information:

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