

Initial Project Summary

Project Location: Tornquist, Argentina

Name of Applicant: The AES Corporation

Name of Project: Energética Argentina S.A

Project Description: The proposed Project involves the construction and operation of a 100 MW wind power project located in Tornquist, Argentina, approximately 30 km north of Bahía Blanca. The Project comprises 30 wind turbine generators (WTGs), as well as an electrical substation and connection to a high voltage transmission line that passes through the Project site. The Project site is 950 hectares and is predominately agrarian and cattle lands. The nearest towns to the Project site are Tres Picos (6 km) and Tornquist (26 km).

The Project site is located within the Interior Plane Pampa eco-region. There are three Important Bird Areas surrounding the Project site each located approximately 20 to 30 km away. Desktop studies indicate potential presence of high priority species such as *Chloephaga rubidiceps* (Ruddy headed goose), *Buteogallus coronatus* (Crowned solitary eagle), *Gubernatrix cristata* (Yellow cardinal), *Leistes defilippii* (Pampas meadowlark). The Project continues to collect site-specific primary data on birds and bats through on-site baseline surveys.

The Project site is owned by three private landowners, each of whom has a house within the Project site. Although no resettlement or economic displacement is anticipated, potential impacts to these houses and other land uses that will change due to the Project's activities during construction and operation will need to be assessed and mitigated.

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 indigenous communities living in urban localities of Bahía Blanca and Tornquist. 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 (EHS) Guidelines and the EHS Guidelines for Wind Energy also apply to the Project.

Location of Local Access to Project Information: A local language version of the EIA and Supplemental Environmental and Social Information Package will be made available starting on July 15, 2019 at:

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