

## **Initial Project Summary**

Project Location: Puerto Carreño and La Primavera Municipalities  
Antioquia Department, Colombia

Name of Applicant: Forest First Colombia S.A.S.

Name of Project: Forest First Colombia

Project Description: The Project involves existing plantation forestry operations and the production of wood chips for the biomass energy sector or conversion to pulp for other wood-based products. The Project grows *Acacia mangium* and *Eucalyptus pellita* as the principal species and is undertaking provenance trials of *Eucalyptus urograndis X urophylla* as part of its genetic improvement program. Currently, 38,000 hectares are in production. The Project's long-range forest plan seeks to have a total of 150,000 hectares in production by 2029 and to reach a sustainable harvest of over 5 million tons/year.

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 involves large scale plantation forestry. The major environmental and social concerns related to the Project include the potential for impacts on terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity; worker health and safety; community livelihoods, and cumulative impacts of land use change in the region.

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; PS 5: Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement; and PS 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources. PS 7: Indigenous People and PS 8: Cultural Heritage are not triggered by the Project at this time. Applicable provisions of the IFC Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) General Guidelines, EHS Guidelines for Perennial Crop Production and EHS Guidelines for Pulp and Paper Mills also apply to the Project.

### Location of Local Access to Project Information

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