

Initial Project Summary

Project Location: Thoothukudi, Tamilnadu, India

Name of Applicant: Mytrah Energy (India) Private Limited

Name of Project: Mytrah Wind

Project Description: The Project involves the construction and operations of a 252 MW wind farm located in the Tamilnadu Region, Thoothukudi District of Southern India. The Project consists of 105, GE-2.4-116 MW wind turbine generators, 33/230 kV capacity pooling substation, and an 8 km, 230 kV high voltage power line to the Tirunelveli 230/400 kV grid substation located at Vadakuvandanam village.

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 large-scale greenfield wind project which may result in 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 resident and migrating birds and bats; worker health and safety; and impacts related to land acquisition, noise, and shadow flicker. The Project is located in an area with other wind farms and cumulative impacts may be significant.

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. PS 8: Cultural Heritage is not triggered by the Project at this time. Applicable provisions of the IFC General Environmental, Health and Safety (EH&S) Guidelines (2007) and the EH&S Guidelines for Wind Energy (2015) also apply to the Project.

The impact of land acquisition on informal land users and vulnerable populations, and the application of PS 5 (Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement) will be determined following additional due diligence.

The ESIA identified scheduled caste and schedule tribe populations in the area. The application of PS 7 (Indigenous Peoples) will be determined following additional due diligence.

Location of Local Access to Project Information:

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Pongangaya Nagar,
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