

## **Initial Project Summary**

Project Location: Girsivka Village, Priazovsk District, Zaporizhia Region, Ukraine

Name of Applicant: LongWing Energy S.C.A.

Name of Project: Zaporizhia Wind Farm

Project Description: The proposed Project involves the construction and operation of a 500 MW wind farm, including 167 wind turbines and upgrading 147.4 km of existing roads, in Zaporizhia Region, Priazovsk and Melitopol Districts, in the village councils of Devninskoe, Dobrivka, Dunaevka, Girsivka, Mordvinivka and Nadeshdine, southeastern Ukraine. The Project will be developed in five phases. OPIC will be supporting the first two phases of the Project, which will be 230 MW of the total permitted 500 MW. The total area of land that will be allocated for the total permitted 500 MW is 318 hectares, of which the Company has leased or holds servitude rights to approximately 230 ha of land (approximately 190.4 hectares of the 230 hectares are needed for the first two phases). The Project is leasing land from the regional land resources department and private landowners. Land leased by private landowners is currently used for agriculture. For the first phase of development, approximately 2.3 hectares of the total leased lands will be temporarily disrupted during construction; compensation has been negotiated and agreed upon with land users for the first phase of development. Final number of hectares needed for the second phase is not yet finalized and negotiations are ongoing. The windfarm will be connected to a main transformer station, which will also be constructed as part of the Project. Power will then be evacuated via a 23.3 km 330 kV high voltage power line to the Melitopol Substation to connect to the power grid.

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 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 resident and migrating birds and bats, impacts related to economic displacement, visual and noise impacts, impacts from shadow flicker, and impacts to community health and safety resulting from increased traffic and influx of non-local workers.

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; PS 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources; and PS 8: Cultural Heritage. Performance Standard 7 is 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: The Company started public consultations with the stakeholders at the village level in September 2009 and since then has held formal meetings of the entire village council twice a year (on average). Because the Project has updated environmental and social impact information since 2010, the Company will be making the non-technical summary of the updated ESIA available in Russian in mid-July at the Priazovsk District Council, Melitopol District Council, and the Eurocape office in Priazovsk.

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