

Initial Project Summary

Project Location: Al-Manakher, Jordan

Name of Applicant: AES Levant Holding B.V

Name of the Project: IPP4 Al-Manakher Power

Project Description: The Project involves the construction of a 240 MW electric power plant which will be located near Amman, Jordan and adjacent to the village of Al-Manakher, Jordan. The project consists of 16 Wartsila engine generators and will be used primarily to satisfy Jordan's peak power demands. The main fuel for the Project will be heavy fuel oil; however, the plant also has the capability to burn distillate oil and natural gas, if available. The Project is located on the site of the existing AES Amman East Combined Cycle Power Plant.

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 its greenhouse gas emissions exceed 100,000 tons of CO_{2eq} annually. The primary environmental and social issues associated with thermal power plants are air, and water impacts, the necessity to implement occupational, health and safety procedures to protect workers during construction and operation, and nuisance concerns for the surrounding communities such as noise and traffic both during construction and operation 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), 6 (Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Resource Management), and Performance Standard 8 (Cultural Heritage) are applicable to the Project. The Project does not involve new land acquisition or resettlement, impacts on Indigenous Peoples or cultural heritage. Therefore, P.S. 5 and 7 are not triggered by this Project. Environmental 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: Al Manakher preliminary school, Al Manakher village, Sahab, Amman, Jordan