

Initial Project Summary

Project Location: Municipality of Kovin, Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Republic of Serbia.

Name of Applicant: Continental Wind Partners

Name of Project: Čibuk 1 Windfarm (also known as Dolova Windfarm)

Project Description: The proposed project comprises construction and operation of the Čibuk 1 wind farm, which will include 57 2.53MW wind turbines with maximum generating capacity of 144.2 MW. Each turbine will be up to 170 meters high, including the tower and the blade radius. Turbines will have three blades with a maximum diameter of 120 meters. Improved access tracks will connect an on-site control building and transformer station to a nearby road and to each turbine. Underground 35kV cables alongside the access tracks will carry power from turbines to the transformer station. From the substation, a new aboveground 400kV double-circuit transmission line will run south-southwest for 10.8 km and connect to the national grid.

The site is located about 30 kilometers northeast of Belgrade and covers an area of about 3,700 hectares (37 square kilometers); permanent works will cover about 11.12 hectares, or approximately 0.3 percent of the total area. The site consists mostly of intensively managed arable monoculture, primarily maize and sunflowers. A number of narrow dirt roads cross the site, providing access for agricultural vehicles, and these will be upgraded for on-site access.

The local area is sparsely populated, with the nearest village, Mramorak, located about one kilometer southwest of the windfarm boundary and other villages somewhat farther away. In addition, there are weekend houses and some residences in Devojački bunar on the northeastern boundary at approximately 800 meters from the nearest turbine.

To the east, the site boundary of the proposed wind farm borders the Deliblato Sands Special Nature Reserve (SNR), which is on Serbia's "Tentative List" for inclusion in UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites. Serbia has also proposed Deliblato Sands as a Special Protection Area under the European Union Habitats Directive. The area has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the international NGO BirdLife International. In addition, the southern margin of Deliblato Sands, about 30 kilometers from the windfarm, borders the Danube River and forms Labudovo Okno, an important wetlands area that is a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance.

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 it comprises a large greenfield wind project and associated infrastructure located near a protected area with diverse and abundant bird and other fauna species and near populated areas, and could have significant adverse environmental and social

impacts that are diverse and irreversible. The primary environmental concerns are related to potential impacts on migratory and resident birds and bats as well as visual and noise impacts.

Čibuk 1 is intended to be the first phase of a two-phase development that may ultimately reach 300MW. The Project includes only Čibuk 1. Further environmental and social analyses will be required for construction and operation of the Čibuk 2 phase.

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 8 (Cultural Heritage) are applicable to the Project. Performance Standards 5 and 7 are not triggered by the Project because there is no physical or economic displacement associated with the project and all land that the wind farm, sub-station and power line towers are located on was private agricultural land and was purchased by the company at market rates on a willing-buyer, willing-seller basis. Additionally, there are no Indigenous Peoples or communities in the area that will be affected by the project.

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 Environmental and Social Impact Statement and associated documentation are available in English and Serbian at the following locations:

1. Kovin Municipal Building
2. Advertised on bulletin boards of the Kovin Municipal Building and the Mramorak community
3. Company website: <http://www.wpc.rs/en/projekat/dokumenta> and www.wpc.rs/sr/projekat/dokumenta

Information is also available at www.continentalwind.com and from Slobodan Perovic at:

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