

## **Initial Project Summary**

Project Location: Baluba, Luanshya District, Copperbelt Province, Zambia

Name of Applicant: African Agriculture Fund

Name of Project: Goldenlay Limited

Project Description: The proposed Project involves the upgrade and expansion of an existing egg laying facility in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia. The investment will allow Goldenlay to increase production from 600,000 laying chickens to one million and to construct new egg laying facilities on its main site. The main site also includes facilities for storing and processing grain, manure storage, chemical and vaccination storage, and accommodations for workers. In addition to the expansion of the main egg producing facility, Goldenlay has purchased two farms (Kanyenda and Kufubu) which will produce crops for feed for the Goldenlay chickens. The purchase and operation of the two crop farms resulted in the physical resettlement of approximately 158 households.

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 involves intensive rearing of poultry. The primary environmental and social issues include waste management (disposal of carcasses, manure and waste water), potential for transmission of communicable disease, odor and pest control, potential contamination of surface and ground water, hazardous material (pesticide) use and management, potential conversion of natural habitat, occupational health and safety measures, resettlement associated with farm expansions, and provision of adequate worker housing.

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) 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 Natural Resource Management

Based on the socioeconomic survey conducted for the ESIA, individuals potentially impacted by the Project did not identify themselves with the ethnic groups considered indigenous in the area. The Project will not impact known cultural heritage sites. Therefore PS 7 or PS 8 are not triggered by the Project at this time.

In addition to the Performance Standards listed above, the following International Finance Corporation (IFC) Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines are applicable to this project; IFC's Environmental, Health and Safety General Guidelines (April 30, 2007); IFC EHS Guidelines for Annual Crop Production (April 30, 2007); and IFC EHS Guidelines for Poultry Production (April 30, 2007).

Location of Local Access to Project Information: The ESIA and RAP documents are available in English at the Goldenlay offices in Baluba.

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