

Initial Project Summary

Project Location: Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana

Name of Applicant: Eligible U.S. investors in a Statutory Business Trust

Project Name: Takoradi Port Expansion

Project Description: The proposed Project involves the expansion of an existing port including provision of bulk ore and oil services terminals; construction of breakwaters and quay walls, cargo handling, and bulk oil storage areas; upgrades to port access roads; and coastal reclamation. The Project will require dredging and relocation of some local fisheries infrastructure.

Environmental and Social Categorization and Rationale: Major port infrastructure expansions are screened as Category A because of the potential for significant impacts on marine resources. Environmental and social issues of concern include dredged materials management, air emissions, general wastewater management, hazardous materials and oil management, noise, emergency response and impacts on marine biodiversity. The potential also exists for limited economic displacement of local fishermen.

Environmental and Social Standards: International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Performance Standards (PS, April 2012) 1 (Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts), 2 (Occupational Health and Safety), 3 (Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention), 4 (Community Health, Safety, and Security), 5 (Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement), 6 (Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources), and 8 (Cultural Heritage) are applicable. Based on the information currently available, no Indigenous Peoples have been identified at or near the Project site and therefore, PS 7 has not been triggered. The Project is located within an existing industrial area with no known cultural heritage.

IFC's Guidelines applicable to the Project include: General (2007) and Ports, Harbors, and Terminals (2007).

Location of Local Access to Project Information: Copies of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) may be found at the following locations:

Ghana Environmental Protection Agency, National Head Office
91 Starlet Street, Accra, Ghana
(Publications Desk, Main Library)

Ghana Environmental Protection Agency, Western Regional Office
Regional Administration Building, Sekondi, Ghana
(Reference Library)

Ghana Ports & Harbours Authority, Headquarters
GPHA House, Tema, Ghana
(Office of GPHA Environmental Manager)

Ghana Ports and Harbour Authority, Takoradi Port Office
Administration Building, Takoradi Port, Ghana
(Office of Takoradi Port Environmental Manager)

Sekondi-Takradi Metropolitan Assembly
Regional Coordinating Council Office Building, Sekondi, Ghana