

Initial Project Summary

Project Location: Municipality of Llera de Canales, Mexico

Name of Applicant: Eolica Tres Mesas 2, S. de R.S. de C.V.

Name of Project: Tres Mesas Wind Farm

Project Description: The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a 150 MW wind farm and construction of transmission line (18 km of a 34.5 kV transmission line and 12 km of a 115 kV transmission line), internal access roads (66 km), substation, construction offices, operation and maintenance buildings, warehouses and parking lots. It should be noted that although the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment covers the Tres Mesas Wind Farm which is intended to be developed in five stages totaling 152 to 436 turbines (1.6 to 3.3 MW each) and 500 to 700 MW, the OPIC Project involves the construction and operation of the first two stages, totaling 45 turbines (3.3. MW each) and 150 MW.

The project area will encompass 132 hectares and will be located on Mesa de la Sandia which lies within "Tres Mesas" area, located in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico. The closest communities to the site are the towns of Llera Canales, General Pedro José Méndez and San Francisco. The project site primarily comprises private and ejido properties which have the corresponding leases. The Project requires no involuntary resettlement and involves no curtailment of access to land or other forms of resource use during operation.

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 and associated infrastructure in an area with diverse and abundant fauna species 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 its potential impacts on fauna including but not limited to migrating birds and bats, potential for significant habitat alteration and visual and noise impacts.

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), 5 (Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement) and 6 (Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Resource Management). 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 Spanish language summary of the Environment and Social Impact Assessment is available for review at the following locations:

- 1) Notaria 306: Chihuahua No. 963 C, Ciudad Victoria, Tamps.
- 2) SEMARNAT Tamaulipas: Matamoros Palacio Federal 2° Piso Col. Centro, C.P.87001, Cd. Victoria, Tamps.