

Classification and Environmental and Social Strategy (ESS) Manzanillo Bay Energy – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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1. Project Scope and Objective and IDB Invest Participation

The Manzanillo Bay Energy (the “Project”), to be located near the Manzanillo Port in the Dominican Republic, consists of the design, development, construction, operation and maintenance of: (i) two combined cycle power plants with net installed capacity of 430 megawatts (MW) each, totaling 860 MW (contracted capacity of 800 MW), (ii) the necessary electricity transmission infrastructure to allow the power plants to inject power into the national grid, (iii) a jetty and related infrastructure to allow the power plants to receive natural gas from a floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU).

2. Classification and Environmental and Social Strategy

The Project has been pre-classified as Category A, in accordance with IDB Invest's Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy due to the scale of anticipated air and process water emissions that will extend beyond the boundaries of the Project site.

The Project was tendered as two concessions, referred to as Block 1 and Block 2, each one including a 430 MW power plant and an individual Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA). Block 1 also includes the FSRU and Block 2 includes the electricity transmission infrastructure.

The ESIA's for Block 1 and Block 2 were submitted for evaluation to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MIMARENA) in June 2023 and September 6, 2023, respectively. An addendum was later prepared for Block 1 to account for changes to the Project design—namely the switch from an onshore regasification terminal to an FSRU solution and the re-routing of the offshore-to-onshore natural gas pipeline.

During the process of Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD), IDB Invest and the Independent Environmental and Social Consultant (IESC) will review both ESIA's and other relevant permits and licenses and visit the Project site to evaluate, among others, the following aspects: i) environmental, social and health and safety management plans for the Project construction and operation phases; ii) stakeholder engagement plans and procedures, as well as current levels of support for the Project among local communities; iii) labor management plans and procedures; iv) biodiversity and ecosystem services; v) dust, noise and vibrations; vi) emergency preparedness and response; vii) waste and wastewater; viii) hazardous materials management, ix) resource efficiency and x) the Project's alignment with international commitments made by the Dominican Republic. An Environmental and Social Action Plan ("ESAP") will be prepared at the end of the ESDD to address any identified compliance gaps.

Based on the information received and reviewed to date, the Performance Standards (PS) that the Project is likely to trigger are: PS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts; PS2 Labor and Working Conditions; PS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention; PS4 Community Health, Safety, and Security; and PS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources. The final determination of the PS triggered by the Project will be done by the end of the ESSD process.

Once the ESDD process is completed, an Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) will be prepared and published on this website.

3. Additional Information

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