

Environmental and Social Classification and Strategy (ESS) AES Warehousing Facility for Renewable Project – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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1. Scope and Objective of the Project and Participation of IDB Invest

AES Dominicana Renewable Energy S.A. (“ADRE” or the “Company”), a special purpose company organized under the laws of the Dominican Republic, and its shareholder AES España B.V., are seeking financing for the implementation of a platform to finance the design, construction, operation and maintenance or non-conventional renewable energy projects in the Dominican Republic (the “Project” or the “Facility”). Initially, the Facility will include (a) three operating assets: Bayasol Solar Power Project (50 MW_{AC}), Agua Clara Wind Power Project (50 MW_{AC}) and Santanasol Solar Power Project (50 MW_{AC}) and (b) three greenfield projects: Mirasol Solar Power Project (100 MW_{AC}), Peravia I and Peravia II Solar Power Projects (75 MW_{AC} each). All the assets are in the surroundings of Santo Domingo except for the Agua Clara Wind Power Project, which is situated in the northwest of the country, near Hatillo Palma in the province of Monte Cristi.

2. Environmental and Social Classification and Strategy

The Project has been classified preliminarily as a Category B, according to the IDB Invest Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy, given that it could generate the following environmental and social risks and impacts: (i) risks to the health and safety of workers during construction and maintenance activities; (ii) generation of domestic and hazardous solid and liquid wastes during construction, operation and maintenance, including from the replacement of used solar panels; (iii) generation of noise and dust and air emissions during construction; (iv) potential risks to local community safety from construction-related traffic; (v) impacts to natural habitats from vegetation clearing and replacement with solar panel arrays; and (vi) potential impacts to birds and bats from collisions with wind turbine blades. These risks and impacts are expected to be of medium intensity.

Environmental Impact Assessments (“EIAs”) have been developed for all six assets. These and the management plans and procedures that form ADRE’s Environmental and Social Management System (“ESMS”) will be reviewed as part of the Environmental and Social Due Diligence Process (“ESDD”), which will also include: (i) a field visit to each of the assets—both operating and greenfield; (ii) interviews with a sample of residents from project potentially affected communities; (iii) meetings with Project management, including but not limited to the managers in charge of developing and implementing the Company’s ESMS; and (iv) the revision of complementary environmental and social information related to the Project. As a result of the ESDD, IDB Invest will confirm the Project’s categorization, identify any potential gaps in compliance with respect to its Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy, and define an Environmental and Social Action Plan (“ESAP”) to close any such gaps.

From the information reviewed to date, the Performance Standards (“PS”) that the Project will trigger are the following: PS1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts; PS2:

Labor and Working Conditions; PS3: Resource Efficiency; PS4: Community Health, Safety and Security; and PS6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources. The final determination of the PS that the Project will activate will be made once the ESDD is finalized. Once the ESDD process is concluded, an Environmental and Social Review Summary (“ESRS”) will be prepared and published on this website.

3. Additional Information

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