

Initial Project Summary – Bamboo Bioproducts

Name of Project: Bamboo Bioproducts

Name of Applicant: Bamboo Bioproducts Ltd.

Project Location: Friendship, Westmoreland Parish, Jamaica

Project Description: The Project involves the construction and operations of a 175,000 air-dried metric tonnes per annum Conventional Baled and Fluff Bamboo Pulp mill in Westmoreland, Jamaica. The Project will produce pulp for the international export market where it will be converted primarily into diapers and sanitary products. Under a separate business enterprise (not part of the DFC use of proceeds), the Sponsor will supply feedstock locally for the mill by developing and operating 6,070 hectares of bamboo plantations in Jamaica using *Bambusa vulgaris*, an introduced clumping species of bamboo commonly found growing in the country. The Project will adhere to the Jamaica Standard Code of Practice for Bamboo Plantation (2021) and will obtain Forest Stewardship Council certification for the mill, mill products and farming operations. The bamboo plantations are considered associated facility under IFC Performance Standard 1.

The Project's construction-phase is expected to employ 1,500 workers and the operations-phase of the mill is expected to employ 199 direct workers and an additional 60 operations and maintenance contracted workers. The separate farming enterprise is expected to support 200 workers.

Environmental and Social Categorization and Rationale: The Project has been reviewed against DFC's categorical prohibitions and determined to be categorically eligible. The Project is screened as Category A because the Project involves pulp production with a production capacity exceeding 200 air-dried metric tonnes per day. The major environmental and social issues related to the Project include the potential for impacts related to climate resiliency, pollution prevention, worker health and safety, community health and safety, biodiversity, labor and working conditions, and land acquisition.

Applicable Standards: DFC's preliminary environmental and social due diligence indicates that the Project will have impacts that must be managed in a manner consistent with the following of the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) 2012 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; and
- PS 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Resources.

According to the ESIA, the Project does not entail any anticipated impacts to Indigenous Peoples or cultural resources. Therefore, PS 7 and PS 8 are not triggered at this time.

In addition to the Performance Standards listed above, the IFC's Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) General Guidelines (2007), EHS Guidelines for Forest Harvesting Operations (2007), EHS Guidelines for Perennial Crop Production (2016), and EHS Guidelines for Pulp and Paper Mills (2007) are applicable to the Project.

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