

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	KENYA POWER DISTRIBUTION LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY		
Project Number:	2015-0640		
Country:	KENYA		
Project Description:	A multiple scheme electrification project targeting the connection of customers to the distribution network, primarily in rural areas, in 32 of Kenya's 47 counties.		
EIA required:	No		
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	No		
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")			

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

Under the new amended Environmental Management Coordination Act 2015 the second schedule of the Act has defined the projects requiring submission of an EIA Report. Under electrical infrastructure category the schedule outlines the following project as requiring EIA; Generation stations, electrical transmission line above 66kV, electrical substations and pumped storage stations. Considering the nature of the Project and the voltage levels involved (generally 33kV/11kV/240V) EIAs are not required.

However an Environmental Impact scoping exercise was carried out under the Kenya Distribution Master Plan Study. As the project involves mainly low voltage line extensions the potential negative environmental and social impacts anticipated are negligible.

From the scoping exercise the Promotor then prepared an environmental and social management framework and submitted to the regulator - National Environment Management Authority who issued a compliance letter on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The letter also confirms that the project does not require an EIA be carried out.

The framework requires the Promotor to carry out environmental and social screening for each sub-project and prepare a specific ESMP to address any environmental and social issue arising.

Expected impacts for projects dealing with medium and low voltage networks are expected to be minor, mainly related to visual nuisance, vegetation clearance and disturbance during construction.

#### Social Assessment, where applicable

KPLC has recognised the rights of employees to be represented by a Union. The union (KETAWU) is recognised through a recognition agreement that allows all non-management staff to belong to a union. The company negotiates a CBA with KETAWU after every two years on issues touching on members' terms and conditions of service.

The company through the recognition agreement has adopted the Labour Relations Act 2007 that recognizes the role of government, labour unions and employer in resolution of disputes.

<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

The company has adopted the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2007 that defines the minimum requirements for employee's safety and health and will ensure all contractors conform to the act.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

Through its network of local branches, the Promoter engages with the villages and informal settlements to be electrified to inform people of the process and to obtain their written consent to be connected. The overriding response from the concerned population is positive as there is a desire by all to have electricity.

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

The Promoter is ISO 9001:2008 certified.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

- The following specific finance contract conditions will be required by the Bank:
  - First disbursement:
    - The creation of a Project Implementation Unit (PIU), satisfactory to the Bank, within the Promoter's organisation to manage the implementation of the project.
    - The appointment of a consulting firm, satisfactory to the Bank, to provide support to the PIU during the implementation period of the Project.
  - Undertakings:
    - Maintain sufficient and experienced project implementation personnel within the PIU, and continued assignment of consulting firm as until the project completion.
    - Submission of environmental & social screening reports and any ESMPs, as required for the Project, which must be satisfactory to the Bank.
  - Considering the nature of the project and based on the Environmental & Social information provided by the Promoter, the Project is acceptable for EIB financing in E&S terms.