

## Classification and Environmental and Social Strategy (ESS) Guyana Shore Base Inc. Phase 2 Development Project – GUYANA

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### 1. Project Scope and Objective and IDB Invest Participation

Guyana Shore Base Inc. (“GYSBI” or the “Company”) is a privately owned and operated shore base facility located in Georgetown, Guyana. GYSBI serves as a transshipment point for supplies, materials and equipment and provides various support personnel and services, including waste management, warehousing, fuel bunkering, pipe storage, water treatment and potable water storage, among other services, to Esso Exploration & Production Guyana Limited (“EEPGL” or the “Offtaker”) a subsidiary of ExxonMobil in Guyana.

The Company is seeking the support of IDB to finance the following activities (the “Project”): (i) refinance certain existing bridge loans; (ii) expand GYSBI’s port and shore base facilities through the construction of four additional berths; (iii) increase the size of the Shore Base logistics support area; (iv) develop and construct an infill project that will allow offloading of heavier cargo; (v) purchase and construct a waste management facility; (vi) install rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity to meet GYSBI’s energy needs; and (vii) construct additional warehouse capacity.

### 2. Classification and Environmental and Social Strategy

The project has been pre-classified in Category B, in accordance with IDB Invest's Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy because it is likely to generate the following environmental and social impacts: i) potential contamination of soil and water; ii) atmospheric emissions, noise, vibrations and dust generation during construction and thereafter during the operational phase of the port; iii) generation of solid waste and wastewater; iv) increase of traffic congestion near the port facilities; v) potential discharges of sewage and ballast from ships; vi) storage and handling of dangerous substances (fuel, lubricants, etc.); vii) increase of accident and spill risks; viii) increase of health and safety risks associated with the operation of heavy machinery; ix) potential impacts to marine life from dredging and disposal of dredged material at sea; x) possible re suspension of contaminants due to dredging activities; and xi) security risks associated with transportation of cargo for export. These impacts are deemed to be of medium and medium-to-high intensity and can easily be managed from the Project’s perspective.

The Projects has already obtained an environmental authorization (environmental license) granted by the Environmental Protection Agency of Guyana.

Due to the restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental and Social Due Diligence (“ESDD”) process will mainly be held virtually and will be supported by an Environmental Consultant who will likely visit the Project site. During this process, IDB Invest will hold interviews with executives from

the Client’s key areas (environmental, social, occupational health and safety); will assess its Environmental and Social Management System (“ESMS”), including any related plans and procedures; and will evaluate any base information and social and labor aspects related to the Project, among other aspects. As a result of the ESDD, IDB Invest will confirm the Project’s categorization, identify any potential compliance gaps in terms of its Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy and define an Environmental and Social Action Plan (“ESAP”) to close such gaps.

Based on the information received and reviewed so far, 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 ESDD process.

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

### **3. Additional Information**

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