

This has been classified as a **Category B** operation under the IDB Invest Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy, given that its environmental and social risks and impacts are generally expected to be reversible and mitigable through available measures and existing technologies.

For those activities related to the Project's construction and expansion, possible E&S and OHS risks and impacts include: (i) earthworks and soil compaction; (ii) noise pollution and vibration generation; (iii) hazardous and non-hazardous waste generation; (iv) pollutant emissions to the atmosphere, mainly combustion gases from construction machinery and equipment; (v) wastewater generation; (vi) worker health and safety risks; and (vii) impacts on the health, safety, and security of the community arising from increased traffic and partial road closures.

During operation and maintenance ("O&M"), the most important E&S and OHS risks and impacts relate to: (i) risks to workers' health and safety; (ii) hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste generation; (iii) air emissions from possible natural gas leaks; (iv) benefits to the local economy within the concession area; (v) impacts on the health and safety of communities within the concession area due to possible emergencies; and (vi) use of resources, mainly energy.

Due to its location, the Project is subject to natural hazards such as earthquakes and subsidence, and social hazards such as vandalism. However, they represent a moderate to low risk, in terms of both possible damage to the physical infrastructure of the service area, and for users.

The Project will trigger the following International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards (PS): 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; and PS 8: Cultural Heritage.

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