

Environmental and Social Due Diligence Services

EBS Advisory provides technical and risk quantification of environmental liabilities associated with mergers & acquisitions, research projects, proposed projects and expansions of existing projects. These studies are performed according to international best-practice, in compliance with the Equator Principles and World Bank standards.

When conducting environmental and social due diligence studies for our clients on a potential investment opportunity, EBS:

1. Identifies and quantifies the ESG liabilities associated with the project and helps to integrate these into valuations,
2. Provides recommendations for maximising ESG contributions to IRR post-investment,
3. Delivers guidance on post-investment ESG monitoring regimes to meet the reporting expectations of investors.

In order to deliver on the above scope of social and environmental due diligence, studies typically involve the following:

A review of the potential investment opportunities:

1. Environmental and social (E&S) policies,
2. Compliance with ESG laws and legislation,
3. Governmental authorisations, where these may exist, and conditions thereof,
4. Social and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS),
5. Operational performance.

Our environmental and social due diligences are performed in line with the:

1. IFC Performance Standards,
2. IFC General Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines,
3. Applicable IFC Environmental, Health, and Safety sector-specific guidelines,
4. Applicable environmental and social legislation,
5. Specific ESG requirements of DFI investors involved in your Fund.

All our reports include a corrective action plan. For each area of concern identified, appropriate corrective actions are provided, including estimated costs and timeframes for completion.

In general, we understand that the majority of private companies in Africa require the implementation of an Integrated Management System to:

1. Ensure on-going compliance with ESG requirements,
2. Ensure that ESG reporting to the investor happens reliably, accurately and on-schedule.

As a result, EBS provides detailed guidance to portfolio companies on developing integrated management systems.

Due diligence studies require three to eight weeks to complete, depending on the complexity of each project. Our normal pricing schedule is available on request.



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