

Results of Environmental Review

- (1) Reference Number
18-031
- (2) Project Name
Expansion of ore dressing plant
- (3) Project Site
Minas Gerais, Brazil
- (4) Project Outline
Expansion of ore dressing plant
- (5) Category
B
- (6) Reason of Categorization
The project does not fall under the large-scale project in mining sector under the Environmental Guidelines, nor does it include sensitive characteristic, nor is it located in or near a sensitive area, nor does it have significant impact on human rights. Its potential adverse impact is therefore not likely to be significant.
- (7) Environmental Permission / Approval by the Environmental Authority
The Environmental Impact Assessment report was made under the laws and regulations in the country, and it was conditionally approved by the environmental authority in March 2018. Procedures for renewing related permits have also been conducted.
- (8) Pollution Prevention
Appropriate measures have been taken regarding air quality, water quality, waste, noise, subsidence, and so forth.
- (9) Natural Environmental Considerations
There is neither protection area for conserving natural environment nor critical natural habitat, and appropriate measures have been taken.

Therefore, no significant concerns are predicted.

(10) Social Considerations

Involuntary resettlement and land acquisition do not occur. Appropriate measures have been taken, and therefore, no significant concerns are predicted.

(11) Applied International Standards

IFC Performance Standards

(12) Monitoring

Environmental Management Plan and Monitoring Plan was made, and monitoring results has been reported regularly to the environmental authority.

(end)

Questions

Q1. Please provide the address of the project site.

Address of the project site: Estrada Casa de Pedra, s/n, Municipality of Congonhas, 36415/000 - rural zone

Q2. Please provide brief explanation of the project.

Central Plant Expansion comprises a debottlenecking of 21 Mtpy beneficiation plant. Furthermore, in order to drive a set of modifications of the current beneficiation plant, to absorb lower iron content on ore coming from the pit (ROM), which will enable maintaining current production levels and concurrently adding capacity for up to 30 MTPY.

Investments will include transportation system, product loading station, stockyard improvements, new cycloning, flotation and filtration, overhauling pumping systems and conveyer belts systems.

Q3. Will NEXI insurance be applied to a new project or an executing project? In case of an executing project, please inform of strong claims by stakeholders such as local residents, as well as improvement guidance or cessation orders for construction work / operations, from environmental authorities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Executing Project (with Claim etc.) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executing Project (without Claim etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify _____) |

Q4. In case of this project, is it necessary to execute Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) based on the laws or regulations of the country where the project is to be implemented? If necessary, please inform the progress of ESIA.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required (Completed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Required (Under execution or under planning) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Depends on project _____) |

The applicable ESIA is from May 2003, which is still valid.)

Q5. In case that ESIA is already completed, please inform whether ESIA report is already approved based on the environmental and social assessment system of the country where the project is to be implemented or not. If ESIA report is already approved, please provide the date and name of authorities of the approval.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved (without condition) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved (conditional) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under approval process | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (_____) |

Date of Approval: _____

Name of Authorities: COPAM (Conselho Estadual de Política Ambiental), Estado de Minas Gerais

Q6. If environmental and social permit(s) other than ESIA is required, please provide the name of required permit(s). Have you obtained required permit(s)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Obtained | <input type="checkbox"/> Required, but not obtained yet |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (_____) |

Name(s) of required permit(s): _____

Q7. Will the insurance be used for the undertaking that cannot specify the project at this stage (e.g. export or lease of machinery that has no relation with specific project, or Two Step Loan that cannot specify the project at the time of loan agreement)?

(No)

If you answered “Yes”, it is not necessary to reply to the following questions.

If you answered “No”, please reply to the following questions.

Q8. Are there any environmentally sensitive area(s) shown below in and around project site(s)?

(Yes)

If you answered “Yes”, please select applicable items by marking, and reply to the following questions.

If you answered “No”, please reply to the questions 9 and after.

- ☐ (1) National parks, nationally-designated protected areas (coastal areas, wetlands, areas for ethnic minorities or indigenous peoples and cultural heritage, etc. designated by national governments)
- ☒ (2) Forests with important ecological value (including primary forests and natural forests in tropical areas)
- ☐ (3) Habitats with important ecological value (including coral reefs, mangrove wetland and tidal flats)
- ☐ (4) Habitats of rare species requiring protection under domestic legislation, international treaties, etc.
- ☐ (5) Areas in danger of large-scale salt accumulation or soil erosion
- ☐ (6) Areas with a remarkable tendency towards desertification
- ☒ (7) Areas with unique archaeological, historical or cultural value
- ☐ (8) Areas inhabited by ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples or nomadic peoples with traditional ways of life (including areas which are used for cultural or spiritual purposes) and other areas with special social value

Q9. Does the project involve following characteristics?

(Yes)

If you answered “Yes”, please describe the scale of applicable characteristics, and reply to the questions 10 and after.

If you answered “No”, please reply to the questions 11 and after.

- ☐ (1) Involuntary resettlement and/or loss of means of livelihood (Number of affected people:)
- ☒ (2) Pumping of groundwater (Scale: 708m³/hour m³/year)
- ☐ (3) Land reclamation, development and/or clearing (Scale: ha)
- ☐ (4) Deforestation (Scale: ha)

Q10. Under the environmental and social impact assessment system of the country where the project is to be implemented, do the applicable characteristics from (1) – (4) of the questions 9 and their scale serve as basis for executing an ESIA for the project?

- ☒ They do ☐ They do not
- ☐ Others (Please specify)

Q11. Will the value insured by NEXI in the export, loan or investment project be equal or less than 5% of the total project cost, or equal or less than SDR 10 million? (In the case of additional support for a past project, this shall be the accumulated total amount)

(No)

If you answered “Yes”, it is not necessary to reply to the following questions.

If you answered “No”, please reply to the questions 12 and after.

Q12. Does the project belong to either of the sectors that impact on the environment and society is deemed

immaterial or is not anticipated under normal conditions (e.g. maintenance of the existing facilities, non-expansionary renovation project, and acquisition of rights and interests without additional capital investment)?

(No)

If you answered “Yes”, it is not necessary to reply to the following questions.

If you answered “No”, please reply to the questions 13 and after.

Q13. Does the project belong to the following sectors?

(Yes)

If you answered “Yes”, please specify the sector by marking, and reply to the questions 14 and after.

If you answered “No”, it is not necessary to reply to the following questions.

- ☒ (1) Mining
- ☐ (2) Oil and natural gas development
- ☐ (3) Pipelines
- ☐ (4) Iron and steel (projects that include large furnaces)
- ☐ (5) Non-ferrous metals smelting and refining
- ☐ (6) Petrochemicals (manufacture of raw materials; including complexes)
- ☐ (7) Petroleum refining
- ☐ (8) Oil, gas and chemical terminals
- ☐ (9) Paper and pulp
- ☐ (10) Cement plants (including a greenfield quarry)
- ☐ (11) Manufacturing and transport of toxic or poisonous substances regulated by international treaties, etc.
- ☐ (12) Thermal power
- ☐ (13) Nuclear power
- ☐ (14) Hydro power, dams and reservoirs
- ☐ (15) Power transmission and distribution lines involving large-scale involuntary resettlement, large-scale logging or submarine electrical cables
- ☐ (16) Roads, railways and bridges
- ☐ (17) Airports
- ☐ (18) Ports and harbors
- ☐ (19) Sewage and wastewater treatment having sensitive characteristics or located in sensitive areas or their vicinity
- ☐ (20) Waste management and disposal
- ☐ (21) Agriculture involving large-scale land clearing or irrigation
- ☐ (22) Forestry
- ☐ (23) Tourism (Construction of hotel, etc.)

Q14. Please provide information on the scale of the project (project area, area of plants and buildings, production capacity, amounts of power generation, etc.) Further, please explain whether an execution of EISA is required on account of the large scale of the project in the country where the project is implemented.

The project is located at Municipality of Congonhas and Belo Vale, State of Minas Gerais. The current beneficiation plant capacity is 21Mtpa, and there is an ongoing expansion work to achieve as much as 30 Mtpa. The ESIA issued in May 2003 is still valid, and will remain valid for all planned modifications on the beneficiation plant and associated support facilities. Further detail on applicable permits is available as per attached.