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Japan Bank for International Cooperation

Environmental Examination Report

(1) Project Name

Sea water desalination project

(2) Project Site

City of Agadir, the Kingdom of Morocco

(3) Project Outline

Construction and operation of a sea water desalination plant

(4) Category Classification

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(5) Reason for Classification

The project does not belong to sensitive sector and does not include sensitive characteristics and is not located in or around sensitive areas under the Guidelines; therefore it is likely to have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

(6) Environmental Permits and Approvals

There is no environmental permit required to conduct the project.

(7) Pollution Mitigation Measures

Mitigation plans about water quality, waste, soil pollution and noise are to be properly conducted.

(8) Natural Environment

It has been confirmed that the project site and the nearby site do not encompass the habitats of nationally protected species and species specified by IUCN (the International Union for Conservation of Nature). Considering that there is certain distance between the project site and the protected area, no material concern is expected.

(9) Social Environment

Resettlement is not necessary as the project site is a property of the Moroccan government.

(1 0) International Standard  
World Bank – Safe Guard Policy

(1 1) Others, Monitoring

Monitoring will be conducted for the status of compliance with conditions for water quality and noise by the project company.

## Questions

Q1. Please provide the address of the project site.

Address of the project site: **Agadir, Morocco.**

Q2. Please provide brief explanation of the project.

### **Construction and operation of a reverse osmosis desalination plant**

Q3. Will JBIC loan 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.

- New Project**  Executing Project (with Claim etc.)  
 Executing Project (without Claim etc.)  Others (Please specify )

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

- Required (completed )**  Required (under execution or under planning)  
 Not Required  Others (Please specify )

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

- Approved (without condition)  Approved (conditional)  
 **Under approval process**  Others (Please specify )

Date of Approval : \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorities : \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Obtained  Required, but not obtained yet  
 **Not required**  Others (Please specify )

Name(s) of required permit(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Q7. Will the loan 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 shown below in and around project site?

**No**

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

If you answered "No", please reply to questions 9 and after.

- (1) National parks, protected areas designated by government (coastal areas, wetlands, habitats of minorities or indigenous populations, heritage sites, etc.)
- (2) Primeval forests, tropical natural forests
- (3) Ecologically important habitats (coral reefs, mangrove, tidal flats, etc.)
- (4) Habitats of endangered species of which protection is required under local laws and international agreements.
- (5) Areas that have risks of large scale increase in soil salinity or soil erosion
- (6) Desertification areas
- (7) Areas with special values from archaeological, historical and/or cultural viewpoints
- (8) Habitats of minorities, indigenous populations, nomadic people with traditional life style, or areas with special social value

**Q9.** Does the project involve following characteristics?

**No**

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 questions 11 and after.

- (1) Involuntary resettlement (Number of resettlers: \_\_\_\_\_)
- (2) Pumping of groundwater (Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ m<sup>3</sup>/year)
- (3) Land reclamation, development and/or clearing (Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ ha)
- (4) Deforestation (Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ ha)

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

- They do  They do not
- Others (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

**Q11.** Will JBIC share in the project be equal or less than 5% of the total project cost, or the total amount of JBIC loan 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 questions 12 and after.

**Q12.** Does the project belong to either of the sectors that impact on the environment is deemed immaterial or is not anticipated under normal conditions (e.g. maintenance of the existing facilities, non-expansionary renovation project, acquisition of rights and interests without additional capital investment)?

**No**

If you answered "Yes", it is not necessary to reply to following questions.  
If you answered "No", please reply to the questions 13 and after.

**Q13.** Does the project belong to the following sectors?

**No**

If you answered "Yes", please specify the sector by marking, and reply to 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) Manufacture and transport of toxic or poisonous substances regulated by international treaties, etc.
- (11) Thermal power
- (12) Nuclear power
- (13) Hydropower, dams and reservoirs
- (14) Power transmission and distribution lines involving large-scale involuntary resettlement, large-scale logging or submarine electrical cables
- (15) Roads, railways and bridges
- (16) Airports
- (17) Ports and harbors
- (18) Sewage and wastewater treatment having sensitive characteristics or located in sensitive areas or their vicinity
- (19) Waste management and disposal
- (20) Agriculture involving large-scale land-clearing or irrigation
- (21) Forestry
- (22) Tourism (construction of hotels, 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 EIA is required on account of the large scale of the project in the country where the project is implemented.