

Roads Reconstruction and Upgrading Project

Country:

Azerbaijan

Project number:

43094

Business sector:

Transport

Notice type:

Public

Environmental category:

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Target board date:

06 Dec 2011

Status:

Signed

PSD disclosed:

21 Sep 2011

Project Description

The Government of Azerbaijan (GoAz) continues to give priority to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of its principal road corridors and key regional roads, in order to facilitate trade and regional co-operation with its neighbours and facilitate economic development across the country as a whole.

The key business purpose of the proposed Project is to contribute to the reconstruction of the key regional - “magistral”- roads either feeding into the key corridors or directly leading to key border crossings with Georgia and Iran. The Project, when approved by the EBRD’s Board of Directors, will be implemented using three loan tranches to reflect the status of readiness of the technical project documentation.

The EBRD loan tranches will be part of the overall road sector upgrade and expansion programme funded on on-going basis by the Government of Azerbaijan using budgetary funds as well as the road sector framework facilities from the World Bank (US\$ 675 million)

and Asian Development Bank (US\$ 500 million) with whom the EBRD coordinates closely its activities in the road sector in Azerbaijan.

Transition Impact

The proposed Project will continue to advance institutional strengthening of the sector by further advancing of the cost recovery principle in the project by supporting the strategies for potential tolling and involvement of private sector in operations and maintenance and strengthening the standards of procurement and implementation supervision for non-IFI funded investment programmes by assisting in revision of the procurement and implementation manuals for the AzerRoadService.

The Client

AzerRoadService within the Ministry of Transport.

EBRD Finance

The EBRD is considering providing up to US\$ 750 million sovereign loan in three tranches of up to US\$ 250 each.

Project Cost

With regards to the proposed EBRD framework: US\$ 900 million.

Environmental Impact

Categorised IESE. The full scope the environmental and social due diligence will be defined following an Initial Environmental and Social Examination by the EBRD. This project is expected to have benefits for road user in Azerbaijan, including reductions in journey times and improvements in road safety. Environmental and social risks will include the potential for disruption and displacement to residents and businesses in the vicinity of the construction works. The preliminary design report for the road sections to be included in tranche one of the proposed project has been prepared and includes a high-level assessment of environmental and social impacts and mitigation measures. Environmental management and monitoring plans for the overall road rehabilitation programme have also been developed. The EBRD will review the current documentation against EBRD's Performance Requirements and will identify whether additional due diligence or site-specific mitigation measures are required. As the project will be largely implemented by contractors, robust contractor management plans will be required.

Technical Cooperation

The technical cooperation funds will be sought to assist with the institutional strengthening programme and further commercialization of the sector.

Business opportunities

For business opportunities or procurement, contact the client company.

For state-sector projects, visit [EBRD Procurement](#): Tel: +44 20 7338 6794
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Public Information Policy (PIP)

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[Text of the PIP](#)

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[PCM Rules of Procedure](#)

Any complaint under the PCM must be filed in accordance with the timeframes prescribed in the [PCM Rules of Procedure](#). You may contact the PCM Officer (at pcm@ebrd.com) for assistance if you are uncertain as to the eligibility of your complaint.

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