

Project name: Project Charquican

Borrower: Aguas Esperanza SpA

Borrower's Shareholder: Almar Water Servicios España/ Transelec

Sector: Utilities

Country: Chile

Financial Product: Project Finance

Equator Principles category: B

Project description

The Project consists of two seawater conveyance systems providing water to Minera Centinela's copper concentration plants in Northern Chile for the Centinela and Antucoya mines located within the Sierra Gorda Municipality in the Atacama Desert. The associated pipeline will have an approximate total length of 144kms (SIAM I) and 143.2kms (SIAM II). SIAM I and II obtain the seawater from an AMSA-operated inlet system, which delivers seawater to the Project's seawater filtering facility located in the town of Michilla, 110km north of the city of Antofagasta, Chile in the Pacific Coast. The filtered seawater is then pumped inland to the Centinela Mine.

Summary of Key Environmental Impacts and Risks

The project has been developing in a Non -Designated Country. The Environmental and Social due diligence by the independent consultant assigns a Category B, since while the project has environmental impacts, they are largely contained to the project construction/phase, and the Borrower is required through its authorizations and other permits to implement mitigation measures, as indicated in the ESDD, to reduce the level of significance of these impacts to a relatively low level, and to report on the compliance to regulatory agencies.