

INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC

Host Country:	Jamaica
Name of Borrower:	American International School of Kingston
Project Description:	Expansion of the facilities and programs of an existing K-12 school.
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$3,150,000
Total Project Costs:	\$4,925,000
U.S. Sponsor:	American International School of Kingston Foundation
Foreign Sponsor:	
Policy Review	
U.S. Economic Impact:	Because this project involves the provision of education, which is a local service, there is no potential for an adverse impact on the U.S. economy. The project is expected to support U.S. employment through its U.S. procurement, and will have a negative impact on the U.S. balance of payments over the first five years.
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a positive developmental impact on the host country. This project will introduce the first E-School to Jamaica, as well as implement an International Baccalaureate program. The project will have a positive human capacity impact and will provide training for most workers. The project will also provide training programs for teachers from other schools, as well as various community outreach programs.
Environment:	<p>School construction is screened as a Category B project under OPIC's environmental guidelines because impacts are site-specific and readily mitigated. Issues of importance include project siting, access to potable water, wastewater treatment and disposal, solid waste disposal and fire safety.</p> <p>The project will be required to comply with the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) General Environmental Health and Safety Guidelines (April 30, 2007).</p>
Workers Rights:	OPIC's statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the rights of association, organization and collective bargaining, age of workers, timely payment of wages, hours of work, and hazardous working conditions. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project.
Human Rights:	This project received a Human Rights Clearance on 08/14/2007.