

INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC

Host Country:	Mongolia
Name of Borrower:	IKH Tokhoirol LLC
Project Description:	Development of the Big Bend Placer Gold Mine located in north central Mongolia.
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$10,000,000
Total Project Costs:	\$22,000,000
U.S. Sponsor:	WM Mining
Foreign Sponsor:	
Policy Review	
U.S. Economic Impact:	The project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy or employment, since U.S. trade with Mongolia in gold ores (SIC 1041) is non-existent and U.S. employment in the gold industry has been increasing. The project is expected to have a positive U.S. balance of payments impact over the first five years.
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a strong developmental impact in Mongolia. It will produce approximately 40 permanent jobs in Mongolia as well as improve human capital and technology through knowledge and skills transfers. The project will provide training for Mongolian workers annually and help to improve Mongolia's mining sector infrastructure.
Environment:	<p>The project was screened as Category A because surface mining of placer deposits represents the potential to cause significant, adverse, and irreversible environmental impacts. These impacts include, but are not limited to, aquatic and terrestrial degradation from overburden and tailings deposition, impacts to surface water/groundwater quality and land use conversion. Potential adverse social impacts are associated with the reduced availability of high-quality grazing land for indigenous nomadic herders present in the region and exclusion of temporary residences (gers) from the mining concession area.</p> <p>The project is required to comply with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Finance Corporation Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines for Mining (December, 2007); • International Finance Corporation General Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (2007); • International Finance Corporation Performance Standards 5 and 8. • World Health Organization Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality (2006).

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. The Project will be required to operate in a manner consistent with the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard 2 on Labor and Working Conditions.
Human Rights:	This project received a Human Rights Clearance on January 5, 2009.