

**Banco Cathay de Costa Rica, S.A.
Information Summary for the Public**

Host Country(ies):	Costa Rica
Name of Borrower:	Banco Cathay de Costa Rica, S.A.
U.S. Sponsor:	Hoi-Sang Yeung
Foreign Sponsor:	Sow Voon Wong Raymond Hui Ping Tang
Project Description:	Expansion of Borrower's lending activities to Costa Rican SMEs.
Total Project Cost:	\$10,740,000
Loan Provided Under OPIC-WorldBusiness Capital Framework Agreement:	\$8,000,000
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a positive developmental impact on Costa Rica. The project will enable Banco Cathay to expand its operations in order to target SME borrowers, an underserved sector in Costa Rica. The facility will allow Banco Cathay to make loans to SME clients at better terms that are currently available in the market.
Environment:	<p>Loans to commercial banks for the purposes of SME lending are screened as Category C projects under OPIC's environmental and social guidelines. Environmental, health, safety, and social impacts are minimal. However, in order to insure that the Borrower's loans are consistent with OPIC's statutory and policy requirements, the loan will be subject to conditions regarding use of proceeds.</p> <p>The Borrower will be required to implement the environmental and social policy that will be used to guide the project and achieve sound and sustainable environmental and social performance. The Borrower will also be required to implement the grievance mechanism.</p>
U.S. Economic Impact:	The project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy or employment, as long as the conditions above are followed. There will be no U.S. procurement associated with the project. The project will have a negative balance of payments impact over the first five years of the operations.
Workers Rights:	OPIC's statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the rights of association, organization and collective bargaining. Loans to SME borrowers will be restricted with respect to the SME borrowers' operations, including the employment of minors and other applicable labor law requirements. The Project will also be required to operate in a manner consistent with the requirements of the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard 2 on Labor and Working Conditions. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project.
Human Rights:	OPIC issued a Human Rights Clearance for this Project on October 19, 2011.