NON-CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Host Country: Iraq

Name of Insured Investor: Ellicott Dredges, LLC

Foreign Enterprise: N/A

Investment Amount and Type: $561,750 (performance bond)

Project Description: Sale of two dredges and associated equipment to Iraq’s Ministry of Water Resources.

Total Project Costs: $11,235,000

Proposed OPIC Insurance Amount: $505,575

Private Insurer Participation: Private market political risk insurance is not available for this project on terms satisfactory to the Investor.

Developmental Effects: Developmental scores are not calculated for projects under OPIC’s Exporters’ Insurance Contract Program. However, the project will have a positive developmental impact by improving Iraq’s water infrastructure. Specifically, the dredges will improve the country’s water navigation, irrigation, and commerce sectors, which will benefit all economic segments of the Iraqi population.

Environment:

Screening: The Project has been reviewed against OPIC’s categorical prohibitions and has been determined to be categorically eligible. Projects involving the assembly and shipment of heavy equipment are screened as Category B projects under OPIC’s environmental guidelines because impacts are limited and readily mitigated. The major environmental issue associated with this type of project is the need for appropriate environmental, health and safety management.

Applicable Standards: OPIC’s environmental and social due diligence indicates that the Project will have impacts that must be managed in a manner consistent with the following Performance Standards:

P.S. 1: Social and Environmental Assessment and Management Systems
P.S. 2: Labor and Working Conditions
P.S. 4: Community Health, Safety and Security
In addition to the Performance Standards listed above the following International Finance Corporation (IFC) Environmental Guidelines are applicable to this project:


Environmental and Social Risks and Mitigation: The Project involves the delivery of dredging equipment, training personnel in the operation of the equipment, and overseeing subcontractors’ initial operation the equipment. The Insured has Company Safety Policies and Procedures which includes a general policy regarding environmental, health, and safety (EHS) aspects with respect to the company’s operations and has a designated EHS officer responsible for ensuring that Ellicott employees involved in overseas projects adhere to OSHA equivalent safety standards.

Ellicott’s website has a “Contact Us” page (found at http://www.dredge.com/dredge/contact.html) which includes a phone number and email address for customer service through which grievances can be received and addressed.

Potential risks to community health and safety identified for the Project include traffic safety and dust generated by the initial transport of the equipment to the assembly site, which are anticipated to be minimal.

Worker Rights: OPIC’s statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the right of association, organization and collective bargaining, minimum age, hours of work, the timely payment of wages, and hazardous work situations. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project. The Project company 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 June 9, 2011.

U.S. Effects: As the project involves insurance for the export of dredges from the U.S. to Iraq and insurance on a performance bond associated with the dredges, there appears to be no potential
for the project to adversely impact the U.S. economy. The project will have a positive impact on U.S. employment and on the U.S. balance of payments.