

Information Summary for the Public

Host Country(ies):	Republic of Armenia
Name of Borrower:	Promyshlenno-Stroitelny Investitsionny Bank ZAO (dba Ardshinvestbank CSJC).
U.S. Sponsor:	Bankworld, Inc.
Foreign Sponsor:	Karen Safaryan, Anya Babaeva
Project Description:	Expansion of SME Lending Business
Total Project Cost:	\$10,000,000
Loan Provided Under OPIC-WorldBusiness Capital Framework Agreement:	\$9,750,000
Developmental Effects:	<p>This project will have a positive developmental impact in Armenia. This project provides additional capital for the expansion of portfolio lending that will benefit an estimated 300 SMEs in Armenia. This project will have a strong impact on the Armenian economy through its downstream multiplier effects in the form of SME business expansion and job creation. There is a high demand for SME loan products, owing to the continuing growth of the SME sector in Armenia and increasing demand for tailored financial products. The project involves a variety of innovative financial products allowing new SMEs that do not have a lengthy credit history or a significant asset base for collateral to gain access to financing. Bank employees are provided with various benefits that exceed local requirements</p>
Environment:	<p>Projects involving loans to banks for the purposes of SME on-lending are screened as Category C projects under OPIC's environmental and social guidelines. Environmental, health, safety, and social impacts or concerns are minimal.</p>

	<p>However, in order to insure that the Borrower's loans are consistent with OPIC's statutory and policy requirements, proceeds of the OPIC loan will be subject to conditions regarding use of proceeds. The Borrower will be required to comply with applicable national laws and regulations related to environmental and social performance, including requirements related to healthy and safe work environments.</p>
U.S. Economic Impact:	<p>Provided the project adheres to OPIC stated conditions, it is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy. There is some initial U.S. procurement associated with this project, and the project is expected to have a positive impact on U.S. employment. The project will have a negative five-year U.S. balance of payments impact.</p>
Workers Rights:	<p>OPIC's statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the rights of association, organization and collective bargaining, minimum age for employment, 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. Loans to SME borrowers will be restricted with respect to the SME borrowers' operations, including employment of minors and other applicable labor law requirements. 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.</p>
Human Rights:	<p>OPIC issued a human rights clearance for the project on November 13, 2012.</p>