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India: Shared Infrastructure for Solar Parks Project and Transmission for Power Evacuation from Solar Parks Project (CTF) World Bank – Comment from the UK

Mafalda,

The UK is happy to approve USD 50.0 million (USD 48.0 million in softer-term loan and USD 2.0 million in grant) for the proposal entitled, India: Shared Infrastructure for Solar Parks Project; and, USD 30.0 million in softer-term loans for the proposal entitled, India: Transmission for Power Evacuation from Solar Parks Project, submitted by the Government of India and the World Bank.

Please note, as for all the India Solar projects, we would expect the project team to consider whether there is the possibility of utilizing local manufacturing and help local manufacturers develop their capacity if required. This would therefore result in an increase in the number of jobs generated by the project.

Given the scale and ambition of this project we think that appropriate consideration should be given to conducting an independent evaluation either focusing on the solar projects or even all the projects under the India IP.

Kind regards,
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