

EQUATOR PRINCIPLES reporting for 2018

DNB has adopted the Equator Principles, a common set of guidelines used by the majority of large international financial institutions for managing environmental and social issues in project finance. Together with other Equator Principles Financial Institutions (EPFIs), DNB, has adopted the Equator Principles in order to ensure that the Projects we finance and advise on are developed in a manner that is socially responsible and reflects sound environmental management practices. We recognize the importance of climate change, biodiversity, and human rights, and believe negative impacts on project-affected ecosystems, communities, and the climate should be avoided where possible. If these impacts are unavoidable they should be minimized, mitigated, and/or offset.

The Equator Principles are intended to serve as a common baseline and framework. DNB has committed to implement the Equator Principles in our internal environmental and social policies, procedures and standards for financing Projects. All Project Financing, Project Advisory Services with total project costs of more than USD 10 million, Project –Related Corporate Loans and Bridge Loans meeting the criteria of the Equator Principles, are to be reviewed according to the Equator Principles. We will not provide Project Finance or Project-Related Corporate Loans to Projects where the client will not, or is unable to, comply with the Equator Principles. As Bridge Loans and Project Finance Advisory Services are provided earlier in the Project timeline, we request the client explicitly communicates their intention to comply with the Equator Principles in such transactions.

DNB has an internal Equator Team that reviews relevant projects that meet the criteria set out in the Equator Principles. Credits that fall in under these principles must be presented to the Equator Committee for assessment and categorization, preferably before being presented at the relevant credit-approval level. If this is not possible or logical, for example if a social or environmental due diligence has not been carried out or has not been completed, the matter will be reviewed by the Equator Committee after being considered by the relevant credit-approval body and as soon as practically possible. As part of the annual loan review, compliance with the Equator Principles is assessed and reported to the relevant credit-approval body for each credit commitment.

In 2018, one project was assessed in accordance with the Equator Principles and is reported in the table below.

	PROJECT FINANCE		
	1		
CATEGORY	A	B	C
Total		1	
SECTOR			
Mining			
Infrastructure			
Oil & Gas			
Power		1	
Others			
Sub Total		1	
REGION			
Americas		1	
Europe, Middle East & Africa			
Asia Pacific			
Sub Total		1	
DESIGNATED COUNTRY			
Designated Country		1	
Non-Designated Country			
Sub Total		1	
INDEPENDENT REVIEW			
Yes		1	
No			
Sub Total		1	

DNB will report details of the project financing we provided in 2018 according to annex B of the Equator Principles. Details such as project name, sector and host country name will be provided through a web-link to the Equator Principles web pages in due time (by the end of July 2019). The web-link will be provided in an updated version of this document.