



Consultation on Terms of Reference for Mpatamanga Hydro Power Project (MHPP) Environmental and Social (E&S) Studies

The Government of Malawi (GoM) through the Ministry of Energy (MoE), and in partnership with the International Finance Cooperation (IFC), Électricité de France (EDF) and SCATEC, is developing a 350 megawatt (MW) hydropower project at Mpatamanga Gorge on the Shire River. The Project will not only double the installed capacity of hydropower in Malawi but also improve power supply security and provide opportunities for increased renewable energy generation capacity.

On 6th September 2022, the GoM, IFC, EDF and SCATEC announced the signing of a Relationship Agreement, which is a binding commercial agreement to co-develop the Mpatamanga Hydropower Project. Additional technical and environmental and social studies are now being mobilised to inform Project development.

Mpatamanga Hydro Power Limited (MHPL), which is the project company incorporated to develop the Mpatamanga Project, has developed Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the following environmental and social studies and these are available for public comment:

- a) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) Development;
- b) Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and Resettlement and Livelihood Restoration Action Plan (RLRAP) Development;
- c) Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Development; and
- d) Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA).

These E&S studies are needed to finalise the Project's engineering design and ensure that it is developed in an environmentally and socially responsible way in alignment with: i) applicable GoM regulations and requirements; ii) the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) (2017); iii) the IFC 's Sustainability Framework (2012); iv) the United Nations (UN) Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs); and v) other relevant international frameworks and standards.

The ToRs can be accessed through the Ministry of Energy website: www.energy.gov.mw. Comments and feedback on the ToRs should be submitted to the following email address: mpatamangahydro@gmail.com by close of business on Wednesday, 30th March, 2023.

Comments and feedback received will be jointly reviewed by the Ministry of Energy's Mpatamanga Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and MHPL, who has

contracted and will manage the implementation of the studies in coordination with the PIU. All relevant comments and feedback received will be considered for integration within the scopes of work of the E&S studies.

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