

Electricity Lending to IPP



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Lending Capacity of Syrian Banks as of June 2009 (CBK)

Commercial Private Banks:

- Cumulated Capital of \$637MM (14% of total)
- Total assets of \$7,770MM (20%)
- Loans of \$2,665MM (13%) and Deposits of \$6,407 MM of which
- 2,614MM in Foreign Currencies (L/D = 41.00%)
- Maximum Lending Limit of ~\$160 MM per obligor

• Islamic banks:

- Cumulated Capital of \$154MM (4%)
- Total assets of \$1,270MM (3%)
- Financing of \$365MM (2%) and Deposits of \$956MM of which \$270MM in Foreign Currencies (F/D = 38.17%)
- Maximum Lending Limit of \$38.38 MM per obligor

• Public Banks:

- •Cumulated Capital of \$3,700MM (82% of total)
- •Total assets of \$29,960MM (77%)

Loans of \$24,576MM (85% of total)

PROBLEM OF MISMATCHING





- Project Company:
 - Shareholders/Partners should enjoy technical expertise, local experience, good financial means and creditworthiness
 - Should have strategic interest
- Lenders:
 - Club of Commercial Banks (Syndication)
 - Development Banks (DEG, EIB, AFD, IFC, IDB...)



- Export Credit Agencies:
 - Promote national products
 - Offers credit insurance to lenders (COFACE,EKN, Finnvera, EBRD, Hermes, SACE, KfW IPEX Bank,...)
- Regulatory Bodies
 - Licenses, permits (operations, work, etc..)
 - Site agreements (leased, sold)
 - Operations and maintenance agreement
 - Rights (grid access,...)
 - Incentives (tax exemptions, etc..)



- EPC Contractors (turnkey):
 - Construction, installation of equipment and launching
 - Responsible for performance , output
- Suppliers :
 - Heavy Fuel Oil, Gas
 - Supplying agreement
- Off-Takers:
 - Power Purchase Agreement, Energy Conversion Agreement
- Independent Technical Advisors:
 - Validate the feasibility study
 - Validate disbursement requests



- Financial Advisors:
 - Propose the structure
 - Arrangement of financing
 - Preparation of banking memorandum
- Legal Advisors:
 - Prepare all loan documentation
 - Opine on all aspects of the transaction
 - Highlight all risks
- Insurer:
 - Provide all appropriate insurances (construction, delay, third party, environmental liability, operational, business interruption



Risks

- Construction risks:
 - Delays, cost overrun, permissions, performance, technical failure, financial failure of contractor,...
- Operational risks:
 - Fuel or gas shortage
 - Maintenance, spare parts
- Financial risks:
 - Changes in operational costs (raw materials, charges to use the grid, inelasticity of prices,..)
 - Increasing financial expenses, exchange risk
 - Unforeseen miscellaneous costs
 - Financial failure of shareholders



Mitigations

- Construction risks:
 - Quality, financial situation and track record of EPC contractor, performance bonds, completion guarantee, cost overrun guarantee from sponsor, or cost overrun facility, permissions, equity.
- Operational risks:
 - Fuel or gas supply agreement
 - Proven Technology
- Financial risks:
 - Solid financial model
 - Avoiding mismatch of currencies, fixed rates from DB
 - Securities, export guarantees



Type of Securities

- Mortgages on land, buildings and equipment
- Assignment of rights
- Assignment of project insurances
- Assignment of proceeds of PPA / ECA
- Pledge of shares
- Pledge of project accounts
- Commercial mortgage