Early Warning System

FMO-50223 BIX CAPITAL B.V.



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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)

Status Approved

Bank Risk Rating B

Voting Date2016-12-19BorrowerBIX Capital B.V.

Sectors Climate and Environment, Education and Health, Finance

Investment Amount (USD) \$ 5.00 million

Project Description

According to the FMO, BIX provides finance in the value chain upfront in exchange for a preferential claim on the future impact certificate revenue (carbon credits) to redeem the funding.

BIX uses an innovative and catalytic concept that monetizes the impact potential of the products when used on a regular basis at scale. Impacts can be environmental, such as reduced Greenhouse gasses, or even social, such as improved health and education, although methodologies on the latter still need to be further developed. The envisaged split of the BIX portfolio will be at least 70 percent Africa.



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Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- BIX Capital BV (Financial Intermediary) is owned by Cardano Development (Parent Company)
- BIX Capital BV (Financial Intermediary) is owned by FOUNT (Parent Company)
- BIX Capital BV (Financial Intermediary) is owned by Shell Foundation (Parent Company)

Private Actors Description

As stated by the FMO, Amsterdam-based BIX is a joint Shell Foundation / Cardano Development initiative aiming to increase access to essential household products and services (predominantly cookstoves, bio-digesters and water-purifiers) to the bottom of the pyramid, by providing impact-based pre-finance.

BIX Capital B.V. is managed by FOUNT, a company based in The Netherlands that provides strategic advisory and investment management services.



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
Royal Dutch Shell	Parent Company	Energy	owns	Shell Foundation	Parent Company	Energy

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Bank Documents

• Project Information