

SECTION I: NON-CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Host Country:	Afghanistan
Name of Borrower:	Mazar Foods Corporation (“Mazar Foods”), a limited liability company to be incorporated in Afghanistan.
U.S. Sponsor:	Mazar Development Foundation (the “Foundation”), a U.S 501(c) (3) entity to be incorporated in Delaware.
Foreign Sponsor:	N/A
Project Description:	Establishment and operation of a large-scale agricultural production, processing and distribution facility located in the Balkh Province of Afghanistan near Mazar-i-Sharif (the “Project” or the “Facility”). The facility will produce a variety of fruits and vegetables, including: tomatoes, melons, strawberries, pomegranates, almonds, cucumbers, peppers and lettuce. In the early years, most produce will be sold fresh, but facilities for processing canned, juiced and dehydrated products will be added to the operation over time. The project plans to sell products in both domestic and near abroad markets.
Total Project costs:	\$132 million
Proposed OPIC Loan:	Up to \$80 million; 20-year term, including a five year grace on principal.
Developmental Effects	The project will have a positive developmental impact on the Afghan economy by establishing a large, commercially sustainable farm in an economically-depressed and rural part of the country. The Mazar Foods project will result in a significant level of job creation in the host country, and all employees will receive training. The U.S. investor, Mazar Development Foundation, intends to commit \$8 million for use in cultivating outreach programs to benefit the local community. The Project will support local businesses through the procurement of more than \$30 million in goods and services within Afghanistan. Mazar Foods will introduce western farming practices, including international food and safety regulations, organic certification, and utilization of greenhouse growing methods. The Project involves participation from USAID and other international development institutions. As such, the Project should have a significant impact on the economy of the host country and provide substantial benefits to the local community.
Environment:	The Project has been screened as Category A. The EIA summarizing the known impacts of the Project was posted on OPIC’s web site on February 7, 2008. The comment period closes on April 7, 2008.