Information Summary for the Public

Host Country:	Liberia
Name of Borrowers:	American International School of Monrovia and American International School of Monrovia, Inc.(USA)
U.S. Sponsor:	American International School of Monrovia, Inc.(USA)
Foreign Sponsor:	American International School of Monrovia
Project Description:	Renovate and expand a recently reopened international school for primary and secondary education in Monrovia, Liberia.
Total Project Cost:	Up to \$3.4 million
Proposed OPIC Loan:	Up to \$1.6 million
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a strong developmental impact on the host country, Liberia. As the only top-quality international school in Liberia, the project will improve the primary and secondary educational system by immediately introducing an American-style curriculum and by expanding education facilities to accommodate children in grades K through 12. The school expects to attract students from both international expatriates as well as middle class Liberians, thus improving the educational capacity of the host country. Almost all project funds will be used for local procurement, boosting the local economy.
Environment:	School construction is screened as a Category B project under OPIC's environmental guidelines because impacts are site-specific and readily mitigated. The major issues of concern related to the construction and operation of schools are availability of potable water, the disposal of wastewater and solid waste and the adequacy of life safety and fire protection systems.

Applicable Standards. The project and its contractors will be required to construct and operate the school in accordance with (i) Applicable provisions of the International Finance Corporation's General Environmental and Health and Safety April 30, 2007 Guidelines; (ii) All applicable environmental, health and safety requirements of Liberia with respect to the Project.

Impacts and Mitigation Measures. The school will be located on the site of the previous school which was damaged during the conflict. There will be no need to clear any additional land. The site is not located near any area of cultural or ecological significance and will not result in any adverse impacts on protected areas or critical habitats. The project will also not result in physical or economic displacement.

Water will be provided by the municipality, but is not acceptable for drinking. Bottled water will be supplied for the children and staff. The school is connected to the city sewage system which disposes of water directly into the sea. Therefore, the sponsor plans to either install a septic system or on-site treatment facility. Solid wastes during construction and operation will be hauled to the city landfill.

Electricity for the school is provided by two small diesel generators. Diesel fuel is delivered by a commercial vendor in a tanker and is stored in fuel tanks with cement containment.

The project will be required to develop a plan for disposal of effluent from the school that meets the International Private Sewage Disposal Code if a septic system is installed or internationally accepted discharge limits specified in the contract.

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	The project will also be required to
	demonstrate that the school's life and fire
	safety master plan meets the requirements
	of the NFPA101 or equivalent.
Workers Rights	OPIC's statutorily required standard
	worker rights language will be
	supplemented with provisions concerning
	the right of association, organization and
	collective bargaining, minimum age
	requirements, timely payment of wages,
	minimum wages, hours of work, and
	hazardous working situations. Standard
	and supplemental contract language will be
	applied to all workers engaged in the
	Project.
Human Rights	In consultation with the Department of
	State, the project received a Human Rights
	Clearance on March 17, 2009.