BRAC Africa Loan Fund Information Summary for the Public

Host Country:	Tanzania, Uganda
Name of Borrower:	BRAC Africa Microfinance Ltd.
U.S. Sponsors:	The ShoreBank Corporation
Foreign Sponsors:	BRAC, a Bangladeshi non-profit organization.
Project Description:	The Fund will make loans to BRAC-owned microfinance institutions ("MFIs") in Tanzania, Uganda, and Southern Sudan. Since OPIC is closed in Sudan, the proceeds of the OPIC loan will be used only for loans by the Fund to BRAC MFIs in Tanzania and Uganda.
Total Project Cost:	\$74,000,000
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$28,000,000
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a strong developmental impact in the host countries. The expansion of BRAC's microfinance portfolio will enable it to open over one hundred new microfinance branches that will serve an estimated 580,000 new borrowers in the poorest segment of the population. BRAC's holistic approach to poverty reduction includes both economic development (microfinance lending, development of program support enterprises and agricultural technical assistance) and social development (healthcare, education, and legal education).
Environment:	Microfinance investments are screened as Category C projects, but subject to conditions related to the use of proceeds. Excluded activities include lending to entities engaged in categorically prohibited activities or activities likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

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, and hours of work.
	Loans to micro-borrowers will be
	restricted with respect to the micro-
	borrowers' operations, including the
	employment of minors and other
	applicable labor law requirements.
	Standard and supplemental contract
	language will be applied to all workers of
	the Project.
Human Rights	In consultation with the Department of
	State, the project received Human Rights
	Clearances on June 12, 2008.