

Host Country:	Honduras
Name of Borrower:	Digicell Honduras
U.S. Sponsor:	Citibank, N.A.
Foreign Sponsor:	NA
Project Description:	Construction, rollout and continuing operation of a cellular telecommunications network
Total Project Cost:	\$20,000,000
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$15,000,000
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a positive developmental impact on Honduras, one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere. The project will expand the country's telecommunications infrastructure in rural areas, create local jobs, and lower local prices. Digicel intends to contribute to the local community by supporting primary schools, mobile health clinics, and sports teams.
Environment:	The project has been screened as Category B because impacts are site specific and readily mitigated. The environmental issues associated with telecommunications projects are primarily related to construction of communication towers. The project is required to comply with the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Guidelines on: (a) Telecommunications and (b) Applicable Provisions of the General Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines. OPIC will prohibit project activities that convert or degrade critical forest areas or related critical natural habitats in or near any United Nations List of National Parks and Protected Areas for Honduras, Categories I, II, III, and IV. Projects in IUCN Categories V (Protected Landscape/Seascape) and VI (Managed Resource Protected Area) must be consistent with IUCN management objectives.
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, hours of work, timely payment of wages, and hazardous working situations. 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 a human rights clearance on May 14, 2008.