

Dutch Good Growth Fund

Notice proposed DGGF1 20200220 / Madagascar – Responsible knitwear production

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Description

Part of DGGF

Investing Dutch Entrepreneurs

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A Dutch knitwear producer with facilities in Madagascar invests in more efficient production and the use of renewable thermal energy. Thereto DGGF intends to provide a loan. The investments lead to the retention of employment (the group employs 6.000 fte of which mainly women) and create ~650 new jobs (finally aiming for 1.800 additional positions by 2029).

This project will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals: 1 (no poverty), 5 (gender equality), 8 (decent work and economic growth), 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure), 12 (responsible consumption and production) and 13 (climate action).

Country of investment

Madagascar

Risk category

The investment is scaled category B in terms of CSR-risk. The company adheres to the highest CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) standard for garment production and is certified according several international standards. A CSR action plan will be drafted for the greenfield thermal energy activities, which is based upon the OECD and IFC performance standards, which aims to reduce the risk of non-compliance with these standards.

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