





Ecuador

Country of opportunities

Thanks to the policies featured by the Ecuadorian government, we are a nation that supports private sector investment for promoting technological innovation and to generate qualified employment.

In order to support this type of investment, Ecuador has developed a institutional framework that provides legal settings, encourages local private Enterprises, and has become a confidence place for private investors.

Several incentives have been implemented to attract private investment in priority sectors, including renewable energy.



Ministry

of Energy and Non-Renewable Natural Resources

The Ministry of Energy and Non-Renewable Natural Resources (MERNNR) is the government entity responsible for public policy making and guidelines for the energy sector in Ecuador

Among others, its main objectives include increasing the efficiency and productivity of energy and mining resources; expanding the nationwide side demand management efficiency; and increasing the quality, continuity, resilience, security, and coverage of the public electricity service.

In order to accomplish its goals, MERNNR has developed, together with other government authorities, an investment package mainly focused in pursuing private investment in renewable energy projects.



Ministry of Energy and Non-Renewable Natural Resources

Project

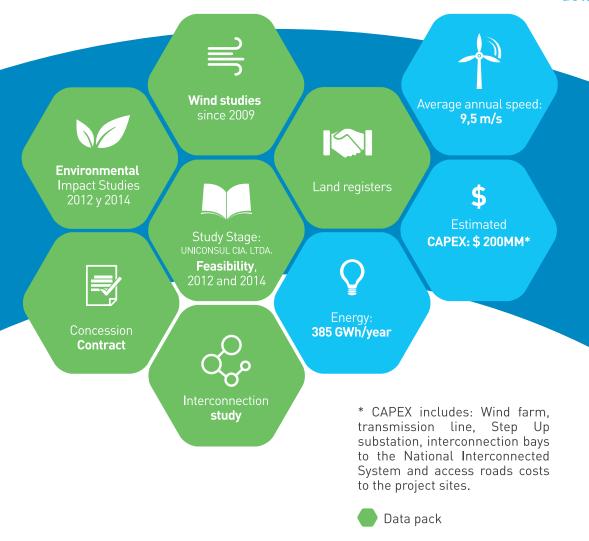
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Villonaco II and III are currently the most important wind energy project being promoted in Ecuador, and have been prioritized by the Ecuadorian State to generate clean energy through unconventional renewable resources. Villonaco II and Villonaco III Power Plants will provide a minimal usable power of 110 MW.

Private investment is encouraged by national government to implement these projects, through a concession agreement of Villonaco II and III project, within a period of 25 years, including construction phase.



detail



Location

Wind Power Project Villonaco II and III are



Scope

of the Public Selection Process (PPS)

The Villonaco's II and III project, with 110 MW of minimum installed capacity, will be granted as a concession through a public bidding process, in accordance with the Organic Law Of Public Electric Service (LOSPEE, in Spanish). The company wil bid for the project, and the winner will be responsible for the design, financing, construction, operation, maintenance and delivery of electrical energy service.

The investor who makes the best offer will be responsible for the construction and operation of the "El Aromo" photovoltaic power plant. Once the concession period has ended, which lasts 20 vears, the asset will be transferred to the Ecuadorian State, All reckless bids will be desqualified and associated quarantees executed.



Supervisory role of ecuadorian State

The State, through the Ministry of Energy (MERNNR), will carry out the public selection process.

Once Villonaco II y III project has been granted, the State assumes a supervisory role throughout the construction, operation and maintenance, ensuring compliance with current legal regulations.

Principal project milestones





Commissioning



Offer qualification

and eligibility requirements



Legal

 Bid security and warranty period (Validity 24 months)



Economical

Lowest bidding value: USD/kWh

Technical

- Experience acquired by the company or consortium in Non Conventional Renewable Energy Assets, Minimum installed power of 300 MW in the last 10 years, in no more than 10 projects
 - Wind turbine design certificate under the IEC Standards: 61400
 - Energy quality compliance certificate (ARCONEL 004/15).
 - 96% minimun availability throughout the project.

Financial

- Company or consortium net worth > US\$ 300MM
 - Liquidity and indebtedness index.
 - a. Liquidity ratio (>1)
- **b.** Debt / Equity ratio (< 2)



Incentives

for private investors



Exemption of Overseas Remittance Tax (IMPUESTO A LA SALIDA DE DIVISAS –ISD- in Spanish) for capital goods and raw materials.

Exemption of the Overseas Remittance Tax for the importation of goods, service acquisition, financing, dividends or profits, payments for acquiring shares, rights or holdings.

12 year Income Tax (IR) payment and pre-payment exception for new investments on the outskirts of Quito and Guayaquil.

8 year Income Tax (IR) payment and pre-payment exception for new investments in urban jurisdictions in Quito and Guayaquil.

Source: Organic Law for Productive Development, Attraction of Investments, Generation of Employment, and Stability and Fiscal Equilibrium.



Public tender activities for concessioning the project [Includes Concession Contract, and PPA]

Launch and call for proposals

Preliminary bit documents publication and reception of the suggestions

Elaboration of the final bit documents

Development activities

Bid Prequalification

Purchase the bit documents

User-names and password delivery

Technical visit

Questions & inquiries

Answer to questions & inquiries

Results publication

Offer preparation

Technical and economical bid requirements delivery

Technical bid requirements evaluation

Bid validation process

Technical bid requirements qualification

Results publication

Economical bid requirements qualification

Results publication

Recommendation to award or declare void the public tender

Transaction closing

Contract suscription

Construction begins

Equipment purchase order











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