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IFC EHS Guidelines Update

Today, February 28, 2007, IFC is posting drafts of six (6) Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines (EHS Guidelines) for public comment. The public comment period for these six documents will extend until April 28, 2007.

This group follows the draft General EHS Guidelines and the twenty (20) draft industry sector guidelines posted August 2nd, 2006; five (5) draft industry sector guidelines posted on September 13th, 2006; seven (7) draft industry sector guidelines posted on November 6th, 2006; five (5) draft industry sector guidelines posted on November 17, 2006; two (2) draft industry sector guidelines posted on December 22, 2006; and ten (10) industry sector guidelines posted on February 5, 2007. The remaining draft industry sector guidelines will be posted as they become available during March and April, 2007.

To register and provide comment on draft EHS Guidelines please go to the IFC EHS Guidelines update web site:

http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/policyreview.nsf/Content/EHSGuidelinesUpdate_Comments

The six (6) draft EHS Guidelines placed today on the IFC EHS Guidelines update website are as follows:

- Smelting and Refining
- Pesticides and Herbicides Manufacturing
- Phosphate Fertilizers Manufacturing
- Petroleum Refining
- Large Volume Petroleum-based Organics Manufacturing (to be posted by March 2nd)
- Polymers Manufacturing

****Important Dates****

- Please note that the key dates for the public comment period are as follows:
 - First group of 20 draft industry sector guidelines posted on August 2nd, 2006, closed on September 30th, 2006.
 - Second group of 5 draft industry sector guidelines posted on September 13th, 2006 closed on November 13th, 2006.
 - Third group of 7 draft industry sector guidelines posted on November 6th, 2006 closed on January 15th, 2007.
 - Fourth group of 5 draft industry sector guidelines posted on November 17th, 2006 closed on January 26th, 2007.
 - Fifth group of 2 draft industry sector guidelines posted on December 22, 2006 closed on February 27, 2007.
 - Sixth group of 10 draft industry sector guidelines posted on February 5, 2007 will close on April 5, 2007.
- Please note that the public comment period on the draft **General EHS Guidelines** document was extended and closed on December 15th, 2006.