

## **TRANSPORT SECTOR**

### **KLEIAAT RENE MOUAWAD AIRPORT**

<b>GOVERNMENT ENTITY</b>
Ministry of Public Works and Transport
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>
<p>Government of Lebanon (GoL) intends to rehabilitate and expand Rene Mouawad Airport on a PPP basis. Project highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An airport that will operate charter, cargo and internal flights as well as hosts an aviation training centre.</li> <li>- Benefits from an area of 6MM m<sup>2</sup>, out of which 2.75MM m<sup>2</sup> is the investment area.</li> <li>- Currently comprises one runway of 3000m length (expandable by 250m) and 45m width, a 3000m taxiway, a 100-car parking lot, and a control tower.</li> <li>- Linked to an international coastal and internal road network.</li> </ul>
<b>OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED IMPACT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create an enabling environment for economic growth for one of the poorest areas in Lebanon.</li> <li>- Direct and indirect job creation at the local and national level.</li> <li>- Reduce road travelling and thus congestion between Tripoli and Beirut through domestic flights for cargo and low cost carriers.</li> <li>- Reduce the load on BRHIA.</li> <li>- Introduce new revenue streams for the State.</li> </ul>
<b>EXPECTED ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rehabilitate the access roads to the airport.</li> <li>- Relocate the Lebanese army, currently using the site as a military base.</li> <li>- Provide good governance and transparent tendering process.</li> </ul>
<b>EXPECTED ROLE OF THE PRIVATE PARTNER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance and rehabilitate the existing airport.</li> <li>- Operate and maintain the airport for the contract period, which will be defined during the due diligence phase.</li> </ul>
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rene Mouawad airport is located in Akkar, in the north of Lebanon at distance of 105 km from Beirut, 25 km from Tripoli and 7km from the border with Syria.</li> <li>- A strategic position next to the Syrian border and to the international road.</li> </ul>
<b>PROJECT TIMELINE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete the due diligence – May 2019</li> <li>- Launch the bidding process – December 2019</li> <li>- Contract Award – December 2020</li> </ul>
<b>EXPECTED CAPEX (USD)</b>
The total expected investments needed, including the terminal and the necessary infrastructure improvements are estimated at about USD 100MM.
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