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**Private Sector Operations**

# **OCP EXPANSION PROGRAM**

## **MOROCCO**

## BOARD APPRAISAL: May 2011

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>MOROCCO</b>
<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	OCP EXPANSION PROGRAM
<b>SECTOR</b>	MINING
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	MaDH 41 BILLION
<b>AfDB CONTRIBUTION</b>	USD 250 MILLION
<b>SPONSOR AND BORROWER</b>	OCP SA
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	to receive ten integrated chemical plants for transforming phosphate into fertilizers with a production capacity of up to 1 MTPA of phosphorous equivalent (P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) each. A major portion of the fertilizer will be for export.
<b>PROJECT BENEFITS</b>	By establishing this specialized industrial platform, OCP aims to attract major foreign investors in the sector by providing them an opportunity to produce their phosphate products locally and under highly favourable conditions. As a result, JPH will enable OCP to develop the bulk of its rock phosphate production locally into high value-added product. With the implementation of the programme, OCP will double its contribution to Government revenue in terms of taxes, dividends and foreign exchange resources. About 9000 new direct jobs will be created over the 10-year period (including 5800 unskilled jobs confirmed in May 2011 for the next three years), and will support the promotion of Moroccan industrial SMEs in the mining and chemical sectors. The programme will enable OCP increase and diversify the social programmes in its intervention areas, as well as its national social programmes.

