Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for Port of Banjul 4th Expansion Project in The Gambia

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. TITLE AND LOCATION OF THE PROJECT
The proposed project title is "Port of Banjul 4th Expansion Project". The Gambia Ports Authority (GPA) is the proponent and sole operator of the Port of Banjul. The project is being funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the Government of the Gambia (GoTG). The Port of Banjul is the gateway for the nation's economy, accounting for over 35% of total international trade, and is the only maritime port managed by the GPA. The maritime subsector is quite dominant in The Gambia with the Port of Banjul playing an important role in the country's trade-oriented economy. Re-export activities are a cornerstone of the Gambian economy, accounting for about 15% of GDP, 20% of fiscal revenue, and 85% of all exports. The country has traditionally been a large supplier of re-exported foreign manufactured goods (textiles, vehicles, rice, sugar, tea, construction materials, and other products) to the region. The project aims to expand the Port of Banjul to meet the increasing demand for regional trade and investment flows.