



Publishing date: 29.06.2015

Category: B

ViQA - River Power Plant Kosovo

GIEK, Export Credit Norway, and BKT Bank will participate in the financing of a run-of-the-river hydropower plant for Matkos Group SH.PK in Kosovo. Norwegian deliveries will be from Flowtite Exports AS, Energy Technology AS and Optimo Finance AS. Gross capacity of this simple run of the river hydropower is 5856 kW. Kosovo has a large deficit of electricity and renewable energy is a priority in the country. The legislation of the country ensures that the producer will have a PPA with the distribution company KEDS.

The project is approximately at 1000 m, 1.5h drive south-east of Pristina. Land for water intake and the powerhouse are bought and rights for the pipeline are assured along the river. No one is moved in connection with the project, and there are no cultural or natural sites that need protection in the area. The river system in Kosovo is polluted and there is currently no endemic trout in the river, but fish ladders will be built. The area along the river is scrub and some agriculture. The transmission line to be built is 175 meters long.

The project has all the necessary local permits, including the final building permit that is not given until all requirements of the government have been met.

There is an ESIA that meets national requirements and is satisfactory in relation to the IFC Performance Standards for this project. There are no endangered species, unspoiled nature or sensitive areas affected by the project. There are no social or environmental aspects which indicate that the hydropower plant should not be built.