

# FIRSTRAND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE

2024

# Environmental and social risk performance 2024

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The number of transactions screened by means of the FirstRand environmental and social risk assessment (ESRA) transactional due diligence process is dependent on the deal flow/pipeline. Most of these transactions are lower-risk transactions (category C) and based in South Africa.

### Transactions funded in the year ended 30 June:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Category A (high risk)	659	493	498	350	743
Category B (medium risk)	3 965	3 250	3 694	3 348	3 007
Category C (Low risk)	4 243	3 685	5 406	5 611	4 601
Total number of transactions screened for environmental and social risks	8 867	7 428	9 598	9 309	8 351
Of which are SA-based	84%	85%	89%	88%	89%
Of which are based in broader Africa	16%	15%	11%	12%	11%
Transactions that involved engaging with clients about their environmental and social processes and management plans	4 624	3 666	4 192	3 698	3 750

### FirstRand Equator Principles performance

The process is defined by the Equator Principles (EP) Association and the adoption of International Finance Corporation performance standards. It applies to project-related corporate loans with an equivalent value of US\$50 million, project finance deals valued at US\$10 million or more, and project finance advisory transactions. The reporting criteria are available publicly on the EP website <https://equator-principles.com/signatories-epfis-reporting/epfi-reporting-database/>



### EP performance 2024

During the financial year, 23 EP-defined transactions reached financial closure:

#### EP project finance transactions funded by risk category and industry:

Sector	A <sup>1</sup>	B <sup>1</sup>	C
Mining	0	0	0
Infrastructure	0	0	1
Power	0	0	0
Renewables	0	12	0
Retail	0	1	6
Gas	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>

#### EP project-related corporate loans funded by risk category and industry:

Sector	A <sup>1</sup>	B <sup>1</sup>	C
Mining	0	0	0
Infrastructure	2	1	0
Power	0	0	0
Renewables	0	0	0
Retail	0	0	0
Gas	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup> All category A and category B transactions underwent independent EP reviews to establish each project's environmental and social risks.

All projects were on the African continent and in non-designated countries. There were no EP-defined project finance advisory services transactions for the reporting period.

In 2024, the EP Association introduced new governance guidelines mandating that the application of the EP must be externally assured every three years. FirstRand has obtained external assurance annually since 2012. However, due to the new guidelines, the group did not obtain external assurance for its EP application in 2024 but conducted an internal audit review instead. Aligned with the new rule, external assurance will be obtained in 2026.



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