

PROJECT ABSTRACT

Project number	AR-0226
Project name	Trenes de Buenos Aires S.A. (TBA)
Country	Argentina
Sponsors	Cometrans S.A., Motive Power Industries, Inc., Burlington Northern Railroad Co., Persilin S.A.
Total project cost	US\$598 million
IDB participation	IDB A-Loan: US\$75 million
Status	Approved by the Board of Executive Directors
Date	November 18, 1998

OTHER FEATURES:

- Guarantee object Guarantee of Notes, issued by a Trust, collateralized by Work Certificates issued by the GOA.
- Guarantee Risks
Covered by the Bank Note payment risk, including transferability and convertibility R risk.
- Facility type Revolving Guarantee Facility
- Guaranteed amount Total aggregate US\$207 million (approximately), not exceeding US\$75 million at any time
- Beneficiary of the
Guarantee Note holders
- Term of the
- Guarantee facility 7 years

MAJOR BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT:

- Substantial qualitative and quantitative improvement in the passenger railway system in Buenos Aires;
- Improvement of the transportation system and environmental conditions of Buenos Aires; mitigation of traffic congestion and reduction in the emissions produced by cars and buses in the access roads and urban areas;
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MAJOR BENEFITS OF THE GUARANTEE:

- First IDB private sector guarantee operation in Argentina;
- Facilitate the market placement of the Notes in conditions compatible with the needs of the project;
- Allow TBA to maintain a flow of resources compatible with their investment schedule;
- Create a new financial mechanism that could be applied in other transactions;
- Mobilize domestic and foreign resources that otherwise would not be available.