

Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) on December 16, 1997. This hearing is required by the OPIC Amendments Act of 1985, and this notice is being published to facilitate public participation. The notice also describes OPIC and the subject matter of the hearing.

**DATES:** The hearing will be held on December 16, 1997, and will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Prospective participants must submit to OPIC before close of business December 3, 1997, notice of their intent to participate.

**ADDRESSES:** The location of the hearing will be: Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., 12th Floor, Washington, D.C. Notices and prepared statements should be sent to Harvey Himberg, Financial Management and Statutory Review Department, Overseas Private Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527.

#### Procedures

(a) *Attendance; Participation.* The hearing will be open to the public. However, a person wishing to present views at the hearing must provide OPIC with advance notice on or before December 3, 1997. The notice must include the name, address and telephone number of the person who will make the presentation, the name and address of the organization which the person represents (if any) and a concise summary of the subject matter of the presentation.

(b) *Prepared Statements.* Any participant wishing to submit a prepared statement for the record must submit it to OPIC with the notice or, in any event, not later than 5 p.m. on December 12, 1997. Prepared statements must be typewritten, double spaced and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

(c) *Duration of Presentations.* Oral presentations will in no event exceed ten (10) minutes, and the time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all prospective participants on a particular subject an opportunity to be heard or to permit all subjects to be covered.

(d) *Agenda.* Upon receipt of the required notices, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing setting forth the subject or subjects on which each participant will speak and the time allotted for each presentation. OPIC will provide each prospective participant with a copy of the agenda.

(e) *Publication of Proceedings.* A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be compiled. The transcript will be available to members of the public at the cost of reproduction.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OPIC is a U.S. Government agency which provides, on a commercial basis, political risk insurance and financing in friendly developing countries and emerging democracies for environmentally sound projects which confer positive developmental benefits upon the project country while creating employment in the U.S. OPIC is required by section 231A(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended ("the Act") to hold at least one public hearing each year.

Among other issues, OPIC's annual public hearing has, in previous years, provided a forum for testimony concerning section 231A(a) of the Act. This section provides that OPIC may operate its programs only in those countries that are determined to be "taking steps to adopt and implement laws that extend internationally recognized worker rights to workers in that country (including any designated zone in that country)."

Based on consultations with Congress, OPIC complies with annual determinations made by the Executive Branch with respect to worker rights for countries that are eligible for the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). Any country for which GSP eligibility is revoked on account of its failure to take steps to adopt and implement internationally recognized worker rights is subject concurrently to the suspension of OPIC programs until such time as a favorable worker rights determination can be made.

For non-GSP countries in which OPIC operates its programs, OPIC reviews any country which is the subject of a formal challenge at its annual public hearing. To qualify as a formal challenge, testimony must pertain directly to the worker rights requirements of the law as defined in OPIC's 1985 reauthorizing legislation (P.L. 99-204) with reference to the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and be supported by factual information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING CONTACT:** Harvey A. Himberg, Financial Management and Statutory Review Department, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527 (202) 336-8614 or by facsimile at (202) 218-0177.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### December 9, 1997 Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** Tuesday, December 9, 1997, 1:00 p.m. (Open Portion); 1:30 p.m. (Closed Portion).

**PLACE:** Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**STATUS:** Meeting Open to the Public from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm; Closed portion will commence at 1:30 pm (approx.).

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. President's Report
2. Testimonial
3. Approval of September 16, 1997 Minutes (Open Portion)
4. Meeting schedule through September, 1998

#### FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: (Closed to the Public 1:30 PM)

1. Finance Project in Jamaica
2. Insurance Project India
3. Approval of September 16, 1997 Minutes (Closed Portion)
4. Pending Major Projects
5. Report on OPIC's Small Business Initiative

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.Q04

Dated: November 24, 1997.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*OPIC Corporate Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Existing Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under review: Claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 27, 1998.

We are requesting written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the