

## Barro Blanco / 14-0002

**Complainant:** M-10 movement and the Cacica General de la Comarca Ngäbe-Buglé

**Date Filed:** May 5, 2014

**Last update:** October 16, 2014

**Case Status:** Open

### Complaint

The Barro Blanco project is a 28.56 MW hydroelectric project located on the Tabasara River in Panama. The Project Company is Generadora del Istmo S.A. (GENISA).

In May 2014, a complaint was lodged by the M10 movement and the Cacica General of the Comarca Ngäbe-Buglé. The complainants believe the project will have a significant negative impact on their livelihoods and territories. FMO is alleged of breaching its Environmental & Social Policy, Human Rights Policy and Corporate Governance Policy.

### PROJECT INFORMATION

CLIENT  
Generadora del Istmo S.A.

COUNTRY  
Panama

SECTOR  
Energy

TOTAL FMO FINANCING  
USD 27.82 MLN

### Action taken

FMO has acknowledged the receipt of the complaint with a letter to the complainants and forwarded the complaint to the Independent Expert Panel (hereafter: the Panel). The Panel has assessed the complaint and determined it is admissible under the criteria of the Complaints Mechanism. The Panel has performed a preliminary review to determine the appropriate next steps under the terms of the Mechanism, during which they have been in contact with the complainants, the client and FMO.

### Status

Based on the preliminary review and in consultation with the complainants, the client (on a voluntary basis) and FMO, the Panel decided on conducting a compliance review. In the coming weeks they will review all relevant documentation, visit and have meetings with the appropriate stakeholders in this complaint.

