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January 22, 2025

Ms. Elizabeth Deane-Hughes
Via Electronic Mail at: deanehughesdesig@hotmail.com

Re: FOIA Request # 202500072F

Dear Ms. Deane-Hughes:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM). We received your request in our FOIA Office via email on January 17, 2025.

Please be advised that the FOIA does not require federal agencies to answer questions or create records in response to a FOIA request, but rather is limited to requiring agencies to provide access to reasonably described, nonexempt records. *NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 162 (1975); *Zemansky v. EPA*, 767 F.2d 569, 574 (9th Cir. 1985). Therefore, the FOIA office will only respond to your records request.

You requested any and/or all feasibility studies conducted by US EXIM Bank for loan application AP089490XX.

We conducted a comprehensive search of the files within the Office of Board Authorized Finance, Engineering & Environment Division for records that would be responsive to your request. This is the component within EXIM in which responsive records could reasonably be expected to be found. Please be advised we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records, as EXIM did not conduct a feasibility study.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Attention: Assistant General Counsel for Administration, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20571. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. You may also submit an appeal via E-Mail at FOIA.Appeals@exim.gov. The phrase "FOIA APPEAL" should appear on the letter and on the outside of the envelope containing the appeal or in the "Subject" line of the E-Mail.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Lennell Jackson at (202) 565-3290 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and

Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. §552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all of our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

EXIM's FOIA regulations at 12 C.F.R.404.9 (a) state that EXIM shall charge fees to recover the full allowable direct cost it incurs in processing requests, but as a courtesy, we are waiving all fees.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Ms. Lennell Jackson at (202) 565-3290 or by E-Mail at Lennell.Jackson@exim.gov.

Sincerely,

Lance Mathews
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer