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Challenges of Infrastructure Funding for Colombia –

Perspective from US infrastructure investors

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## About PwC's Infrastructure Practice

# PwC's services can be grouped into 3 main offerings Strategy Finance Execution Identification, selection, location and rationalization of capital projects projects in alignment with strategy Sectors

➤ Utilities

> Health Industries

**>** Government

> Water

➤ Waste

**>** Social

800 dedicated professionals worldwide— 300 in the US, 100 in Latam

➤ Industrial Products

> Technology

➤ Real Estate

MBAs
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Engineers
Accountants
Construction managers
CPM schedulers

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> Transportation

➤ Manufacturing

> Hospitality

**≻**Energy

*➤ Mining* 

**>** Power

➤ Telecom

➤ Nuclear

> Ports

# Clients I work with - Infrastructure investors

Infrastructure funds -- US, Canadian, European

Pension plans

Sovereign Wealth Funds

As well as

Strategics (many foreign)

Governments

# Infrastructure investor's primary concern -- project risk

Projects in the US, Canada and Europe:

- What is the market risk?
- What is the long term operations risk?

Projects in Colombia:

• Slightly different focus....

## Infrastructure Equity Investors -- simplified

#### **Investment objectives**

Return CPI + 2

Low risk

Long term preservation of Capital

#### Assets that they like

1st Choice:

Brownfield or stabilized assets

Operating for a long time

In US or Europe

Familiarity

2<sup>nd</sup> choice:

Greenfield in US or Europe

3d choice:

Latin America Chile, Mexico Colombia, Peru, Brazil

# Challenges in Colombia

Few brownfields, all greenfield

• Construction risk, Operations risk, possibly Market risk

#### Lack of familiarity

- Companies and players
- Skills levels
- Business practices

#### Pre-conceived ideas

• Suspicions

# Key elements of construction risk and how to address them

Key risks

What to do

Predictability of construction cost

Contractual transfer construction risk to local partner – difficult

Principal / Agent problem (Brother in law effect)

- Risk of delays
- Risk of litigation
- Risk of revenue delay
- Risk of loss of concession

So...

# A concrete example – US investor in neighboring country

Partner has 30 year concession for transmission line, lacks capital

US investor is interested but scared

#### Investor comes to PwC:

- We have a willing partner but we are scared
- We have a good contract but we are scared
- Technical advisor tell us the plan is good but we are scared
- What if our partner does not deliver? Litigation? Worse?

## So what do you do? What did we do?

Monitoring by investors (or their agents) of elements that are the key sources of the construction and operations risks

- 1. Understand the project risks
  - > Technical, managerial, site related, accounting related
- 2. Put a plan to measure and monitor these risks -- as they unfold
  - > Controls and systems specific to the project
- 3. Actively monitor
  - > Be able to understand what is being reported
- 4. Intervene early
  - > Much easier if the above is done

#### IT'S ALWAYS ROSY UNTIL IT COLLAPSES

## PwC Capabilities (again) -- Execution

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