



Ciera Group

Environmental and
Social Consultancy -
Driving Sustainable
Change



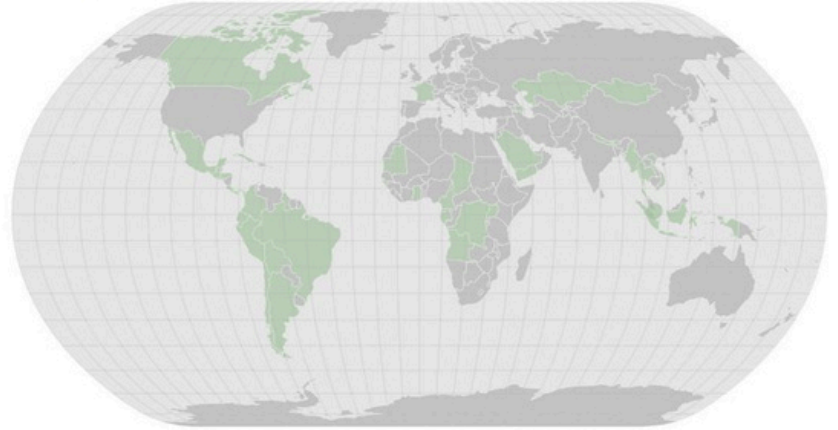
ABOUT



Ciera Group is a Calgary-based environmental and social consulting firm committed to driving sustainable societal transformation. With a global network of trusted partners, we identify, assess, and manage environmental and social risks to foster sustainable development worldwide.

At the Ciera Group, we combine diverse expertise and perspectives, to deliver tailored, practical solutions that drive meaningful change.

Our Team has extensive international experience as shown on the right.



SCOPE OF SERVICES



IMPACT ASSESSMENT

We do all phases of environmental and social assessment - big and small - from the project level to regional, strategic and cumulative impact assessments.



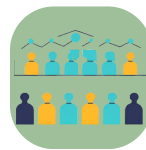
REGULATORY PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE

We can help you overcome local and international regulatory hurdles associated with project development and ensure compliance with any requirements or conditions during the project lifecycle.



MONITORING AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

We offer our services to monitor the project during its construction and operation to measure and assess environmental and social performance.



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

We can help your organization build the capacity and skillset to assess, manage, and monitor large scale environmental and social risks and impacts associated with development.



SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Our specialized services include environmental and social compliance assessments (international financial institutions' standards), biodiversity management plans, environmental management plans, baseline environmental and social surveys, evaluation of ecosystem services, land acquisition and resettlement plans, and much more.

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SESA OF INDONESIA'S ENERGY TRANSITION 2022-2024

Developed a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), for Indonesia's energy transition. Encompassing environmental and social risks and impacts associated with retirement of Coal-fired power plants and coal mines and development of renewable energy generation and a management plan outlining measures to mitigate assessed potential risks and impacts and address regulatory gaps.



DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES ON SEA FOR ENERGY TRANSITION 2023-2024

In partnership with the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA) and Environment and Development Services - International, developed guidelines for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) focus on the energy transition, including renewable energy development, associated infrastructure, and the decommissioning of coal-fired power plants (CFPPs) and coal mines.



CUMULATIVE EFFECTS MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK 2023-2024

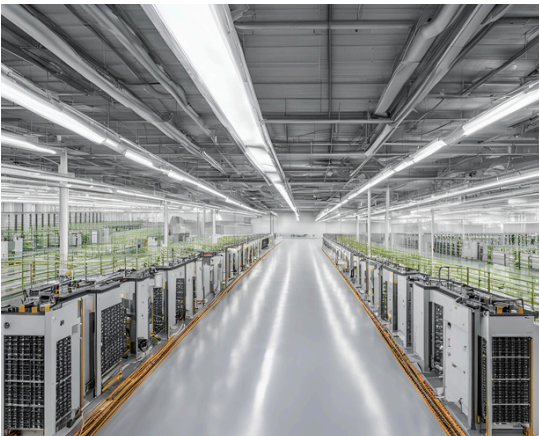
Prepared a framework for managing cumulative biodiversity impacts from critical mineral development in Canada. The framework included indicators to assess project-level cumulative effects, strategies with defined thresholds for species at risk, and criteria for implementing mitigation and offsetting measures.

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EQUIVALENCY ANALYSIS OF E&S SAFEGUARDS AGAINST THE IDB ESPF 2024

Compared the Inter-American Development Bank Environment and Social Policy Framework (IDB ESPF) against WFP, PAHO, UNOPS and UNESCO environmental and social (E&S) safeguards to identify congruities, differences, and discrepancies as to whether they are "equivalent".



ESDD FOR EV BATTERY FACILITY 2024

Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) review of an electric vehicle (EV) battery facility in Ontario, Canada.



ESIA SERVICES FOR THE SNIM GAS PIPELINE FEASIBILITY IN MAURITANIA 2023 – 2024

Provided expert review of regulatory requirements in Mauritania for pipeline installation including requirements for environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA). Underwent a study to identify potential environmental, social, and heritage risks associated with identified pipeline route options.

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ITUANGO HYDROPOWER PROJECT ALIGNMENT WITH HYDROPOWER SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS 2022-2023

Identified and assessed gaps between Ituango Hydropower project development and the 12 hydropower sustainability standards.



SESA OF THE HYDROCARBON SECTOR IN MAURITANIA 2022 - 2023

Developed a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), for Mauritania's hydrocarbon sector. Including identifying and assessing the environmental and social risks of hydrocarbon development in Mauritania and recommending actions to manage and mitigate these risks.



REVIEW OF YELLOWTAIL OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EIA IN GUYANA 2022

Conducted a high-level review of the Yellowtail Development Project Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) carried out by ERM. This review focused on a high-level analysis of the EIA's gaps in relation to best practice in environmental impact assessment.

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CEA OF MINE TAILINGS DAM IN BRAZIL 2020 – 2022

Cumulative impact assessment (CEA) study of a mining tailings dam in Brazil.



E&S RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE GAS MASTER PLAN IN MAURITANIA 2021

Provided expert support in environmental and social (E&S) risk and impact assessments for bulk transmission infrastructure alternatives and clusters of industrial monetization opportunities, as part of the gas master plan.



CEA TRAINING IN BRAZIL 2020

Delivered and developed three training courses on cumulative effects assessment (CEA) for Vale Brazil in conjunction with Arcadis Brazil.

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MOLDOVA – ROMANIA HVDC INTERCONNECTION PROJECT 2019

Assisted Manitoba Hydro International in the oversight and compliance of an electrical substation to European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Performance Requirements in Moldova.



ASSESSING COMPLIANCE TO LENDER REQUIREMENTS FOR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT 2018

Conducted three-monthly assessments of safeguards and environmental and social compliance audits of the construction phase of the Reventazón hydroelectric project in Costa Rica.



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, PERMITTING AND AUDITING OF WIND PROJECTS IN CHILE 2014–2016

Underwent environmental management, permitting and auditing of two wind projects in Chile: Sarco project (170 MW) and Aurora Project (182 MW).


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