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## PRESENTATION

The execution of investment projects entails a long designing and implementing process of a productive activity. At the same time, it is imperative to carry out an environmental assessment and obtain certain compulsory sectoral permits, prior the project goes into effect.

In that context, an investment project faces several difficulties, such as the lack of clearness about the steps to follow on environmental and sectoral matters, the delay due to the obtention of sectoral permits and citizen conflicts which difficult the execution of the Project.

It is particularly critical when considering the investment of foreign capitals, given that professionals and foreign executives worry about the project economic and financial design but also they worry about predicting and bearing “bottlenecks” which could be generated mainly by a lack of knowledge on the process and the complexity of the environmental and sectoral procedures in Chile.

To Foreign investors who want to invest in Chile, GesNat offers an integral, honest and efficient advisory service in different and significant environmental matters, such as:

- Strategic assessment whose aim is to set the socio-environmental context where the investment project will be implemented. In this way, it is possible to identify the “bottlenecks” during the project elaboration, propose and implement strategies for resolving different matters, such as: environmental conflicts, suitable strategies for the baseline and determination of the direct and indirect impact areas.
- Identification of environmental and sectoral procedures, definition of the optimal sequence for obtaining the sectoral environmental permits including sewerage and potable water system permits, storage and transport waste permits,

preliminary work and building permits, declaration before the Superintendence of Energy and Fuels, SEC, etc.

- Procedures about the Environmental Impact Assessment System, SEIA.
- Monitoring and implementation of the Environmental Rating Resolution, RCA, together with the several commitments arising from the assessment.
- Design and procedures of sectoral permits before the corresponding and competent institutions.
- Environmental management and advice on regulations, such as: elaboration of solid, liquid and hazardous waste management Plans, risk control and contingency management Plans, development of emergency Plans, environmental conflicts management Plans, mine closure and abandonment Plans and so on.

