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Buy-side due diligence digs into environment, health, safety and DEI risks



Challenge

This private equity client was considering acquiring a platform of landfill-based renewable natural gas assets. The portfolio included operational, in-construction and ready-to-build assets across the US and Canada, with revenue forecasted to more than triple over two years.

To inform the client's investment decision, dss+ was asked to identify, investigate and present findings around potential risk, liabilities and opportunities.

dss⁺ Approach

dss+ deployed subject matter experts across worker health and safety, environmental, and social/DEI workstreams to perform buy-side due diligence. Through site visits and phone interviews, these experts observed practices, engaged the target executive team, and identified risks. Data from the CIM platform, virtual data room, interviews and public records were analysed against assessment frameworks.

The team highlighted regulatory requirements in the US and Canada, reviewed systems and software for safety and environmental compliance, and developed a matrix to prioritise action on the most material DEI and community relations issues.

Assignment

Buy-side due diligence around worker health and safety, environmental, and social/DEI risks and opportunities in a renewable natural gas portfolio.

Offering

Safety, culture and ESG consulting.

Impact

Synthesised expert findings and recommendations into "Red and Yellow Flag" and due diligence reports.

Surfaced potential asset integrity issues and recommended actions; highlighted emerging social risks; ranked risks associated with DEI, community relations, and contractor management.

Identified multiple environmental compliance warnings and operating experience gaps to inform the client bid.



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