

## **EARLY TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF COMPANIES INVOLVED IN WORLD BANK-FINANCED PROJECTS**

Under the World Bank's Sanctions Procedures, “Early Temporary Suspensions” (ETS) may be issued before the completion of an investigation by the World Bank Integrity Vice Presidency (INT). This can be issued if there is already sufficient evidence to conclude that a [sanctionable practice](#) has occurred and that the appropriate sanction for such misconduct involves a minimum period of debarment of at least 2 years.

A temporary suspension prevents a company from being awarded new World Bank-financed contracts for an initial period of six months, subject to possible extension for an additional six months, pending the completion of the INT investigation and the commencement of sanctions proceedings. As the World Bank's [sanctions process](#) is confidential, the status of any particular case cannot be disclosed.