

# Environmental Impact Assessment, Proposed Private Road in Bentaël, Lebanon

EDESSA was commissioned by Sakr Group S.A.L. to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the construction of an 800m road reaching a 400,000 m2 plot owned by the Sakr Group adjacent to the Bentaël Nature Reserve.

During the preparation of this EIA, EDESSA conducted two site visits on October 16, 2011 and November 14, 2011 in order to better understand the area and the project setting. EDESSA also organized several meetings with different public and private stakeholders to hear their concerns and recommendations regarding such project.

The EIA has been prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Environment Guidelines to address the potential environmental impacts that could arise from the construction and operation of the aforementioned road.

The study summarizes our best assessment of the impacts that could be generated from the construction and operation of the road, taking into consideration its proximity to the Bentaël Nature Reserve. It also presents the critical Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that should be implemented during the construction and operation stages of the project in order to reduce whenever possible the extent of the identified impacts.

