

## ECOENTERPRISES FUND

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### *FONDO ECOEMPRESAS, S.A.*

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**Jolyka Bolivia, S.R.L.**

[www.jolyka.com](http://www.jolyka.com)

Jolyka dedicates itself to the sustainable production of high-quality wood flooring, based upon a conscious commitment to protect the environment and promote the social well-being of Bolivian society. The company uses non-traditional wood species and exports finished flooring to the United States, Europe and some South American countries. It does not offer any products manufactured from endangered species.

Jolyka is the first Bolivian company to receive the Forest Stewardship Council's "Chain of Custody" certification. This certification tracks timber throughout the manufacturing and distribution process to the final product, guaranteeing that the product has come from a forest that is being managed according to agreed social and environmental standards.

Jolyka's responsible timber management is helping to protect Bolivia's tropical Andean forests, which are more vast than those of Central America and Mexico combined and are considered an epicenter of global biodiversity. Unfortunately, deforestation, poor protected area management, and pollution threaten much of this diversity.

Jolyka allocates a percentage of its earnings to Fundación Jolyka, a local nonprofit organization that supports community based sustainable forestry activities. The foundation supports initiatives that contribute to the growth of forest reserves in protected areas and national parks, including the Chapare region.

EcoEnterprises Fund co-financed this investment with Small Enterprises Assistance Fund's Fondo de Capital Activo de Bolivia, the Fondo Rotativo Inversión Fomento, and with U.S. and Bolivian private investors.

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Current Status as of December 2008: In operation. The loan was repaid in June 2004.