

Media Announcement

AlphaMundi Foundation supports feasibility study for Lohas Beans to incorporate renewable energy across their operations.

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Lohas Beans has created a “Brewing Peace” operating model, elevating local coffee growers out of low or no-profit models of standards market-priced bean growing. Their model strengthens each link in the coffee production chain with a co-responsible trading system including 1,900 producer families from 37 associations across Colombia.

With support from the Powering Agriculture Investment Alliance, Lohas Beans will conduct a solar powered feasibility study to transform their milling facility in Santa Marta, Colombia to a clean energy facility. Through this, they hope to realize reduced processing costs, to benefit the overall coffee processing value chain and to support farmer associations in their network.



“We are very excited to have been selected by AlphaMundi Foundation to be the recipient of the Powering Agriculture Investment Alliance economic aid to conduct the solar power feasibility study on our Agroeco Mill in Santa Marta. This is the first step to guide our decision to proceed with the implementation of a solar powered infrastructure to improve our electricity supply and stability, cost performance per bag processed and reduction of CO2 emissions.”

– Juan Pablo Campos, General Manager



About the AlphaMundi Foundation

The AlphaMundi Foundation is a Washington, DC based nonprofit with a mission to catalyze and scale investment in social enterprises that seek to improve the lives of the poor. The Foundation pursues this mission vis-à-vis three primary activities: (1) providing targeted pre- and post-investment technical assistance to social enterprises with a business model central to one or more of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); (2) supporting impact measurement and management efforts of social enterprises; and (3) furthering the field of impact investing through knowledge sharing, best practice dissemination and public advocacy, with an emphasis on gender lens investing.

About Lohas Beans

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About Powering Agriculture Investment Alliance

An Energy Grand Challenge for Development supports the development and deployment of clean energy innovations that increase agriculture productivity and stimulate low carbon economic growth in the agriculture sector of developing countries to help end extreme poverty and extreme hunger.

In April 2018, the AlphaMundi Foundation joined the Powering Agriculture Investment Alliance to catalyze private sector financing for businesses that utilize renewable energy sources to enhance agricultural yields or productivity, decrease post-harvest loss, improve the farmers' agribusiness income generating opportunities and revenues, and/ or increase energy efficiency and associated savings within the operations of farmers and agribusinesses.

