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It is unclear from the project description what the relation of this plant is to the 261 MW Dardanelos hydroelectric plant being implemented on the Aripuanã River at the Dardanelos falls. It is also unclear what impact, if any, the construction of this dam would have on the falls, which are an important tourist attraction of incredible scenic beauty. The allegation that the energy would necessarily be used to supplant local diesel generation is untrue, since the Dardanelos plant, being built by state company Eletronorte is intended to be linked to the central grid. As a dam in the Amazon region, this plant can be expected to have considerable greenhouse gas emissions per flooded area. As this region has been subjected to intense deforestation, it should also be determined what effect, if any, the dam will have on inducing increased land occupation and deforestation in the region.