



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	THEISTAREYKIR GEOTHERMAL PLANT
Project Number:	2015-0388
Country:	ICELAND

Project Description:

The project consists of the study, design, implementation, commissioning and operation of a new 90 MWe geothermal power station and its geothermal wells. The project is located 30 km southeast of Húsavík in the northeast of Iceland. Approximately two thirds of the output of the power plant supplies electricity to a new silicon metal plant.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion.

If it were located in the EU, the project would fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive 97/1185/337/EEC/EC as amended thus implying a screening by the competent authorities determining whether an EIA Report is required or not. This project has been subject to a full EIA procedure in accordance with national legislation (Icelandic EIA Act no. 106/2000). The EIA has been performed and completed in 2010 with the Planning Agency's positive opinion following public consultation. The project's development consent was received in July 2014. The procedures followed, the promoter's capabilities and the residual impacts of the project and its associated infrastructure were assessed and deemed acceptable to the Bank at appraisal. The project was therefore in line with the Bank's environmental and social standards.

The promoter ensured that all project contractors comply with its environmental policy and operate in accordance with the relevant licenses and project requirements. Regular monitoring has been conducted on environmental aspects since 2012. The Environment Agency has conducted environmental inspections through the construction period with regular visits to the area.

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the promoter, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.