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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	IPTO TRANSMISSION I
Project Number:	2013-0196
Country:	Greece
Project Description:	The project comprises a significant part of IPTO's power transmission investment programme over the period 2012-2015, including (i) construction of Megalopoli EHV s/s and its initial connection to 400 kV and 150 kV, (ii) interconnection of Nea Makri (Attica mainland) to Polypotamos (island of Evia), and (iii) three smaller transmission schemes and a new energy management system.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Promoter confirmed that the construction of all schemes was carried out in accordance with the granted decisions and verified project documentation. The general requirements for construction were observed. All the necessary measures for preventing pollution at land and sea had been adopted.

To minimise the visual impact of substations and ensure their integration, trees suitable for the climate and morphology of the area were planted along the fencing line of the substations, where this was technically possible.

The Promoter did not report any environmental issues during implementation.

The Promoter reported a social issue during the construction of the overhead transmission line connecting the Megalopoli EHV substation to the 400 kV network. The monks of the Holy Monastery of Saint Theodore, in the Aroania region of Kalavryta, protested against the completion of the transmission line, blocking the necessary earthworks for the installation of the final pylons due to concerns about visual disturbance. Additionally, the monks took legal action against the Promoter, filing a petition for interim measures with the Court of First Instance in Kalavryta, seeking to suspend the works and relocate the relevant section of the transmission line. The court ruled in favour of the petitioners. Ultimately, the Promoter opted for an alternative route, dismantling five already installed pylons and installing seven new ones.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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