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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name: AZ GO Hospital Knokke-Heist  
Project Number: 20130059  
Country: Belgium  
Project Description: The construction of a new hospital with 270 beds in Knokke-Heist replacing the existing building and enabling the consolidation of services from Blankenberge into a new purpose built facility.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

The new hospital has been erected on a greenfield site which was previously used as farmland but close to an urbanised area. A detailed environmental assessment has been carried out during the approval process of the relevant land use plan and the issuing of the building permit. The relevant recommendations have been incorporated during construction. No significant environment or social issues were noted during the planning process and the actual implementation.

Being a major source of traffic, the new hospital has been erected next to a major road whose overall use will not increase significantly considering the additional traffic generated by the hospital. To promote the use of soft mobility, a separate access to the site for pedestrians and cyclists has been incorporated in the planning.

Overall, the creation of new state-of-the-art facilities has improved hygiene and safety conditions. A further positive impact has been the reduction of traffic in the densely populated inner city of Knokke.

#### 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.