

European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: NEOENERGIA ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION II

Project Number: 2015-0661 Country: Brazil

Project Description: Modernisation and expansion of the electricity distribution

network of Coelba, Neoenergia's distribution subsidiary in the

state of Bahia, Brazil.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project is an electricity distribution expansion and modernisation investment programme. The programme includes schemes undertaken under the national rural electrification programme *Luz para todos*.

The programme comprises the construction or replacement of LV and MV overhead lines with voltage levels up to 34.5 kV, the development of new electricity distribution facilities, including new HV/MV substations and transformers, as well as other operations of refurbishment, reconstruction or modernisation of existing facilities.

No project schemes required an EIA in accordance to national legislation, nor were determined to be subject to an environmental impact assessment according to Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Social (including assessments on indigenous people and vulnerable populations) and biodiversity assessments were taken into consideration as part of the licensing process, and no indigenous populations or sensitive areas were identified as impacted by the project.

Environmental and social considerations have been incorporated in the design of the project schemes from the earliest stage. Line routes as well as substation locations have been selected to minimise proximity and crossing of human settlement and of sensitive areas.

No significant environmental or social issues were reported during the implementation.

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.