

European Investment Bank (EIB)

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# **Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)**

#### Overview

Project Name: MEXICO FIRST RENEWABLE ENERGY AUCTIONS

Project Number: 2016-0289
Country: MEXICO

Project Description: The Project consists in the part funding of three solar PV

plants in Mexico, through a Project Finance scheme, with a combined capacity of 1088 MWp. (Post approval change: at

appraisal, it was: 991 MW).

## Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

No significant environmental or social issues were noted.

The project was implemented as required in the environmental licences for the different plants.

The promoter submitted the corresponding reports to the environmental authority, showing compliance with the requirements set in the licences.

Health and safety plans were developed and applied to all contractors and subcontractors that participated in the construction. There were no fatalities recorded in any of the plants.

Water consumption, one of the main risks assessed at appraisal, is in line or below the initial forecast, as a combination of dry and wet cleaning is used. In Don José Plant, ca. 1800  $\rm m^3$  have been used; and ~5600  $\rm m^3$  in Villanueva I & III. The plants do not use drinkable water, and do not displace water uses for human consumption or agriculture.

The promoter carried out the relocation of protected fauna and flora, as established in the licences.

As required at appraisal, the promoter developed an updated Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP), designed to fill the gaps with the EIB's Environmental and Social standards, including specifically a Stakeholder Engagement Plan and a Water Management Plan. A formal mechanism was also implemented for recording community grievances.

### Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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