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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	RECYCLED PAPER CIRCULAR ECONOMY SPAIN
Project Number:	2016-0096
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	The project was to upgrade two production lines at SAICA's containerboard production facility at El Burgo de Ebro, Spain. Total nominal production capacity of the plant will not change in substance but, due to the project the plant will be able to produce 270,000 tpa of new low-weight "liner" containerboard products with superior mechanical and printing qualities produced on the basis of alternative recovered paper materials it was not able to use before.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project promotes higher local utilisation of waste paper (in particular, package material for liquids). It also favours the utilisation of fibre-based, renewable packaging materials in line with the EC Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste (2004/12/EC). Furthermore, the paper recycling industry contributes to mitigate climate change by substituting fossil based packaging with cost effective renewable materials. The company is ISO 9001, ISO14001 certified and complies with the requirements of the REACH Directives for the storage and transport of chemicals. The industrial site does not fall under the provisions of the Directive 2003/105/CE amending Directive 96/82/CE (SEVESO II). Detailed emergency preparedness plans as required under are in place.

The project falls under Annex II of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU (modification of an industrial facility for the production of paper) and was subject to a screening assessment by the competent authority. After submission of an environmental pre-assessment together with an application for consideration of non-substantial modification of each of the production units the project has been screened out, i.e. no EIA was required by the competent environmental authority after consultation with the river basin management authority of the Ebro River. The corresponding resolutions were issued on April 13, 2016 and were notified to the public through their publication in the Official Journal of Aragón.

The integral permit for the operation phase (post-construction) required non-substantial modification to adapt to the new technical set up. The environmental authorities issued the updated integral environmental and industrial emission permit (November 2017), which also includes the relevant monitoring and reporting requirements.

No significant environment or social issues were noted during 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.