

Public

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SIPCAM-OXON AGRI-PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT R&D
Project Number:	(2019-0645)
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	Financing R&D expenses and other eligible investments promoted by Sipcam-Oxon
EIA required:	NO

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: NO

Environmental and Social Assessment

The RDI program will be carried out within existing R&D facilities located within the promoter's production plants in Italy and Spain, and will involve neither the construction of new RDI centres, nor the modification of the existing ones.

Due to the technical characteristics of the foreseen investments (RDI investments within existing fully equipped facilities), it is not expected that the competent authorities will conclude that a significant modification of the environmental, nor operational permits triggering complimentary assessments under the provisions of the EIA according to EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU are required.

If successful, the newly developed products are expected to reduce the environmental footprint and contribute to a more sustainable agriculture. The RDI activities are aimed at developing plant protection solutions that reduce the environmental footprint derived from their use. The RDI also concerns biopesticides, which are intrinsically less harmful to humans, animals, and environment, as well as biostimulant and enhanced efficiency fertilizers (EEFs), which reduce environmental footprint and improve yields and farmers' revenues through enhanced quality and shelf-life of produce and improved nutrient use efficiency. Some of the new crop protection and nutrition products and solutions will also be compatible with organic farming regimes.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The project will contribute to secure 907 existing jobs in the company, including 22 FTE in Research, Development and Innovation activities.

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

N/A.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Group has strong environmental and social awareness and high levels of conformity and performance excellence in its production and management activities, as demonstrated by the numerous certificates obtained. All its production facilities follow stringent EU and national member state standards regardless their locations. The chemical industry is heavily monitored and subject to frequent audits within the EU. All companies facilities have been certified with Quality Management (UNI EN ISO 9001:2015), some plants with Environmental Management (UNI EN ISO 14001: 2015), some with Occupational Health and Safety Management (OHSAS 18001:2007) and others with Management of Safety in Plants with a High Accident Risk (UNI 10617), according to the needs.

The SIPCAM EU portfolio of products is in line with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 on the placing of plant protection products on the market.

The Promoter commissions a significant amount of development and registration activities to trusted service companies for the realisation of studies required by the regulatory authorities under the provisions of Regulation 1107/2009, or, for fertilisers under the regulation (EC) No2003/2003, A list of laboratories that are collaborating with the promoter has been provided, along with the corresponding GLP certification and, where applicable, GEP permits for experimental field studies. They operate in compliance with the relevant EU legislation.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Disbursement condition

None

Undertakings

The Promoter shall inform the Bank about any change/modification/extension of the project that could trigger an EIA-IPPC permitting process, following EIA directive 2014/52/EU, amending 2011/92/EU and/or IED directive 2010/75/EU, and submit the relevant assessment reports to the Bank.

Conclusions

The project is not expected to bring about any negative environmental effects and will result in indirect environmental benefit, such as more sustainable agriculture and development of products with enhanced fertilizer efficiency and biostimulant activity. Considering all the measures put in place by the Promoter to ensure that the project complies with EU and national environmental legislation, the project is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.