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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	TVCABO MULTIMEDIA II
Project Number:	2014-0111
Country:	Angola
Project Description:	The project consisted of the purchase and installation of optical fibre cables, electronic equipment as well as related support and IT systems. New networks were to be installed in the cities of Lubango, Huambo, Cabinda and Soyo and the existing networks in the metropolitan area of Luanda and in the cities of Lobito and Benguela would be expanded, thereby reaching an additional 83 300 new sites (businesses and homes) passed with Ultra High Speed Broadband access. The project was intended to develop advanced telecommunications services (broadband internet, voice, and pay-tv) and have social benefits (such as improved connectivity for public services like health, education, administration, ministries and also associations and NGOs). The project was to take place during the years 2014 throughout 2016.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

During appraisal of the project, it was stated that for some of the cities where the network would be expanded, the Promoter confirmed that the lots required had been secured and that these were vacant, i.e. there was no economic or physical resettlement. In other cities, the procurement for lots was less advanced and still needed to be made.

An undertaking was applied to the EIB loan to ensure that in case of need for displacement, the Promoter would inform the EIB in a timely manner and would proceed in accordance with the EIB standards.

The promoter confirmed to the Bank that no Environmental or Social management plans or Resettlement Action Plan have been requested by Angolan authorities nor any special approvals on those matters have taken place.



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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.

The economic benefits from the project are substantial, as they have enabled the economic activities in Angola to diversify away from only oil-related business. The improved international connections through the submarine cable connections to the country have improved the services that TVCabo can offer in terms of content. The broadband access market has developed as a consequence of the project where more players are offering broadband services and allowing the market to choose between different options from the six broadband suppliers in the market. The competitive environment is expected to drive more investments in broadband technology in Angola and thereby further improve the access to innovative broadband services, leading to an acceleration in economic externalities and job creation resulting from the project.