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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	T-MOBILE POLAND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2016-0823
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The project concerned the promoter's investments in Poland to increase the availability and quality of high speed mobile broadband services based on 4G/LTE technology. It includes the network expansion and capacity increase over the years 2017 to 2019 in order to cope with the continued data traffic increase and to provide latest mobile broadband services through a shared network together with Orange Poland.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project implementation was composed of the upgrade of existing sites with new equipment as well as the erection of a limited number of new sites due to the rural rollout obligations and for the network densification in cities.

The erection of new sites require building permits, which are combined with environmental assessments by the competent authorities. The promoter has confirmed that there are no issues concerning environmental assessments and that no sites have been erected in Natura 2000 areas during the project implementation.

According to a report prepared by BiPro in May 2008, the EU recommendation (1999/519/EC) on exposure limits (based on the ICNIRP principles) has been transposed in 2003 into national law. The Polish legislation has set even more stringent radiation emission thresholds, which are much lower than the levels specified in the above EU recommendation.

The promoter has implemented already since 2001 the ISO 14001 environmental management system. In terms of health and safety, the promoter follows the national regulation, which includes as usual special training and tools for working on heights.

The project activities do not fall under Annexes I and II of the EU Directive 2011/92/EC, and are therefore not subject to mandatory Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA). Generally, mobile networks based on 3G/4G technology have limited environmental effects.

No significant environment or social issues were noted.



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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.