

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	ISTAR (EGF VD)
Project Number:	20200726
Country:	Belgium
Project Description:	Development of MINIJect, a small ophthalmic implant used in the Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery market to treat patients with open-angle glaucoma or combined with cataract surgery for patients affected by glaucoma.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The project concerns investments in research and development activities carried out by the Promoter and its partners in existing facilities without changing their already authorised scope.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required, since the financed activities do not fall under any of the annexes of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

If successful, the project will contribute to the creation and deployment of advances in the field of medical devices in ophthalmology, considering the innovative technology used as well as the possibility to contribute to an increase in the patients' quality of life.

Through the R&D activities and investments, the Promoter is also expected to sustain its current level of highly skilled personnel, while contributing to European scientific innovation, hence fostering and nurturing the vital research community

### Conclusions and Recommendations

Considering the above, the project is deemed acceptable for the Bank's financing under environmental and social terms.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.