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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	ROYAL FRIESLANDCAMPINA RDI
Project Number:	2015-0801
Country:	Netherlands
Project Description:	The operation targeted the promoter's RDI activities in the areas of nutrition, food structuring, packaging, process technology, sensory and dietary demand aspects in the dairy sector as well as the development of new products.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

#### Environmental Assessment

The project concerned mainly investments in Research and Development to be carried out in existing facilities, already authorised, and which would not require an EIA under Directive 2011/92/EC. The proposed program included the construction of small-scale demo plants without the requirement to change existing environmental permits.

The RDI program included research activities that led to innovative products with improved qualities in terms of nutrition and increased food security, with potentially positive impacts on public health. Research activities in process technology targeted better resource efficiency in processing in order to reduce environmental footprint (e.g. energy and water consumption).

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has a quality system for the entire production chain to ensure the safety and quality of its products. The standards cover food safety, quality, health and safety at work, fire protection and environmental protection, and apply throughout the whole value chain from the suppliers of raw materials (including the dairy farms) to the production facilities. The system includes courses and audits to safeguard the implementation of the quality system. The guiding principles of the quality control are the statutory stipulations supplemented with additional demands. The various international standards, such as GMP+, HACCP, ISO 9001, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000, OSHAS 18000 and ISO 14000 are integrated into the quality system. The procedures are reviewed — and, if necessary, revised — each year to ensure the system always reflects the latest knowledge and insights.

No significant environment or social issues were noted during implementation.



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**Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

Based on information provided by the Promoter, the EIB is of the opinion that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.