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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy Motorway
Project Number:	2014-0492
Country:	Ireland
Project Description:	The project consists of a Greenfield construction of about 40 km of new roads. It includes 27.2 km of standard 2x2 motorway (M11 route), approximately 0.6 km of Type 3 dual carriageway (N11 route), 4.2 km of Type 2 dual carriageway (N80 route to be reclassified as N30 route) and 8.1 km of standard single carriageway (N30 route). The project is developed under a PPP scheme.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

The project falls under Annex I of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and an EIA was done in 2009. A positive Environmental and Planning permit (An Bord Pleanála) was issued in February 2010 by the Competent Authority for the project.

The main impacts of the project include agriculture and forest land conversion, noise and vibration, visual intrusion, severance of communities, farms and habitats, migration routes, water runoff and disturbance of archaeological heritage.

The project intersects a designated candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC / Natura 2000 River Slaney valley – site code 000781) in the form of a 154 m bridge over the river Slaney. The bridge has a central span of 70 m with no piers in the river. The river, is an important habitat for spring Atlantic salmon. Five other designated sites are located within 10 km from the proposed scheme. The Competent Authority has confirmed that the project is not expected to have a significant impact on the Natura 2000 site.

All planned mitigation measures were implemented. Measures to reduce negative impacts consisted of installation of acoustic screens (2750 m), fencing and landscaping, compensatory woodland plantings, animal crossings, restricted work practices, drainage works, archaeological works and regular monitoring.

The project had some positive impacts on communities adjacent to the old route from which traffic has been diverted by way of improved safety, reduced noise, vibration, and local pollution.

At the outturn, no environmental issues were detected during the Design and Construction phase.

Social Assessment

Prior to the construction, all required land was expropriated by the National Roads Authority (NRA). In total there were 364Ha of land including 120 agricultural properties and 46 non-agricultural properties.



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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

Based on the Promoter's reports, EIB supports the opinion that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.