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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: ROCK RAIL EAST ANGLIA

Project Number: 2015-0680
Country: United Kingdom

Project Description: Purchase of rolling stock for East Anglia railway

passenger service franchise in the United Kingdom.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project consists of the purchase of 378 new vehicles configured as 58 trainsets: 20 12-car Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs) and 38 Bi-mode Multiple Units (BMUs), of which 14 are 3-car and 24 are 4-car. The vehicles will be operated on regional passenger as well as commuter, intercity and airport railway services under the East Anglia franchise in the east of England.

The manufacturing of rail rolling stock does not fall under Annex I or Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU (the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive) as modified at the time of appraisal. Therefore, no Environmental Impact Assessment was required for the project.

The supplier of the trains, Stadler, is responsible for maintaining the new fleet at Norwich Crown Point depot, which has benefitted from a GBP40 million upgrade to serve the new Stadler trains. The upgrade has included special high walkways to get easier access to the maintenance of train systems (mostly located on the roof of the trains), new jacks to enable engineers to lift a complete train, new equipment transfer turntables as well as a new train washing facility and improved servicing equipment. In addition, upgraded toilet maintenance facilities have been installed because the new trains have large tanks to collect waste, rather than emptying it onto the tracks. The upgrade of Norwich Crown Point depot, undertaken by the operator, was not financed by the Bank and is not part of the project.

The legacy intercity fleet (146 MKIII coaches and 15 locomotives Class 3) has been transferred to Freightliner or scrapped by specialized entities, whilst other legacy diesel fleets (32 trains class 170, 18 trains 156 and 5 trains class 153) have been transferred to other UK operators.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter, site visits by the EIB team and/or inputs provided by Lenders' Supervisors and others, where applicable, during Construction that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.