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# **Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)**

## Overview

Project Name: DAIMLER R&D INFRASTRUCTURE & MERCEDES-BENZ VANS

Project Number: 2015-0123 Country: GERMANY

Project Description: The project comprised three major undertakings: (i) the construction of

a proving ground and Technology centre in Immendingen, (ii) the upgrade of the R&D infrastructure (test facilities, centre for vehicle safety and new data centre) in Sindelfingen as well as (iii) R&D activities for the development of the promoter's next generation of commercial VANs

carried out in the promoter's existing facilities.

#### **Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion**

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

Component (i): permanent test tracks for motorised vehicles falls in the Annex II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. The local competent authority required a full EIA Report to the promoter for this project component; the building permit was granted. The new R&D infrastructure and proving ground allows the promoter to develop better performing and safer vehicles; at the same time, extensive testing of vehicles is possible in a closed and controlled environment thus moving this activity away from public roads.

Component (ii): the local competent authorities did not require an EIA for the extension of the R&D infrastructure at the promoter's existing R&D and production location in Sindelfingen; the building permits was granted and adequate mitigation measures have been established.

Component (iii): this project component concerned investments in R&D has not been subject to the EIA or EIA screening.

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

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter during the project implementation that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.