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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)<sup>1</sup>

#### **Overview**

Project Name: NIBULON (CEREAL PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION)

Project Number: 2016-0178 Country: Ukraine

Project Description: Financing of agriculture storage and logistics investment program of

the Nibulon Group in Ukraine

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

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

The project resulted in the construction of grain terminals, which, if located within EU, would fall under Annex II of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU (amending 2011/92/EU). All terminals had to undergo individual Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA), including public consultations. The terminals have been developed in compliance with the national regulatory requirements and in accordance with EU and international standards for emissions abatement. The main emissions for the terminals are the emissions to the air (mainly dust from the grain handling) and waste water. The air and water emissions are within the limits set by EU and international standards. The waste generated in the operations is neither significant, nor of dangerous nature and appropriate disposal mechanisms have been established.

At the terminals, the protocols for unloading trucks and controlling the dust are appropriate, focusing on both safety and dust minimisation.

Sewage water does not contain any chemical components. For the treatment of domestic water, the company uses biological treatment, which includes an ultrafiltration membrane bioreactor. The rainwater sewage system includes a process to remove possible oil products. Nibulon owns a dedicated chemical-technological laboratory constantly monitors the environment condition where their branches operate. The laboratory is licensed to monitor atmospheric air by 31 indices, aquatic environment by 40 indices, and soil and bottom sediment by 17 indices.

The project also supported the reconstruction of a shipyard for the construction of vessels, including self-non-propelled vessels and tugboats, to be used on the in-land waterways. This activity allows for modal shift from road transport of grains to waterways. The project contributes and has a positive impact on emissions reduction and efficiency gains of the promoter's fleet.

<u>Social Assessment</u>: There are positive social outcomes from the project, such as i) new employment created in the local communities, in rural regions of Ukraine, as well as ii) relocation of a number of Nibulon's employees in the local communities. In order to provide medical assistance in time, in case of accidents, the company has a "Health Protection Point" working on a 24-hour basis at their trans-shipment terminal. The company created a Corporate and Social Responsibility Department and put in place appropriate policies and procedures. Since 2011 the promoter compiles a yearly Social Report, publicly available. No involuntary resettlement of population resulted from the project.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The template is for ILs and FLs



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During and following the implementation of the project no environmental or social issues were observed or reported. Following the implementation of the project, operating permits were issued for each new objective.

The environmental and social undertakings identified in the appraisal report and ESDS (e.g., the EIA issued by the competent authority for the construction of the objectives in the project, along with the confirmation that all mitigation measures will be implemented) have been met by the promoter.

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

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