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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	PORT OF CORK - RINGASKIDDY PORT DEVELOPMENT
Project Number:	2015-0383
Country:	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
Project Description:	The purpose of the project is to relocate the Port of Cork's main container terminal from a physically constrained location, Tivoli Docks, near the City of Cork to another existing port facility, Ringaskiddy, closer to the entrance of Cork Harbour. The marine access to the Ringaskiddy facility will be deepened to allow larger, deeper draft vessels to access the terminal and the landside areas enlarged, increasing the port's container handling capacity.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The EIA considered the impact of the project on the natural, cultural and human environments during construction and operation of the project facilities. Significant impacts identified at the time of project appraisal included:

- An impact on social considerations caused by the need to relocate a sculpture garden and loss of access to the Ringaskiddy pier and jetty, access to moorings and walking areas. These are to be mitigated by the development of a new amenity area to the east of the site incorporating a pier and slipway allowing access to moorings. According to the Promoter, the proposed mitigation measures were incorporated in the project and are available;
- An impact on traffic congestion caused by increase in heavy goods vehicles and other traffic accessing the port, particularly during peak times. This is to be mitigated by restricting traffic flows during peak commuter times, improving roads and a delay to the development of part of the Ringaskiddy project before a major road upgrade is completed. According to the Promoter, the major works are currently expected to be completed by circa 2028. Until then a capacity limitation of the EIB financed terminal of up to 330,000 TEUs annually is in place;
- An impact on a colony of breeding terns located on mooring dolphins in the project area. This will be mitigated by restricting access to the area during the breeding season. Also impact on marine life in the project area which will be mitigated by restricting construction activity to daylight hours and use of a marine mammal observer. According to the Promoter, these mitigation measures were implemented during project construction;



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Furthermore, in accordance with the requirements of the planning consent the development was to be operated and managed in accordance with an environmental management system (EMS) to safeguard local amenities and protect the environment. The EMS was to be agreed with the planning authority prior to commencement of the development and an audit report prepared annually to be made publicly available. According to the Promoter the project's EMS is approved by the planning authority and the audit reports are systematically made available to the public.

Similarly, to safeguard local amenities and protect the environment, the construction of the development was to be managed in accordance with a construction management plan (CMP) to be agreed with the planning authority prior to commencement of the development. According to the Promoter, the CMP was approved by the planning authority in due course and the works conducted in line with the CMP requirements.

At the time of appraisal, the Promoter undertook to ensure that the environmental and social mitigation measures required by the Project Planning Approval from *An Board Pleanála* (ref no: 04.PA0035) are implemented in full. The Promoter has confirmed this is the case.

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.