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

Overview	
Project Name:	Hafeninfrastruktur Hamburg TEN
Project Number:	2015-0842
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The project consists of an investment programme aimed at improving the quality, safety, efficiency and capacity of operations in the port of Hamburg in Germany. The project includes the construction of a new double-track railway lift bridge ("New Kattwyk Railway Bridge"), the construction of a new engine service plant and renovation works across the existing railway network inside the port.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project is subject to the requirements of EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and Birds Directive 79/409/EEC. Germany has transposed these regulations into national law by means of its Law on the Assessment of Environmental Impacts. (Gesetz über die Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfung – UVPG) and the Law on the Protection of Nature and landscape (Gesetz über Naturschutz und Landschaftspflege).

EIA requirements for the different project components vary. The largest component, the new railway bridge, is subject to the requirements of EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and Birds Directive 79/409/EEC. A complete EIA was undertaken. Following a screening exercise, it was concluded that the "New Kattwyk Railway Bridge" sub-project will not have significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites and hence an appropriate assessment in line with Art 6(3) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC was not deemed necessary. The building permits were given in February 2013 under a number of terms and conditions in terms of mitigation and restrictions during construction. The main conditions were restrictions during the construction period on the number of consecutive days for ramming piles and certain periods of year with no major construction works due to protection of bird life. Clearing of additional land was also subject to compensation requiring planting of new trees at a designated location. The Promotor confirmed that these measures have been implemented.

For the railways, all works are replacements and renewals inside the existing boundaries of the railway network. The Bank has received confirmation that these schemes did not require an EIA or screening decision.

The New Engine Service Plant was screened out according to the EIA directive (2011/92/EU). It was concluded that the project did nor required further environmental impact assessment and would not have significant negative impacts on areas included in the Natura 2000 network and protected species (according to the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and the Birds Directive

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2009/147/EC). The planning approval did contain some measures to replant vegetation that was lost as a result of the project. The Promotor confirmed that these measures have been implemented.

The Finance Contract included conditions and undertakings to provide evidence that the relevant environmental approval processes had been completed before disbursement. These conditions and undertakings were complied with.

## 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.