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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: *MONEGROS WIND*
 Project Number: *2020-0120*
 Country: *SPAIN*
 Project Description: *Implementation of a portfolio of onshore wind farms located in the Spanish region of Aragon, for a total capacity of 487MW.*

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project comprises a portfolio of 12 wind plants, for a total nominal capacity of ~487 MW, grouped in several clusters: Moncayo (143 MW), Valdejalón (231 MW) and Alenza (113 MW). The wind farms are all located in the same area, in the province of Zaragoza, Aragon, in the North East of Spain.

The appraisal concluded that the project was acceptable for Bank financing under environmental aspects, subject to the following condition: *“The promoter will have to demonstrate that the environmental and social mitigation and compensation programmes, as part of the EMP developed and included in the individual EIA reports, including measures to avoid, reduce and mitigate the impact, as well as monitoring indicators, were put in place during the construction phase.”*

Based on the promoter’s reporting, the environmental, social mitigation and compensation programmes have been put in place. This has been verified by an independent consultancy.

Specifically, the promoter has:

- implemented mitigation measures on avifauna, addressing high collision rates observed at Moncayo Cluster. Collisions concerned mainly non-sensitive species, such as pigeons. There have been some fatalities with non-sensitive birds of prey, but not with sensitive species such as lesser kestrels (*“cernícalo primilla”*) and vultures (*“buitre leonado”*). The mitigation measures include: bird anti-collision systems on turbine MU2-01 and other visual deterrence, such as applying vinyl decals that look like staring eye and painting parts of the blades in black. Moreover, a number of turbines have been fitted with a bat radars. The monitoring on the effectiveness of these measures is on-going.
- agreed a re-vegetation plan with the ‘*Aragonese Institute of Environmental Management*’ (INAG). The promoter declared that works will be completed by end of 2023;
- developed and implemented a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the operational phase; and
- independent monitoring and reporting has been put into place.

The promoter received two complaints relating to delays of land lease payments. According to the documentation received, all payments have been made and the complaints resolved.



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Overall, the environment and social performance of the wind farms appears to be satisfactory.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

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