



European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name: Batteries Plant Capacity Expansion
 Project Number: 2017-0488
 Country: Greece

Project Description:

The Project initially pertained to the scale up of Sunlight's production capacity of industrial batteries from 1.5 mil. cells in 2016 to 2.5 mil. cells by 2019 with an estimated CAPEX of approximately EUR 13 mil. However, the fire incident at Xanthi plant in May 2018 affected Sunlight's plans. After the fire incident, the Management of the company decided the restoration of the existing capacity (roughly 2 mil. cells) so that the company to quickly recover its market shares and deter its competitors from any plans of capacity expansion. In late 2018 and beginning of 2019 Sunlight placed POs to increase its production capacity of lead acid motive and standby batteries to 2.8 mil. cells. The capacity restoration Project at 2.8 million cells completed in July 2021.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The investment programme concerned the capacity expansion of a Lead-Acid production facility and R&D activities related to the development of Battery technologies and products. The expansion of the production facility falls under Annex II of EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU; the competent authorities have not required a full Environmental Impact Assessment.

The promoter obtained on August 3. 2020 from the Hellenic Republic Ministry of the environment and energy directorate-general for environment the updated terms and conditions for the extended capacity of the manufacturing plant which has been submitted to the Bank. The CO₂ emissions of this operation – taking into consideration the energy/fuel use (based on installation capacity) declared in the aforementioned terms and conditions - are below the EIB thresholds applicable at the time of appraisal.

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.

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs