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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	<i>PANNONIA ONSHORE WIND</i>
Project Number:	<i>2018-0827</i>
Country:	<i>Austria</i>
Project Description:	<i>Construction and operation of a wind farm in Burgenland with 143MW of installed capacity. The project replaces old wind turbines at the same site (repowering).</i>

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Pannonia Onshore Wind project consists of the design and construction of 26 new turbines of 5.5 MW of installed capacity each, Windpark Pannonia Gols, with a total installed capacity of 143 MW (grid connected capacity of 135 MW). The project was preliminarily expected to include a second windpark, Windpark Mönchhof, with 4 turbines of 5.5 MW of installed capacity each. Following the promoter's request, Windpark Mönchhof was taken out of the project scope.

The project is located inside a wind power development zone that comprises more than 100 wind turbines and replaces 20 old wind turbines of 2 MW each (repowering), which have been decommissioned prior to the start of the project.

Wind farms fall under Annex II of Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, requiring the Member State's competent authority to judge whether an individual wind farm requires an EIA or not, based on criteria defined in Annex III of the EIA Directive. In line with national legislation (UVP Act, 2000), Windpark Pannonia Gols was screened in.

A permit had been granted in December 2015 by the federal administration of Burgenland, covering the decommissioning of 19 old wind turbines and the installation of 28 new turbines of the 3 MW class. In February 2019 the promoter requested formally the amendment of the permit, aiming to get consent for the use of 26 turbines of the 5 MW class instead. At the time of appraisal, the amendment process relating the permit was ongoing.

The appraisal concluded that the project was acceptable for Bank financing under environmental aspects, subject to following conditions:

1. An environmental permit, in line with the final design of the project shall be in force with no appeal pending, prior to financial close.

The condition has been fully implemented.

The permit amendment process for wind farm Pannonia Gols was successfully finalised in November 2019. There was no appeal raised against the amended permit decision. No legal appeal is pending against the project.

¹ The template is for ILs and FLs



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2. The promoter shall submit to the Bank final EIA studies (if amended post February 2019)

EIA Studies from February 2019 have been received and published, no amendment has been made after February 2019.

3. The promoter to provide copies of (summary) bird and bat impact monitoring reports to the Bank (reports that would be anyways required under the final permit)

The promoter has shared with the bank bird and bat impact monitoring reports required under the final permit; thus the condition has been fully implemented.

Windpark Pannonia Gols has been fully implemented and entered into operation at the end of the last quarter of 2021. The Promoter reported no significant environmental or social issues during the implementation of the project.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

Based on reports from the Promoter and the Lenders' Technical Advisor, the EIB is of the opinion that the Project has been implemented in line with the EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of the appraisal.