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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	Biedronka Energy & Environmental Sustainability
Project Number:	2017-0423
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Modernization of existing discount retail outlets in convergence areas in Poland, including energy efficiency measures targeted at reducing energy consumption, as well as measures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project concerns the refurbishment and modernisation of existing retail stores and was subject to the national Environmental legislations in Poland, as the project did not fall under the scope of Annex II of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU (amending Directive 2011/92/EU). The operational permits are granted following the completion of the sub-projects, where legally required, and in line with local regulations. Permitting process in Poland is delivered by the local authorities, and based on "Prawo Budowlane" which is a legal act regulating all building works with respect to their types and specifications.

The impacts on the environment were minor, as follows: emissions to air, effluents to water, and increase in traffic as well as others caused during construction. These impacts were mitigated by the measures included in the building and operational permits.

The refurbishment of the existing stores will increase the energy efficiency by promoting appropriate technical solutions addressing the thermal insulation of the buildings, LED lighting, or heating and ventilation. In addition, replacing old refrigeration equipment using hydrofluorocarbon gases, with new ones, using natural gases, will contribute to pollution abatement.

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.
