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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	<i>Rybnik – DW 935 Road</i>
Project Number:	<i>2016-0555</i>
Country:	<i>Poland</i>
Project Description:	<i>Construction of a new 14.32 km long bypass for regional road DW 935, south of the City of Rybnik.</i>

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Project was originally envisaged to cover the construction of a new 14.32 km long dual carriageway with 4 lanes, creating a southern bypass around Rybnik. It was planned in two phases of which only Phase 1 was implemented. At completion, the Project therefore covers only the section from the roundabout at Wodzisławski Road (DK78) to the connection between DW 235 and A1 at Żory, with a total length of 10.22km. It was concluded at appraisal stage that Phase 1 could stand alone, functionally and economically, and there were no significant changes to the planned initial scope of this section.

The Project, located in a former mining area, encountered unforeseen geological conditions and water infiltration in subsoils at some locations. This necessitated additional geological surveys and the use of pile foundations on the affected sections. Other mitigation measures included soil replacement, stabilisation of subsoils with hydraulic binders, the use of geomats for erosion control, and retaining walls. The additional activities may have had temporary, local impacts on flora, fauna and communities, namely noise and vibrations.

Environmental mitigation measures were carried out as planned and included fauna tunnels, fencing to guide animals and prevent intrusion on the road, acoustic screens, and landscaping and planting. Environmental impacts were also closely monitored throughout implementation and evaluated after project completion by an independent specialist. The outcomes were submitted to the Regional Director of Environmental Protection in Katowice. As a result, additional acoustic screens will be installed in the vicinity of the intersections at Gotartowicka and Chwałowicka to reduce noise levels.

Compensation payments for properties used for the road construction began in 2016 and is at approximately 90% completion. The remaining 10% concerns properties with legal status issues and properties against which appeal proceedings are pending. The process is being carried out in accordance with national procedures.

No other significant environmental or social issues were noted.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

Based on reports from the Promoter during construction and at completion, EIB is of the opinion that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.