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Overview

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

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Project Name:	SEAMADE NV-MERMAID & SEASTAR OFFSHORE
	WIND FARMS
Project Number:	2017-0917
Country:	Belgium
Project Description:	The project comprised the construction of two offshore wind farms about 38 and 50 km off the Belgian coast, with a total installed power of 487.2 MW, and associated ancillary facilities, including inter-array cables, offshore substation and export cable to connect to an offshore connection point to the national Belgian grid.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

All relevant permits and licenses were in place, including the construction and operating permits (environmental permits) for the Project. Monitoring reports, a copy of the piling plan with noise mitigation techniques and the relevant approval by the competent authority have been shared with the Bank.

The promoter maintained a proactive and open dialogue with relevant authorities during implementation, such as the Management Unit of the North Sea Mathematical Models (MUMM), this being typical for offshore wind farms in Belgium.

A health, safety and environmental (HSE) management system which is certified to the requirements of ISO 14001 (environmental) and ISO 45001 (health and safety), has been implemented for both wind farms. The system comprised of separate overarching documents for occupational health and safety (H&S), quality and the environment.

No lost time incidents (LTIs) had occurred within the project boundaries, and no major environmental and social incidents were reported.

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Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter and inputs provided by Lenders' Advisors and others, where applicable, during Construction that the Project has been implemented in line with environmental permit and EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.