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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	<i>NORTH POLE ONSHORE WIND FARM</i>
Project Number:	<i>2016-0729</i>
Country:	<i>SWEDEN</i>
Project Description:	<i>The project comprises the construction of an onshore wind farm with a capacity of up to 650MW in Northern Sweden about 25 km from the city of Piteå.</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 is part of Phase 1 of “Markbygden 1101”, a large wind farm development programme of 1,101 wind turbines, built in three phases, in the Markbygden area west of Piteå, in northern Sweden.

At approval, an environmental and social action plan was in place with annual reporting requirements. During the construction phase, the impacts of the Project were related to disturbance primarily due to movement of vehicles in the area. No major environmental impact event was noted during construction. In terms of safety, minor accidents occurred related mainly to the climatic conditions on the site and the use of vehicles under such conditions.

The Project is undergoing a regular environmental monitoring program which is managed by the entity monitoring all wind farm developments in the region. The monitoring program during construction focused on golden eagle and disturbances to reindeer husbandry, which also relate to the social impacts in the local Sami communities. At operation, the monitoring program expands to avian impacts (beyond Golden Eagle), wetland birds, terrestrial mammals, and vegetation. A reinventory of owls will also be performed after two full years of operation and a reinventory for bats after five years of operation.

At this stage, the experience during the first years of operation of the Project does not indicate significant impacts. No mortalities or injuries of Golden Eagle species was reported. The monitoring will continue, covering multiple years of wind farm operation and the neighbouring wind farms. The monitoring entails annual interviews with Sami population focusing on the annual reindeer husbandry cycle and record relevant events. The Project was deemed to have obtained the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (“FPIC”) at approval stage. The Promoter did not report any grievance during the construction or operation phase related to FPIC aspects.

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’ Supervisors during construction and operation 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