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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: MUELLER RDI AND CAPEX PROGRAMME

Project Number: 2024-0746

Country: Germany and Poland

Project Description: One part of the project consists of RDI investments in Germany and Poland, focusing on food quality, health ingredients, packaging solutions and product portfolio expansion. The other part involves investments in Germany for the construction and operation of a new production line for plant-based beverages in Leppersdorf (Saxony, D) as well as the replacement of two obsolete dairy production lines at Aretsried (Bavaria, D) and Leppersdorf in order to achieve energy savings.

EIA required: no

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: yes

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project will be implemented on two existing industrial sites with current environmental and operating permits and does not require a revision, according to EIA Directive 2014/52/EU, amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

The Promoter's main activities are related to the dairy value chain and the project will enable the Promoter to diversify into the production of plant-based beverages, increasing the supply of milk substitutes on the market.

The replacement of obsolete dairy equipment will also allow the Promoter to secure its position in the value chain while reducing its energy and natural gas consumption.

Although the Promoter is not involved in milk production, it supports farmers in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and rewards their sustainability efforts. The project does not involve any increase in milk production capacity.

The project has been assessed for Paris alignment. It is aligned with both low carbon and resilience of the policies set out in the Paris alignment framework – Low carbon v1.1 and particularly the table E, bioeconomy, maximising resource efficiency along the value chain from farm to fork.

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO2e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO2e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

The project is expected to generate a greenhouse gas emissions reductions equivalent to 44 400 kt of CO₂ per year through (i) the replacement of obsolete production line and its installation within the Promoter's existing logistic that is expected to reduce the consumption of electricity, natural gas, and chemicals; and (ii) the production of 120 million litres of plant-based drinks, supporting the market shift from milk to plant-based.

The baseline emissions are 80 400 kt of CO₂-eq /year and the absolute emission are estimated to be 36 000 kt of CO₂-eq /year.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Promoter's environmental and social management system is based on recognised standards as SMETA (Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit), EcoVadis IQ, ISO 14 001, ISO 50 001, IFS, Science Based Target initiative, and QM-Milch.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Considering the overall positive effects of the project on the environment and the Promoter's capacity to manage its environmental, climate and social aspects, the project is deemed acceptable for EIB financing in E&S terms.

The Promoter undertakes to notify the Bank about any subsequent change/modification/extension of the Project that could trigger an EIA-IED permitting process, following EIA directive 2014/52/EU, amending 2011/92/EU, and

Information request: Communicate its corporate sustainability report in accordance with EU legislation, including its environmental risk management