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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)¹

Overview

Project Name:	A7 SALZGITTER-GOETTINGEN PPP
Project Number:	2014-0344
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	<i>The project concerns the widening of a 29.2km A-7 motorway section in Lower Saxony between Salzgitter and Goettingen from 2x2 to a 2x3 lanes. The project also includes the maintenance and operation of the total 71.6km-long section between Salzgitter and Goettingen.</i>

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

This project is included in the Federal Transport Investment Plan (Bundesverkehrswegeplan) of 2003, predating the application of the SEA Directive 2001/92/EU and therefore not subject to it.

The project falls under Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. The project has been screened in by the competent authority and a full EIAs with public consultation has been carried out. The EIAs have been performed according to the German Law for all sections and NTSs are available. Plan approval (Planfeststellungbeschluss) has been issued for all sections of the project.

There are 3 Natura 2000 areas located in the vicinity of the project (Nette und Sennebach DE3926331, Hainberg, Lainetal bei Salzderhelden DE4225401 and Bodensteiner Klippen DE3927301). For the first two areas, appropriate assessments were undertaken in accordance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and concluded that the project will have no significant impact on the integrity of the sites. For the last one, no assessment was undertaken due to its distance from the project.

Considering the nature of this project (widening without change of alignment), its residual negative impact is relatively low. Main impacts at operation stage will be connected to noise and increased severance. The project is expected to significantly reduce congestion. The mitigation measures include noise barriers, fencing of the motorway, animal underpasses and re-forestation areas.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter and others, where applicable, 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