

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SCA Hygiene and Forest products RDI 2013-2016
Project Number:	2012-0503
Country:	<i>Sweden</i>
Project Description:	The project concerns SCA's investments in research, development and innovation related to personal care, tissue and forestry products over the period of 2013-2016. These investments focus on three main areas: i) supporting the development and innovation of new products and services, notably in the hygiene and tissue product segments, targeting at consumer well-being; ii) developing environmentally friendlier and more energy efficient solutions and processes; and iii) improving efficiency and reducing cost of various manufacturing processes.
EIA required:	NO
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	NO

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The RDI activities which form the basis of the project proposed at appraisal will not change the current RDI practices and will be carried out within existing research centres, production facilities and local market environments (choice experiments) without adding to their environmental load. The RDI programme provided at appraisal does not foresee any investments which might fall under EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and/or the IPPC Directive 1/08/EC.

A significant part of the Promoter's research effort goes towards gaining consumer insights, increasing resource efficiency and reducing inputs (such as energy and fibre), reducing spoilage in processing and manufacturing, and decreasing waste after the goods have been used. The RDI activity focus also in new biomaterials and increasing traditional forest sector productivity without recourse to GMO technologies. Successful RDI outcomes should therefore have a positive impact on the carbon sink of the Promoter's forests and carbon footprint of the Promoter's large client and consumer base.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The Promoter manufacturing is ISO 14001 (Environment) certified and is regularly inspected for compliance by the relevant environmental and health authorities.

The Promoter forestry management is FSC certified, guaranteeing that high environmental and social standards are applied. The promoter is the biggest forest owner in the EU, and its

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

forest assets with sustainable management practices significantly contribute to the carbon sinks and to the decrease of CO₂ emissions.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Group's RDI objectives involve developing better microbiological approaches to design new products with better convenience and functionality, odour and leakage control, and efficient recycling and waste handling. This will have positive impact on public health and the environment. The RDI activities further target improving personal hygiene and well-being of vulnerable groups, such as infants, disabled persons and elderly people.

EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

Project is not included, as it is not expected to meet the thresholds for the EIB's draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies.

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