

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Project Name:  | HERA GROUP POTENZIAMENTO RETI   |
| Project Number:  | 20110204  |
| Country:   | Italy   |
| Project Description:   | Development and upgrading of the promoter's gas and electricity distribution networks in the Emilia Romagna region. |
| EIA required:  | NO  |
| Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> : | NO  |
| (Details are provided in section: "Carbon Footprint")        |   |

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

This is a typical gas and electricity distribution project applying standard technologies undertaken by an experienced promoter. The main impacts occur during construction, are temporary in nature, and are mitigated according to established practices in the sector.

The project components fall under Annex II of Directive 85/337/EEC and its amendments as transposed into Italian legislation. None of the planned components of the project are considered to meet the requirements for an EIA; however a condition has been included in the contract in the event that an EIA may be requested by the competent authority for a project competent. The condition requires that the promoter completes any EIA or nature conservation area impact assessment and receives approval from the competent authorities prior to allocating the Bank's funds to the project component, and that copies of the relevant documents, including the consents, are furnished to the Bank.

The project's environmental basis is acceptable for Bank financing.

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

Project is not included - the EIB drafts Carbon Footprint Methodologies only include emissions from Investment Loans, and large allocations under Framework Loans, above the methodology thresholds.

#### Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has provided evidence of sound practice with respect to environmental management and confirmed that all new projects are assessed for environmental impact. In addition to systems to meet regulatory requirements, the promoter has a comprehensive environmental management system which assesses new projects and monitors ongoing operations and follows regulations regarding management of cultural heritage assets.

The promoter is accredited to meet the standards of ISO 9001; ISO 14001 and OSHAS 18001. The promoter's sustainability performance is publicly documented in an annual report.

<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

Luxembourg, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012

Site visits demonstrated the appropriate implementation of health, safety, security and environmental standards.

The operation will provide environmental benefits through the reduction of methane leaks and through the substitution of more polluting fuel sources by gas.

PJ/ECSO 14.12.11