

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SAF INNOVATIVE TRAILER SYSTEMS (RSFF)
Project Number:	2012-0105
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The project concerns (i) the promoter's European RDI activities over the period 2012-2015, and (ii) the construction and equipment of an engineering centre in Bessenbach (Germany).
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 project part concerning the investments in research and development will be carried out in existing facilities already authorized for the same purpose. The engineering centre included in the project is still at a preliminary definition stage. The selected location is an existing industrial area; the need to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) according to the requirements of Directive 2011/92/EU is still to be confirmed by relevant authorities.

Key E&S Contractual Conditions

As the project part related to the construction of a R&D centre is still at an early stage, the final confirmation by the environmental authorities as to whether an EIA process shall be fulfilled is not available. Before disbursement, the promoter will provide the Bank with the relevant environmental permits to the satisfaction of the Bank.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The promoter's development of the products includes environmental considerations, following the key criteria that are believed to be most important to the sector OEMs and end users:

- *Weight*: many of the products under development are focused on the further improvement of lightweight technologies. A weight advantage allows the end users to haul greater payloads and maximise efficiency, thus increasing the transport efficiency.
- *Product extended lifecycle*: The promoter's innovation efforts aim at guaranteeing a product minimum reliability aiming to reduce expensive down-time and break-downs for the end users. Extending the lifecycle will contribute to lowering the environmental load by reducing the disposal of waste products.

Social Assessment

The new R&D centre will be located in a public brownfield currently dedicated to sport activities. The promoter has contractually committed with the municipality to replace it through the building of new sport facilities, also in the city.

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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.