

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	TUBACEX INNOVATIVE STEEL TUBE SOLUTIONS
Project Number:	2015-0436
Country:	Spain, Austria, Italy
Project Description:	The project is based on the company's RDI program for 2016-2019 under Tubacex Strategic Plan. The project comprises product and process RDI as well as the installation of advanced manufacturing equipment. The investments will be carried out in Spain, Austria and Italy.
EIA required:	no

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: no

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

The project concerns investments in Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) in the field of seamless stainless steel pipes as well as in advanced manufacturing equipment to translate the RDI results into processes and products.

RDI activities on steel pipes are not covered by any of the Annexes of the EIA directive 2011/92/EU. The technologies that will be implemented are all state-of-the art and comply with the Industrial Emissions Directive.

Some of the sub-projects included in the list of investments require new or modification of the existing environmental permits (i.e. the investments related to the new manufacturing line in Spain, and the dislocation of the grinding cabins, new welding and cutting machines and volume increase of the pickling tanks in Italy) and/or an Environmental Impact Assessment (waste acid treatment plant in Austria). The latter depends on the decision of the Competent Authorities (CA). The Promoter has confirmed that the required notifications to the CAs are in preparation. Therefore, the promoter undertakes (i) to require and obtain all the necessary environmental permits and/or decisions and (ii) to submit to the Bank evidence of these decision and permits before the utilization of the Bank's funds for these investments.

The products, process improvements and technical solutions resulting from both the RDI activities and related process optimisations are expected to bring positive environmental results in terms of reduction of energy consumption and use of resources.

Considering all of the above, the project is acceptable for Bank's financing.

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The RDI activities are not expected to cause any major (if any) environmental impacts. The improved process and state-of-the-art equipment will lead to environmental benefits. Biodiversity issues are not touched upon as the activities will be carried out in existing

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<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.

facilities and sites already covered by valid permits. The project will result in an improvement of the resource efficiency of the production processes, e.g. reduction of energy consumption and acid residue generation.

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

Tubacex Group is committed to the environment and all production units are ISO 14001 certified.

In relation to the occupational health and safety (OHS), since 2007, Tubacex, Tubacex Tubos Inoxidables S.A. (TTI), Acería de Álava S.A. (Acerálava) and Schoeller Bleckmann Edelstahlrohr (SBER) have been awarded the OHSAS 18001 certification for their occupational health and safety management systems.

The company practices corporate social responsibility and joined the United Nations Global Compact. It publishes the respective yearly report to inform on the progress made.