

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	NORMANDY DAIRY PRODUCTION FACILITY
Project Number:	2015-0788
Country:	France
Project Description:	The project consists of the construction and operation of a dairy plant including new lines for the production of Ultra-High Temperature pasteurized (UHT) milk. The plant will also include existing and still productive equipment, for the production of butter and fresh cream, transferred from an old, constrained and less efficient production site. The project will be implemented in Méautis, Basse-Normandie Region, France.
EIA required:	yes
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	yes
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")	

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project falls under Annex II of the Directive 2011/92/EC and the Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU. The project is subject to local environmental legislation (Code de l'Environnement). The promoter submitted a full EIA study to the competent authority in April 2013.

Emissions to air and the effluents (i.e. waste water) from the plant as well as increase in traffic and others caused during construction are the main impacts of the project. These will be mitigated by the measures included in the permits. The existing municipal waste water plant has sufficient capacity to treat the additional effluents from the new factory. The project applies the best available techniques for the production of UHT milk in terms of treatment of effluents and water consumption.

The building permit was granted in July 2015. It is expected that, in line with local regulation, the operational permits will be granted at a later stage following the completion of the project. The project will be implemented in an area close to a site of nature conservation. The environmental authority concluded that the impact on the site is negligible.

EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

In accordance with the Bank's Carbon Footprint methodology, the estimated annual emissions of the project in a standard year of operation are 36.6kT CO₂e/year in absolute (gross) and relative (net) figures. The project emissions are due to the increased use of electricity and heat by the plant. For the annual accounting purposes of the EIB Carbon Footprint, the project emissions will be prorated according to the EIB lending amount signed in that year, as a proportion of project costs.

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.

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Social Assessment

The project will secure 30 existing jobs in the company and create 220 new positions. There is no adverse social impact related to the project.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

The public consultation was carried out in August-September 2013 following a communication campaign initiated by the local competent authority. This communication campaign was established through different channels including the press and publication in the local journal. The information was accessible at the local city council. Five meetings with the environmental authority were organized. No complaints were raised.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter has an ISO 9001 accreditation as well as a Food Safety System Certification.

The new milk processing factory will be connected to an existing municipal waste water treatment plant which has sufficient capacity to treat all the effluents from the new factory.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The following condition needs to be satisfied by the promoter:

- The promoter undertakes to provide the Bank with a copy of the outstanding consents from the competent authority.

Taking into account the conditions of the project, the capacity of the promoter and the systems in place to manage environmental and social impacts and issues, the project is acceptable for the Bank's financing in environmental and social terms.

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