

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SYMRISE HEALTH&NUTRITION FINE CHEM R&D
Project Number:	2012-0377
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	Financing R&D activities relating to fine chemicals used in food and health products.
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 concerns investments in research and development that will be carried out in existing facilities already authorised. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is therefore not required by EIA Directive 2011/92/EU.

The project per se does not have any impact on the environment; however overall, it is considered as environmentally acceptable with minor negative residual impact while the products of the programme will have a number of benefits to society by contributing to enhance prevention of certain severe diseases.

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Environmental Assessment

The project will be managed and carried out by the promoter's existing R&D staff in Germany, mainly located at the headquarters in Holzminden which is ISO 14001 certified. The project's R&D activities are a central part of the promoter's operations that will be embedded in the existing organisational and management structure, and performed in existing facilities already authorised. The operating procedures in place are in line with best industry standards.

The promoter contributes to enhancing the prevention of a few severe diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes or skin cancer by developing innovative ingredients for food product achieving more balanced nutritional profile with less sugar, fat, and salt and active ingredients for advanced UV protection products. Therefore the promoter's products have a positive impact on the society.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

Since 2006, Symrise's Code of conduct has provided an international and binding framework for the interactions of all employees with the company's stakeholders. As a globally operating company, the promoter adheres to all relevant legislation in the various jurisdictions where they are active. The principles set out by i) the International Labour Organization (ILO), ii) the United Nations Conventions on the rights of the Child and iii) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are followed. The Integrated Management System (IMS) is based on international standards regarding product quality and safety, environmental protection and occupational health and safety.

The promoter sets clear targets for quality and environmental protection, occupational health and safety, product and food safety and customer orientation: it is the goal to reduce energy

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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consumption, CO2 emissions, waste volumes, water consumption and wastewater volumes by a third for every product that is sold in 2020 as compared to the levels in 2010.

The annual sustainability reporting (published since 2006) is based on the guidelines laid down by the internationally organized Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). Symrise received in 2011 the bronze Econ Award for its "Perspectives 2010 sustainability report" and has been recently nominated amongst the three 2012 finalists by the German Sustainability Award committee for its approach to the sustainable procurement of vanilla in Madagascar.