

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	INNOVATIVE SURFACES FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION
Project Number:	2015-0942
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	The project includes the capital expenditures for the acquisition and the installation of advanced manufacturing equipment in Cantoria (Andalusia, Spain), the promoter's headquarters and main production location. The project will be implemented in the period between 2016 and 2019.

EIA required: yes

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

(Details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project is formed by four main undertakings: (i) acquisition and installation of advanced manufacturing equipment for new surfaces in large format including a building expansion, (ii) advanced manufacturing equipment for quartz conglomerates, (iii) new investments in advanced logistic and (iv) R&D installations and equipment.

Manufacture of ceramic products by burning, in particular roofing tiles, bricks, refractory, bricks, tiles, stoneware or porcelain are specifically mentioned in the Annex II of the Directive 2011/92/EU as amended; due to their characteristics the local competent authorities have required an EIA for the sub-projects related to the installation of the manufacturing lines as these undertakings have been considered major modifications of the existing Integrated Environmental Authorization.

The submission to the Bank of the relevant permits and a copy of the NTS (Non-technical summary) of the EIA permits for the publication on the Bank's website are contractual disbursement conditions to the loan.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The project is expected to have minor negative environmental residual impact, mainly in the light of the expanded production capacity associated to it. The promoter specialises in engineered stones that allow not only for a high degree of efficiency in the use of material from the quarries but also for a high percentage of recycled material used in the production processes.

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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The company has its own Environmental Care and Compliance Department that supervises and executes the different sustainable practices in the activity areas of the Group, from the design, production and manufacturing, as well as distribution and trade. These practices are included in the group's Environment Management System (SGMA). The environmental and sustainability policies in Cosentino are certified ISO 14001:2004; the scope of the certificate covers all processes in which the company is involved. Adaptation of the SGMA to receive the 14001:2015 certification is on-going.

The company has certified its Quality Management System (ISO 9000) and Environmental Management System (ISO 14000) through the BVQi certification body. Cosentino has its Occupational Risks Prevention System periodically audited in accordance with the Prevention Services Regulations by the AUDELCO certification body.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Due to the characteristics of the proposed investments the local competent authorities have required an EIA for the sub-projects related to the installation of the manufacturing lines as these undertakings have been considered major modifications of the existing Integrated Environmental Authorization. The submission to the Bank of the relevant permits and a copy of the NTS (Non-technical summary) of the EIA permits for the publication on the Bank's website are contractual disbursement conditions to the loan.

The promoter specialises in engineered stones that allow not only for a high degree of efficiency in the use of material from the quarries but also for a high percentage of recycled material used in the production processes; as such the promoter's product contribute to a more sustainable construction.

Overall, the project is expected to have minor negative environmental residual impact, mainly in the light of the expanded production capacity associated to it; in light of the above the project is considered eligible for the Bank's financing.