

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: Società Gasdotti Italia – Gas transmission  
 Project Number: 2015-0815  
 Country: Italia  
 Project Description: The investment programme consists of the construction of a DN500 gas pipeline 75 kilometres long and a maximum operating pressure of 75 bar (the “Cellino-San Marco pipeline - section II”) between the provinces of Teramo and Fermo, in the Marche and Abruzzo regions in eastern Italy and 13 small distinct components located in various other regions aimed at the modernisation and replacement of existing, but obsolete, gas infrastructure.

EIA required: Required for the Cellino-San Marco pipeline – section II

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

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Environmental Assessment

The major programme component, the Cellino-San Marco pipeline – section II, was required to undergo an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in accordance with the Directive. The EIA includes screening and analysis of impacts on areas of the Natura 2000 network. The pipeline route will not affect directly or indirectly any Natura 2000 area however it will be located about 3 km from one protected area, the SIC IT 5340002 “Boschi tra Cupramarittima e Ripatransone”.

The Cellino-San Marco pipeline – section II will be built in the Marche and Abruzzo regions, between the provinces of Teramo and Fermo. The environmental authority of the Marche region has been identified as the lead competent authority as regards the issuance of the environmental permit. The environmental permit requires that the mitigation measures outlined in both the EIA and the requirements listed on the environmental permit are implemented. Main impacts are temporary during construction works, mitigated according to established practices in the sector. The EIA and the environmental authorisation do not mention issues that form an obstacle to the acceptance by the Bank.

Regarding the small components, they can be bundled into four main categories: pipeline replacement, pipeline pressure downgrading, installation of gas odorization stations and new connections. The promoter is requested to provide the screening decision by the local environmental authority.

#### Social Assessment, where applicable

The main expected social impacts relate to the compensations for losses incurred by the set easements and protection area of the pipeline, including losses for destroyed crops and cut forest. These are covered by compensation rules.

<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.

The EIA includes screening and analysis of heritage/archaeological impacts of the project. Coordination with the respective authority is required during design and construction phases.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

Public consultation and publication of the authorities' decisions are mandatory under Italian legislation for environmental impact assessments. Consultation was carried out for the Cellino-San Marco pipeline – section II. Consultation for the screened-out components is not undertaken.

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

The operator has a well-established health, safety and environmental (HSE) management system, and is OSHAS 18001 certified.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The mitigation measures outlined in the EIA, appropriate assessment or Form A and environmental permit for the Cellino-San Marco pipeline – section II shall be fulfilled as per finance contract conditions during the project implementation.

Regarding the smaller programme components, the Bank will introduce an undertaking in its finance contract requesting the promoter to provide the screening decision by the local environmental authority, either individually or bundled according to the local authority competent for each region. The promoter is also requested to allocate EIB funds only to those components, for which the approval process has been completed with results satisfactory to the Bank.

With the conditions in place, the project is acceptable for Bank financing from an environmental standpoint.