

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	MECHATRONIC AND CABLE MANUFACTURING TUNISIA
Project Number:	20160661
Country:	TUNISIA
Project Description:	The project concerns the promoter's capital expenditure program and new product development focusing on cables and mechatronic components. The investments are aiming to improve the promoter's competitiveness and to increase its manufacturing capacities and own value added. The investments will be carried out in Tunisia and to a minor extent in Morocco.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

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

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project would not require an EIA if located in the EU. The promoter has confirmed that the project will be carried out in existing facilities that will not change their already authorised scope; as such no components of the financed programme required or will require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as per the Tunisian "*décret n°2005-1991 du 11 juillet 2005*".

The installation of machinery and equipment for the capacity expansion of one of the factories, namely the one that specialises on circuit boards, is expected to require an update of the existing environmental authorisations since this undertaking is covered by the "*décret n°2006-2678 du 9 octobre 2006 relatif aux procédures d'ouverture et d'exploitation des établissements dangereux, insalubres et incommodes*". Some project's components, namely the extension of two factories, will require specific building permits.

The submission to the Bank of the relevant permits and updated environmental studies before the utilisation of the Bank's funds for these parts of the investment programme are project's continuing undertaking.

Environmental aspects are well embedded into the promoter's management procedures. The promoter has confirmed that all the factories affected by the proposed project are covered by relevant certifications (ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 18001).

Conclusions and Recommendations

Some of the investments included in the proposed project target the improvement of the environmental performance of the promoter's factories, such as water treatment and water recycling.

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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Overall the project will have a minor negative residual impact on the environment due to the expected expansion of manufacturing capacity that will add some environmental load.

In the light of the above the project is acceptable for the Bank's financing from the environmental point of view.