

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: RAI DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
Project Number: 20090655
Country: Italy
Project Description: Digital terrestrial TV (DTT) transmission in Italy has completely replaced the broadcasting of analogue TV signals in the first half of 2012 as it was planned and decided by the competent authorities. The project carried out by the promoter Rai Way, which is a subsidiary of the state owned public Radio and TV broadcasting company RAI (Radio Televisione Italiana), concerned the digitalisation of the last 6 Technical Areas (groups of regions) of Italy as well as the reinforcement of those that had been digitalised before 2011.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal. No significant environment or social issues were noted by EIB at Project Completion.

In implementing the development strategies laid down in its statutory mission statement, Rai Way pursues objectives and values that form the groundwork of the Company's Environmental Policy including: detecting and managing in-house environmental protection options, pursuing ongoing personnel information and training on environmental impact issues, Implementing continuously monitored environmental impact prevention and maintenance strategies, optimising the use of natural resources.

As confirmation of the emphasis placed on safety at work and environmental issues, it is noted that the Company obtained relevant certifications that are updated: ISO 14001:2004 (certificate no. IT.15.0259.EMS, latest issue date 30.10.2015 expiry date 05.07.2017) and OHSAS 18001:2007 (certificate no. IT.15.0260.OHS, latest issue date 30.10.2015 expiry date 05.07.2017).

The ISO 14001:2004 certification, firstly received in 2008, attests to compliance of the Company's environmental management system with the requirements of that standard, with specific respect to the environmental effect of electromagnetic radiation and the proper disposal of waste water as well as to the prudent management of hazardous substances and waste.

The OHSAS 18001:2007 certifications attest compliance of the Company's occupational health and safety management systems with the requirements of that standard, with specific respect to the "Planning and management of networks and systems for transmitting and broadcasting radio and television signals in Italy and abroad".

The Rai Way and the RAI group considers environment a strategic factor for its development and in its research and operations takes into account the sustainable development factor including the security and health of its employees and of the population. Great attention by Rai Way is being focused on controlling consumption, optimising energy resources and promoting alternative energy sources, with a special emphasis on photovoltaic generation. One example is one of its broadcasting stations that hosts an energy production plant using photovoltaic panels, thus optimising the space needed for broadcasting purposes which could not be utilized otherwise. Moreover, with a view to optimising the recycling and disposal of its refuse, several of its stations also host temporary waste storage and selective disposal bins.