

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: MERMEC GROUP
Project Number: 2016-0736
Country: Italy
Project Description: The project concerns the investment programme of an innovative midcap company in the field of rail diagnostics and signalling systems in order to strengthen its competitive market position and support worldwide growth.

EIA required: No

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 investment includes RDI related operational costs, as well as capital expenditures for production machinery and equipment used in the railway diagnostics and signalling segment. All project related operations will be carried out in an existing RDI and manufacturing facility of the promoter already admissible for this type of activities. Biodiversity or nature conservation issues are not touched upon by the project's activities.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter fulfils international industry standards for environmental management and occupational health and safety documented through ISO 14001 and OHAS 18001 certifications. With its "Ethic Code", the company has implemented guidelines for good business conduct in compliance with the respective legal requirements and demonstrates a high commitment to business integrity, fairness, and transparency.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The RDI activities of the project are not specifically listed in the EIA directive, but on the other hand the manufacturing of railway equipment is listed under Annex II of the EIA directive. Both activities will be carried out in an existing facility without changing its already authorised scope and will not have significant adverse effects on the environment. Therefore it does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Directive 2011/92/EU as amended.

The new products and services resulting from the project are expected to contribute to a higher efficiency and longer lifetime of railway assets and will thus contribute to the reduction of the carbon footprint of railway transport. The project is therefore acceptable for financing by the Bank.

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.