

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	BATZ AUTOMOTIVE MIDCAP GROWTH INVESTMENTS
Project Number:	2017-0518
Country:	Spain
Project Description:	The promoter's investment will include RDI activities, as well as tangible and intangible capex to support the competitiveness and growth of Batz Group.
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

The promoter's investments concern research, development and innovation activities as well as production deployment that will be carried out in existing facilities already authorised for similar activities and volumes.

The investments to be carried out in Spain include, in addition to RDI activities, building and installation works related to the installation of equipment to meet future production requirements and increase productivity in existing plants. Due to the nature of these investments and their limited environmental impact no Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required according to the relevant EU Directives.

The promoter is an innovative mid-cap company. The results of the promoter's RDI activities are expected to contribute to the development of lighter and more fuel efficient vehicles and to the introduction of more environmental-friendly production processes. The project is overall considered as environmentally acceptable with minor negative residual impact as the resulting manufacturing activities will still add to the environmental load.

Environmental Assessment

The results of the RDI activities to be undertaken by the promoter are expected to contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions, through the development and implementation of lighter and more aerodynamic vehicle functional components, thus contributing to the fulfilment more stringent EU emissions and safety targets of the automotive sector. The project will therefore contribute to the development of a more efficient and sustainable European transport system and lead to increased environmental sustainability.

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 project also focuses on reducing the environmental impact of manufacturing processes through the development of breakthrough technologies, involving the implementation of more efficient manufacturing processes.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter fulfils international industry standards for environmental management and occupational health and safety documented through ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OSHAS 18001 certifications.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The investment will be implemented in existing facilities without changing their already authorised scope and without significantly increasing the manufacturing capacity of the sites. Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) are therefore not required under Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU.

The project will have positive environmental impacts in particular from the focus on innovative and more sustainable product and process technologies developed around lightweighting and active aerodynamic efficiency

Considering all of the above, the project is considered acceptable for EIB financing.

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