

## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	Tauron Electricity Distribution
Project Number:	2010-0574
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	The project consisted of a 5-year investment programme (2011-2015), to reinforce, modernise and extend the electricity networks of the promoter's electricity distribution company, Tauron Distribution S.A.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

#### **EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion.**

The main purpose of the project was to cater for demand growth, enable new connections, improve the reliability of electricity supply and reduce losses.

The investment programme consisted of several high, medium and low voltage distribution schemes geographically dispersed; it encompassed the construction of new high, medium and low voltage networks as well as the refurbishment of part of the existing network. The investment included the construction of new high to medium and medium to low voltage substations and the enlargement or refurbishment of existing ones.

At appraisal due to the fact that the initial scope of investment programme included components that could be subject of a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and/or appropriate assessment under Art. 6 of the Habitats Directive, an undertaking was deemed necessary i.e. the Promoter not to allocate the Bank's funds to programme components that require a full EIA until the EIA and/or the appropriate assessment has been finalised and approved by the competent authority. The Promoter also undertook to place an electronic copy of all Non-Technical Summaries (NTS) and of the corresponding authorisation decrees on their web-site as soon as the EIA is made available to the public, and maintain it until project completion reporting. The NTS should be accessible to interested parties via a web-link on the EIB website. Such web-link was to be provided to the Bank at the latest 30 days after signature of the finance contract.

At completion, the Promoter reported that for all the schemes of the investment programme all the required approvals decisions and permits were obtained during the administrative procedure. According to the information provided by the Promoter, the investment programme did not include components that required a full Environmental Impact Assessment under the EU EIA Directive or an appropriate assessment under Art. 6 of the Habitats Directive.

No significant environment or social issues were noted.

#### **Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

Based on reports from the promoter during Construction, EIB is of the opinion that the Project has been implemented in line with the EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.