

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: Biovet Peshtera
 Project Number: 2016-0727
 Country: Bulgaria
 Project Description: The project consists in the construction of a new fermentation facility in Peshtera (Bulgaria), and a new vaccine plant in Razgrad (Bulgaria), as well as financing of the promoter's RDI activities.

EIA required: yes

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 project consists in the design, construction and operation of: a) a new fermentation facility in Peshtera (Bulgaria) for the manufacturing of active substances, nutritional supplements, enzymes, probiotics and ready medicinal formulations for animal farming and human medicine; and b) a new plant in Razgrad (Bulgaria) for the manufacturing of animal vaccines. Both facilities will be located adjacent to the existing manufacturing base of Biovet. As such, the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the two sites according to Annex I of the Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU and to applicable national laws. The project also includes financing of the promoter's RDI activities which will take place in the existing, already authorised, premises.

The EIA for the Peshtera plant has been submitted and the competent authority is in the process of approval of the EIA and of the execution of the project. The EIA for the Razgrad plant is currently being prepared and approval is expected in the first half of 2018. Natura 2000 areas are not concerned. The production process of medicinal products has limited environmental impact. The projects will be carried out according to state-of-the-art technology and will take into consideration environmentally friendly, low-energy-and-resources consuming technologies.

The adjacent existing facilities of the promoter on the same sites are GMP certified and compliant with the applicable requirements of national and international regulations and laws. The promoter has an integrated quality management system that complies with the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 standard, and it also has a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system. The promoter has an environmental management system

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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developed in accordance with ISO 14001. The promoter has in place effective operating procedures which are in line with industry standards and are regularly audited externally. The new facilities will comply with the said standards.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The project has a positive two-fold social impact: First, through significant job-creation in less-developed regions of Bulgaria suffering from low economic activity and a high unemployment. Secondly, the project will contribute to the health of EU citizens, given the strong interplay between animal health and human health, notably through the development and the manufacturing of animal vaccines, as alternatives to antibiotics.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Approval of the EIAs by the competent authorities and respect of the environmental management plan and any mitigation measures outlined in the approvals will form a contractual disbursement condition.

The project will not result in significant additional negative environmental and social impacts compared to the current situation without the project. It is therefore considered acceptable for the Bank financing.