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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	<i>ENERGIEPARK BRUCK ONSHORE WIND</i>
Project Number:	<i>2015-0689</i>
Country:	<i>Austria</i>
Project Description:	<i>Construction and operation of two wind parks in the Austrian Federal States of Lower Austria and Burgenland, respectively. The project has a total capacity of 36 MW. The two wind farms were appraised already as part of operation ENERGIEPARK BRUCK WIND POWER (2012-0061).</i>

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion:

Subsequent to appraisal, the scope of the project was changed. One turbine (3 MW) in Bruckneudorf (Burgenland) was excluded from the final project scope upon the client's request. The reason was the turbine's less mature development stage and uncertainty about its further implementation schedule.

The remaining project scope relates to the two wind farms Hof and Seibersdorf with a total installed capacity of 36 MW.

At the time of appraisal, there was a permit amendment process ongoing for the Hof wind farm in order to allow i) for the use of a turbine with a greater rotor diameter (115 m instead of 101 m) and ii) for a different foundation design for some turbines in view of high ground water levels.

The Bank's loan was therefore conditional to an environmental permit, in line with the final design of the scheme Hof.

At completion it can be confirmed that this condition has been met. Given that the Hof scheme is based on multiple consents (as for all screened-out wind farms in Austria), the modification process also required multiple consents. These include:

- Consent by the federal state administration relating to the Electricity Act (Amt der Niederösterreichischen Landesregierung, January 2016),
- Consent by the federal state administration relating relating to the Aviation Act (Amt der Niederösterreichischen Landesregierung, January 2016),
- Consent by the municipality relating to the Nature Conservation Act (Bezirkshauptmannschaft Bruck an der Leitha, December 2015),



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- Consent by the municipality relating to the Water Act (Bezirkshauptmannschaft Bruck an der Leitha, March 2016),
- Consent by the municipality relating to the planned fellings (Bezirkshauptmannschaft Bruck an der Leitha, December 2015).

The consents confirm that the requested change in scope was not significant. Additional loan conditions were imposed. These include that the Hof wind farm has to be shut down temporarily under specific low wind (and yield) ambient conditions and evening/night times in order to minimise potential impacts on bats.

No significant environment or social issues were reported by the promoter at completion.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter and the Bank's Lender's Technical Advisor that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.