

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION NETWORK ROUND 3
Project Number:	2014-0200
Country:	United Kingdom
Project Description:	Framework facility to support financing of 2 offshore wind farm transmission networks (Humber Gateway and Westermost Rough) under the third phase (Round 3) of the UK regulatory regime OFTO. This follows a previous framework approval covering six Round 1 projects (Serapis No. 2009-0322) and four Round 2 projects (2011-0265).

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

All sub-projects were subject to a full EIA including public consultation.

For each of the OFTO sub-projects, a detailed environmental impact assessment in line with the EU EIA Directive, as well as the required appropriate assessments under the Habitats Directive, were carried out. The conclusion of the impact assessments was that there are no significant impacts or effects resulting from the projects, providing that the proposed mitigation and monitoring requirements were put in place. These requirements were part of the permits that were granted by the relevant competent authorities.

According to the available information, the developers have implemented the subprojects in accordance with their permit requirements and no significant environment or social issues were noted or notified.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the promoter, and inputs provided by Lenders' Technical Advisors and others, during construction, that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.