

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	HANSAMATRIX
Project Number:	2018-0209
Country:	LATVIA
Project Description:	HansaMatrix is a Latvian electronics manufacturing company active in the engineering and electronics sectors. The Company designs, produces and assembles electronic printed circuit boards (PCB's) and other electronic components for segments such as: Data Networks (data routers, GSM base station infrastructure, optical switches etc); Industrial products (e.g. communication headsets, smart grid, remote controls etc.); Internet of Things (IoT) (e.g. hardware of IoT sensors and nodes) and others (e.g., displays, scientific and medical equipment etc.). The Company possesses modern production and engineering facilities and is seeking to further expand its operations. It is serving European business customers, mostly in the Baltics and Northern Europe.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment: The project includes (i) the promoter's RDI activities in the field of electronic devices and manufacturing and optical devices, (ii) investments in manufacturing equipment in order to increase the company's manufacturing capacities and (iii) investments in utilities and infrastructure of a new warehouse building. As part of the before mentioned capacity increase a new warehouse building will be constructed adjacent to one of the promoters existing manufacturing facilities all located inside an existing industrial zone. The building itself will be constructed by the local municipality. Additionally, the project includes the implementation of industrial equipment and tools inside existing manufacturing and R&D facilities.

The construction of the new warehouse building has been screened out by the competent authorities in accordance with the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending the Directive 2011/92/EU. All other activities part of the project do not fall under any Annex of the said directive and will be carried out in existing facilities already authorised that will not change their scope due to the project.

The planned increase in manufacturing capacity will lead to minor residual environmental impacts. However, the promoter is dedicated to use mainly high-tech equipment and

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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constantly invests in new state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment, which usually is more energy efficient and more environmentally friendly. The residual environmental project risks are deemed low.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects: The promoter is fully aware of its environmental responsibilities. In order to facilitate the reduction of environmental impacts, the promoter's research and manufacturing facilities are certified according to ISO 14001 for environmental management and ISO 9001 for quality management. With regard to social responsibilities and compliance, the company strictly follows RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive) and WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive) requirements for its manufacturing services as well as its own product designs. Furthermore, the promoter offers to its employees as part of their remuneration an additional health and accident insurance.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Considering the above, the proposed investments do not require any additional environmental permits and fall within an already authorised scope. The project's direct environmental impact is expected to be very limited. The project is thus acceptable for financing by the Bank in environmental and social terms.