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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	SECURITY PRINTING PLANT CAPACITY EXPANSION
Project Number:	2017-0821
Country:	GREECE
Project Description:	The project concerns the promoter's research & development (R&D) activities and investments for a new passport and identity (ID) card production line located in Athens / Greece. After the project completion, the promoter will be able to design and manufacture polycarbonate based electronic passports and ID cards with latest security features such as electronic covers, inlays in the ID-1 and ID-3 format.
EIA required:	No
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project concerns the capacity increase of a production line for identity solutions (e.g. data-pages for passports, ID cards) within existing, already authorised and refurbished facilities. Therefore the project does not fall under Annexes I or II of the EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, and is therefore not subject to a mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment.

However as the site is located within a residential area, the latest Greek legislation allows only for a modernisation of existing production sites but normally not an expansion of the maximum approved power consumption of installed machinery. Therefore, the promoter carried out an environmental study, which demonstrated that the new installations are not expected to cause any adverse impact both for the natural environment nearby as well as in the wider area around the site and also not on the public health. The study also confirmed that the facilities operational management is taking appropriate measures to effectively control the site's activities and to ensure the sound environmental management of the generated waste. The last point is also demonstrated by a well-developed quality management system comprising one certification regarding the environmental management (ISO 14 001) and the health & safety (OHSAS 18001).

Based on these findings, the promoter is seeking an operational licence based on the latest Greek legislation for the newly planned installations.

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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Conclusions and Recommendations

Environmental, health and safety matters are carefully managed by the promoter through well-established and certified processes.

Before disbursement, the promoter has to provide all relevant operational and environmental permits for the new manufacturing line used for polycarbonate based identify documents financed under this project.

Considering the above and pending the successful conclusion of the environmental authorization process, the project is acceptable for the Bank's financing in environmental and social terms.