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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	<i>WIND PARK NOORDOOSTPOLDER</i>
Project Number:	<i>2011-0324</i>
Country:	<i>THE NETHERLANDS</i>
Project Description:	<i>Construction of 26-turbine wind farm behind IJsselmeer dyke in Noordoostpolder in province of Flevoland</i>

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

#### **EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion.**

For the purposes of permitting, the project is part of a greater project called 'Noordoostpolder Wind Farm' consisting of four wind farms totalling 86 Wind Turbines. The project falls under Annex II of the EIA directive. An EIA was required and carried out. The EIA also assessed the cumulation of the project impacts with the impact of other projects in the absence of a national spatial strategy for wind development. The project site is adjacent to a Natura 2000 site "IJsselmeer" and the EIA included an appropriate assessment under article 6.3 of the EU Habitats Directive with regards to potential effects on Natura 2000 sites and species. The project consent was issued in 2013.

The project completed its construction phase and entered into commercial operation. No significant environment or social issues were noted.

An ecological monitoring program was required and is being carried out by the project focusing in particular bird and bat causalities and the circumstances under which these causalities occur. The wind turbines are equipped with an automatic stop system that shuts down the turbine under particular circumstances. If the results of the ecological monitoring programme deem it necessary, a standstill plan will be produced and communicated to the authorities. The Lender's Technical Advisor estimates that adequate information for the drafting of the standstill plan will have been collected after three years of operation.

The project has also established a noise-monitoring programme. Under the Dutch framework, the project has to comply with an annual average noise emission level. If this level is reached, in order to achieve compliance, it may be required that certain wind turbines should run in reduced power mode. During the first year of operation, no such scenario was realized.

The project has established a stakeholder engagement plan comprising of actions such as consultations with the local community, proactive communication on upcoming works and status of works, field trips to the project site and others.

#### **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' Supervisors during Construction that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.