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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	OTTOBOCK RESEARCH PROGRAMME
Project Number:	2018-0700
Country:	Germany
Project Description:	The project concerns the European-based part of the promoter's corporate RDI programme for the period 2019-2022 related to various new products and product improvements with a particular focus on Prosthetics, Orthotics and Human mobility (wheelchairs).
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project's R&D activities (laboratory research, software design, mechanical engineering, process development, clinical studies, etc.) are a central part of the promoter's operations and will be embedded in the existing organisational and management structure. The project will not result in any residual environmental impact as it will be carried out in existing and authorised research facilities. The operating procedures in place are in line with best industry standards and are regularly audited externally.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The promoter utilises environmental management systems and safety programmes and is conducting its business in compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

The promoter also complies with the following quality system regulations:

- The International Standards Organisation –ISO 13485, Medical devices – Quality management systems.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The project concerns investments in research and development that will be carried out in existing facilities without changing their already authorised scope. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is therefore not required by EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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2011/92/EU. The promoter has an integrated environmental management policy and effective operating procedures in place which are in line with best industry standards.

The research activities undertaken in the project are aimed to result in new and improved medical devices with a positive impact on healthcare quality. Therefore, the project, if successful, is expected to bring positive social impact.

Considering the above, the project is acceptable for Bank financing in environmental and social terms.

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