

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	DE CECCO FOOD PRODUCTION EXPANSION & INNOVATION
Project Number:	2019-0165
Country:	Italy
Project Description:	The project comprises investments by the promoter in expansion of production capacity and in innovation over the period 2019-2022.
EIA required:	Some sub-components of the project will require EIA, as deemed by the competent authorities.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	No

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project in its entirety is subject to the national Environmental legislations in Italy. Certain sub-components of the project fall under the scope of Annex II of the Directive 2014/52/EU amending the Directive 2011/92/EC, concerning environmental impact assessment and EIAs will be required by the Authorities for these sub-components. Furthermore, where an action may affect a Natura 2000 site, as designated according to Habitats or Birds Directives (1992/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC respectively), the Bank requires that the Promoter follows the directives' procedures, as transposed into national laws. The operational permits are expected to be granted at a later stage and in line with local regulations.

The impact on the environment is expected to be minor, as follows: emissions to air, effluents to water, and increase in traffic as well as others caused during construction. These impacts will be mitigated by the measures included in the EIAs, building and operational permits. Following the completion of the project, there will be additional impacts to the environment; nevertheless, they are expected to be minor as well, as the new equipment to be adopted by the project complies with the best available technologies, and as the respective EIAs will include appropriate mitigants.

The proposed warehouse will streamline promoter's logistics activities in the region by building a new, automated facility. This warehouse will be built on an existing industrial zone.

The new production facilities might require an EIA, nevertheless the impact on the environment is expected to be marginal, as the equipment will be BAT compliant, and

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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production will include mainly secondary processing, i.e. mixing the ingredients, applying thermal treatment when required, and bottling.

The grain storage expansion will involve the construction of new storage silos, adjacent to existing ones. There will be limited or no additional emissions (mainly dust) as result of the project.

The activities to be implemented in their existing production plants will increase the resource efficiency by adopting modern technical solutions to address various stages of the production.

The co-generation plant will require a permit from the regional competent authorities.

RDI activities will take place in existing facilities and under existing permits with no effects on the environment.

The promoter has put in place a system of Environmental Management that conforms to the ISO 14001. The Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) on their own products quantifies the overall environmental impact of production, sales and consumption of a good or service.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The promoter is accredited under SA8000 since 2005, ISO 26000 from 2011, and has also adopted the safety systems for food production (HACCP / BRIC), as well as respecting the kosher and halal regulations. The Promoter has put in place and maintained a Corporate Social Responsibility policy, directed at both its consumers and employees.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

N/A

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

N/A

Conclusions and Recommendations

The following conditions need to be satisfied by the promoter:

- For any of the project's sub-components screened in for an EIA or an appropriate assessment by the competent authority, the permit must be provided to the Bank prior to the construction start, along with the confirmation that all mitigation measures will be implemented.
- The promoter shall provide evidence of having received the building permit from the environmental competent authority.
- The promoter undertakes to provide a copy of the operating permit from the environmental competent authority, once available.

Taking into account the conditions on the project, the capacity of the promoter and the systems in place to manage environmental and social impacts and issues, the project is acceptable for the Bank's financing in environmental and social terms.