

Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name:	ELECTRICITY NW NETWORKS UPGRADE
Project Number:	2011-0551
Country:	United Kingdom
Project Description:	Electricity distribution networks upgrade in North West England 2013-15

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The project was a 3-year investment programme, running from 2013 to 2015, to refurbish and reinforce the regulated electricity distribution network of the promoter located in the North West of England. The programme concerned the renovation of ageing assets, maintenance and improvement of the quality of service to existing customers, compliance with safety legislation, and reinforcement of the network where appropriate. The programme consisted of a large number of components, principally involving the upgrade and retrofit of overhead lines, underground cables and substations from low voltage distribution to high voltage transmission and the inclusion of a large number of new connection points.

The characteristics and voltage range of the majority of the project schemes were such that they fell under Annex II of the EU EIA Directive, thus leaving it to the competent authority to determine the need for a full EIA. All schemes had been screened out and no full EIA were required for the project.

The majority of the project schemes were medium and low voltage and, as such, they were expected to have minimum environmental impacts, limited to disturbance during construction. The promoter has obtained ISO14001 certification in relation to its environmental management system.

Overall, no significant environment or social issues were noted as a result of the implementation of the project.

Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:

EIB is of the opinion, based on reports from the promoter, that the Project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.