

European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

Overview

Project Name: CEZ DISTRIBUTION NETWORK III

Project Number: 20130371

Country: Czech Republic

Project Description: Reinforcement and extension of the electricity

distribution network in the Czech Republic.

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

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

The Project consisted of a 2-year investment programme covering the years 2014 and 2015, aiming at reinforcing and extending the promoter's electricity distribution network across a large part of the Czech Republic. The programme included high, medium and low voltage (HV, MV and LV) investment schemes and installation of automation and telecontrol systems. The risks identified at appraisal were low and mainly related to disturbance during construction and visual impact to be mitigated with special construction procedures.

Two of the Project's components (110 kV power lines) required a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) according to the Directive 2009/31/EC and its amendments. The promoter undertook not to allocate EIB's funds to Project components that required a full EIA until the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the associated Biodiversity Assessment and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) had been finalised, approved by the competent authorities and sent for review to the satisfaction of the Bank. At completion, this undertaking is deemed to be fulfilled, as the promoter sent copies of the approved EIAs to the Bank and these are published on EIB's website.

Overall, no significant environment or social issues were noted.

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.