

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	BIEDRONKA ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Project Number:	2017-0423
Country:	Poland
Project Description:	Modernization of existing discount retail outlets in convergence areas in Poland, including energy efficiency measures targeted at reducing energy consumption, as well as measures to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.
EIA required:	No.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	yes

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project concerns the refurbishment and modernisation of existing retail stores and is subject to the national Environmental legislations in Poland, as the project will not fall under the scope of Annex II of EIA Directive 2014/52/EU (amending Directive 2011/92/EU). The operational permits are expected to be granted at a later stage following the completion of the sub-projects, if legally required, and in line with local regulations. Permitting process in Poland is delivered by the local authorities, and based on "Prawo Budowlane" which is a legal act regulating all building works with respect to their types and specifications.

The impacts on the environment are 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.

The refurbishment of the existing stores will increase the energy efficiency by promoting appropriate technical solutions addressing the thermal insulation of the buildings, LED lighting, or heating and ventilation. In addition, replacing old refrigeration equipment using hydrofluorocarbon gases, with new ones, using natural gases, will contribute to pollution abatement.

The Promoter adopted the Consumer Goods Forum Resolution to reduce food waste by half by 2025, with 2016 as the reference year. To achieve this, the Promoter is currently

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

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implementing an action plan, in which operations' efficiency and the maintenance of food donations to charities are some actions.

The Promoter recycles circa 88% of their cardboard, plastic, or bio-waste, and has also put in place a consumer waste recovery system, by adding recycling bins to 370 stores, or adding bins for the recycling of small electrical appliances, fluorescent lamps or batteries to 98% of their stores.

The Promoter maintains the ISO 14001 standard, and they also implemented Environmental Management Systems at their Distribution Centres.

EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

Average emissions savings are estimated to be around 29 kt of CO₂ equivalent per year in line with EIB Carbon Footprint Methodology. For this purpose, was considered the energy consumption of the stores within the project scope provided by the Promoter, the average energy savings estimated by the Promoter, and the hydrofluorocarbons replacement related CO₂ equivalent.

For the annual accounting purposes of the EIB Carbon Footprint, the project emissions will be prorated according to the EIB lending amount signed in that year, as a proportion of project cost.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The Promoter has put in place and maintained a Corporate Social Responsibility policy, directed at both its consumers and employees. They are certified according to the OHSAS 18001 standard regarding their Occupational Health and Safety management system.

The project will promote improved working conditions and contribute of safer and enhanced working environment for the employees.

The Promoter has put in place a Quality and Food Safety Department, responsible with all the aspects related to food safety and quality. The Promoter is certified under ISO 22000:2005, HACCP, and they have certification for handling organic products, according to EC Regulation 834/2007. To monitor and confirm their alignment with these standards, the Promoter undergoes yearly audits including follow-ups at their stores and distribution centres.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

In Poland, consultations are carried out under the EIA process and are mandatory if an EIA is required by the competent authorities.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

N/A

Conclusions and Recommendations

The following conditions needs to be satisfied by the Promoter:



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- The Promoter shall provide evidence, at the satisfaction of the Bank, of having received the building permit from the environmental competent authority, when required.
- The Promoter undertakes to provide a copy of the operating permit from the environmental competent authority, when required.

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.