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Quick Facts

Countries	France
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-12-18
Borrower	VILMORIN & CIE SA
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 188.97 million
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Project Cost (USD)	$ 475.76 million

Project Description

According to EIB website, the operation is to fund the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) activities of Vilmorin & Cie SA related to the creation, development, registration and commercialisation of new field crop and vegetable seed varieties for their use in agriculture.

Investment Description

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Private Actors Description

Vilmorin & Cie S.A. researches, produces, and markets vegetable and field seeds. The Company sells seeds, flower bulbs, young plants, and pet products to amateur gardeners, horticulturists, and vegetable growers.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	VILMORIN & CIE SA	Client	-

Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) - FRENCH SEEDS R&D [Original Source]