Early Warning System

EIB-20230426 UMICORE BATTERY MATERIALS RDI



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Quick Facts

Countries	Belgium, Finland
Specific Location	Olen, Belgium
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2023-12-22
Borrower	Umicore SA
Sectors	Energy, Industry and Trade, Mining, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 385.91 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 385.91 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 777.34 million

Project Description

The project is the promoter's Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) programme, supporting electrification-focused projects related to rechargeable battery materials, next generation battery materials, and battery recycling solutions. This includes specific sub-projects focusing on cathode and anode materials, solid-based and sodium-based battery components. One component involves the construction of a pilot plant for production of anode component for electric vehicle batteries in Olen, Belgium

The aim is to accelerate the delivery of the company's sustainability strategy, focused on global mobility transformation, by providing solutions to meet the growing need for advanced materials and enable greater circularity for critical metals.

As of 26 November 2024, Galp decided to not proceed with this project: https://www.galp.com/corp/en/investors/publications-and-announcements/investor-announcements/investor-announcement/id/1566/galp-decides-not-to-move-forward-with-aurora-project

Investment Description

• European Investment Bank (EIB)

Private Actors Description

As stated by Bloomberg, Umicore SA is a materials technology company. The Company operates in advanced materials, precious metal products and catalysts, along with zinc specialties. Umicore has industrial operations on all continents.



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Umicore SA	Client	Industry and Trade

Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: https://www.eib.org/en/infocentre/registers/request-form/reguest-form-default.htm

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Bank Documents

• ESRS [Original Source]

Campaign Documents

• Case Study of Umacore's previous operations in Belgium