### Early Warning System

# EIB-20240746 MUELLER RDI AND CAPEX PROGRAMME



#### **Quick Facts**

Countries Germany, Poland

Specific Location Leppersdorf (Saxony), Aretsried (Bavaria)

Financial Institutions European Investment Bank (EIB)

Status Approved

Bank Risk Rating U

**Voting Date** 2025-04-10

Borrower Molkerei Alois Mueller GmbH & Co. KG, Unternehmensgruppe Theo Mueller GmbH & Co. KG

Sectors Agriculture and Forestry, Energy, Industry and Trade

Investment Type(s) Loan

Investment Amount (USD)\$ 112.60 millionLoan Amount (USD)\$ 112.60 millionProject Cost (USD)\$ 226.33 million

#### **Project Description**

As stated by the EIB, one part of the project consists of RDI investments in Germany and Poland. They relate to food quality, health ingredients, packaging solutions and product portfolio expansion. The other part concerns investments in Germany for the construction and operation of a new production line for plant based beverages in Leppersdorf (Saxony, D) and the replacement of two obsolete dairy production lines at Aretsried (Bavaria, D) and Leppersdorf in orders to achieve energy savings.

The aim is to support the promoter innovation, the replacing of obsolete equipment, and its diversification in plant-based milk product. Hence the project supports the Promoter's "science-based target initiative" commitment.



#### **Investment Description**

• European Investment Bank (EIB)

#### **Private Actors Description**

As stated by Bloomberg, Unternehmensgruppe Theo Mueller GmbH & Co. KG produces dairy products. The Company offers products including butter, milk, lactose, and whey protein powder, as well as deli salads, sauces, and fish dishes. Unternehmensgruppe Theo Mueller operates in Germany and Luxembourg.

Molkerei Alois Mueller GmbH & Co. KG produces dairy products. The Company offers yoghurt, milk, buttermilk, milk-mix drinks, fruit drinks, and desserts. Molkerei Alois Mueller serves customers in Germany.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
Unternehmensgruppe Theo Mueller GmbH & Co. KG	Parent Company	Agriculture and Forestry	owns	Molkerei Alois Mueller GmbH & Co. KG	Client	Agriculture and Forestry

#### **Contact Information**

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

#### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

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

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#### **Community Documents**

• Letter of concern to the EIB (June 27, 2025)

#### **Campaign Documents**

- EIB response to follow up concerns\_04AUG25
- EIB response to letter of concern\_22JUL25
- Follow up concerns shared with the EIB via email\_30JUL25

#### Media

- Major UK Milk Processor Muller Cuts Ties with 26 Dairy Farms
- Cows on farms supplying M&S and Muller kicked, punched, hit with chains and sworn at in shocking foo