

Islamic Republic of Mauritania
Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines

TERMS OF REFERENCE: INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, ENERGY AND MINES is seeking the support of an individual consultant who will provide high level support and advisory services for the process of licensing of oil and gas blocks to be conducted in the following months.

2. PROJECT BACKGROUND

Mauritanian oil and gas industry has seen an important development since 2001 with the discovery of Chinguetti oil field and its production that followed in 2006. Subsequently, many discoveries have been made and the exploration potential is promising.

The Government is willing to apply a transparent competition policy to access the available promising open acreages and intend to launch a call for tenders for IOCs to sign exploration and production contracts on the most attractive available blocks.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The objective of the Consultant mission is to assist and conduct the licensing process starting from selecting areas to be licensed, the preparation of the call for tenders dossier, and the evaluation of the offers.

4. DELIVERABLES

The consultant will deliver the following:

- Map of the blocks subject to the licensing process among the open acreages;
- PP Presentation for interested companies, providing first insights of the blocks prospectivity ;
- A complete call for tenders dossier and provide assistance for its publication in a relevant industry oriented media to reach a wide range of companies;
- Evaluation grid and criteria;
- Ranking of the participating companies.

5. SCHEDULE

This process is expected to require about 4 months, starting around **May 15th 2014**. The schedule shall be determined in discussions with the Commission in charge of the licensing process of the Commission.

6. REPORTING

1. The Consultant will report directly to the Commission.
2. All deliverables are to be written in English or French with electronic version, in an acceptable format.

7. QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- The selected candidate will have an advanced degree in Petroleum Geology/Geophysics, with a minimum of 20 years of relevant experience - preferably with a comprehensive and in-depth expertise in conducting similar upstream petroleum licensing missions in other countries;
- Working experience with a wide spectrum of commercial and industrial businesses, and wide knowledge of oil and gas exploration techniques (seismic and well logs interpretation, prospect evaluation, along with GIS applications such as ArcGIS);
- Demonstrated professional leadership and ability to deal with a team of professionals in the implementation of major development efforts;
- Capacity to think creatively in dealing with policy and operational issues while maintaining a strong client and results orientation;
- Knowledge of the legal framework governing the exploration and production activities in Mauritania (PSC system);
- Strong written and oral communication skills, demonstrated ability of making effective presentations to diverse audiences. Fluency in English and French.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

All data and information received in relation to the purpose of this process are to be dealt with confidentially and are only to be used in connection to the execution of these Terms of Reference. All intellectual property rights arising from the execution of these Terms of Reference are assigned to **THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, ENERGY AND MINES**. The contents of written materials obtained and used in this assignment may not be disclosed to any third parties without an expressed advance written authorization of **THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, ENERGY AND MINES**.

9. CONTACT

Applications should be sent to the following address before **04/05/2014 @ 16 00 GMT** and should include a detailed CV and a financial proposition:

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