

INFORMATION NOTICE

On the Concession of Hydrocarbon Geological Exploration Works in the Republic of Moldova, with their Subsequent Exploitation

- a) The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova, with the following legal address: municipality of Chisinau, 9, Constantin Tanase St., MD-2005, announces its intention to enter into a concession for the hydrocarbon geological exploration works on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, with their subsequent exploitation.
- b) **Grantor Name** – the Ministry of Environment.
- c) **Concession Object Description** – The object of the concession are geological exploration works, including prospecting and evaluation of useful mineral resources deposits of national importance, to detect hydrocarbon (gas, oil) accumulations in the southern part of the Republic of Moldova, bordered to the north by the Ungheni-Basarabeasca line (the corner points thereof are determined in the standard bidding documentation), with their subsequent exploitation.
- d) **Concession Term** – 5 years for exploration works, with subsequent exploitation of hydrocarbon accumulations over a 40-year period, with the possibility of a one-time 5-year extension of this term upon the request of the concessionaire, but without exceeding a cumulative 50-year concession period.
- e) **Concessionaire Selection Procedures** – The concessionaire will be selected through a public tender. The tender procedures are described in the standard bidding documentation.
- f) **Modality of Receiving the Standard Bidding Documentation** – The standard bidding documentation can be purchased at the address indicated below, for a non-reimbursable fee of MDL 2,000 (two thousand Moldovan Lei). The payment will be transferred to the following bank account:
Agency for Geology and Mineral Resources
Address: 156, Mitropolit Dosoftei St., Chisinau, RM, MD 2004

Beneficiary:

MF TT Chisinau State budget

AGRM

Code IBAN MD05TRPAAA142310A01239AD

Tax code 1007601001260

bank – Ministry of Finance – State Treasury

bank code TREZMD 2X

Upon receipt of the corresponding non-refundable payment confirmation, the documents will be promptly dispatched by courier; however, no liability can be admitted for loss or delayed delivery. In addition, documents can be sent upon request in electronic format, after submission by the potential bidder of a corresponding non-refundable payment confirmation. In case of inconsistencies between the printed and electronic copies of documents, the printed copy will prevail.

- g) **Tender participation fee** in the amount of MDL 10,000 (ten thousand Moldovan Lei) will be paid by the bidder before the bid submission deadline. The tender participation fee is non-refundable. The tender participation fee will be transferred from the treasury account

indicated under item f) of this information notice.

- h) Bid Security** – The bid must be accompanied by a bank guarantee of MDL100,000 (one hundred thousand Moldovan Lei). The bid security validity period will be equal to the bid validity period. Any bank certificate issued by a bank from the Republic of Moldova can serve as bid security.
- i) Address and deadline for bid submission** – Bids prepared based on the standard bidding documentation will be received by the date of 05 October 2016, 17:00 (local Moldova time), at the following address: Agency for Geology and Mineral Resources, 156, Mitropolit Dosoftei St., Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, MD 2004. Working hours: 8:00 – 17:00, days off: Saturday, Sunday. Documents received with delays will be rejected and returned unopened.
The documents for bid participation prepared in the State language of the Republic of Moldova will be sent by mail or handed in a sealed envelope to the person authorized by the Agency for Geology and Mineral Resources, with attaching the confirmation of payment of the tender participation fee and bid security.
- Person responsible for receiving documents –
Agency for Geology and Mineral Resources
Address: 156, Mitropolit Dosoftei St., Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, MD 2004
Fax no.: (+373 22) 75 08 63;
Tel. no.: (+373 22) 75 18 10; (+373 22) 71 97 48, Mobile: (+373) 69603471;
E-mail: directia.geologica@agrm.gov.md.
- j) Bidder Requirements and Bid Data** – Tender participants can be natural persons and legal entities from the Republic of Moldova, foreign natural persons and legal entities, associations of legal entities. Participants can act directly or through representatives empowered under the Moldovan law. Data to be included in the bid are specified in the standard bidding documents.
- k) Bid selection criteria** – Bids will be evaluated according to the criteria established in Annex 2 of the Government Decision no. 895 of July 20, 2016.
- l) Venue and Date of Bid Evaluation** – Bids will be evaluated in the administrative building of the Ministry of Environment, office 603, within maximum 30 calendar days from the bid opening date.
- m) Bid Validity Period** – 120 calendar days from the bid submission deadline.
- n) Period for Bidder Notification on Contract Award** – The grantor will notify the bidders of the tender results within 3 calendar days from the date of signing of the bid evaluation report and respective Decision by the Evaluation Committee.
- o) Risk Distribution** – Risks related to the concession will be distributed as reflected in the standard bidding documentation.