

INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
NO. / AIAMI / MINMIDT / 2018 OF 19 SEP 2018
FOR THE SHORTLISTING OF COMPANIES OR GROUPINGS IN VIEW OF
THE GRANTING OF MINING TITLES ON THE RUTILE BLOCK OF AKONOLINGA, CENTRAL
REGION, REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON.

1- Introduction

The Republic of Cameroon acknowledges that the mining sector is a lever for its economic development and is committed to implementing all that may be necessary to meet its many investment demands. This commitment alone entirely explains why the Government of Cameroon expects from the winner of the contract that shall be awarded at the end of this Procedure, the swift and relevant use of the block referred to and the proper conduct of mining operations, with the best practices of the mining industry, to guarantee the best results in terms of health safety, and the protection of workers, the local populations and the environment.

Thus, the Ministry of Mines launches on behalf of the Government, an International Call for Expression of Interest (AIAMI) to shortlist Companies or Groupings, in accordance with the provisions of Article 43 (7) of Law NO.2016/017 of 14 December, 2016 on the Mining Code of the Republic of Cameroon, under the following conditions.

2- PURPOSE

This International Call for Expression of Interest aims to shortlist Companies or Groupings to participate in the Restricted International Call for Tender for the "granting of a mining title on a rutile block". This mining title shall be materialized by the issuance of a research permit based on specifications taking into account in particular the envisaged duration of works, the refund of the discounted value of the previous studies, the equity shares of the State in the future operating company, as the State expects a rapid mining of this deposit.

3- NATURE OF SERVICES

The services of this contract include among others:

➤ certification of data from previous studies through:

- the review of historical data: the various reports available on exploration in the sector, the techniques used for sample collection and processing, the calculation of grades and reserves, the progress and results of the pilot tests, etc., which will all be examined and commented. A general opinion will be given on these different works;
- the confirmation of existing data to qualify the declared resources: bidders shall use any method deemed appropriate; however, a minimum of work will be performed including: two cross-sectional sampling, resampling of these holes and the determination of the

concentrate obtained after processing; a minimum of 50 holes per flat shall be recommended;

- the qualification of the declared resources;
- the development of a recovery scheme for the substance;
- updating the BRGM pre-feasibility study;
- feasibility study in accordance with the provisions in force;
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in accordance with the provisions in force.

4- APPLICABLE LAW

The legal texts governing this procedure shall be:

- Law No. 2016/017 of 14 December 2016 on the Mining Code of the Republic of Cameroon ;
- Law NO.2013/004 of 18 April 2013 laying down private investment incentives in the Republic of Cameroon.

5- Participation and origin

Participation in this AIMI shall be open to companies or groupings located in Cameroon or abroad with at least five (5) years of experience in the mining sector.

Interested companies must have sufficient technical and financial capacities to implement mining projects in a short time and under social, security, financial and environmental conditions in line with international standards. They shall, in particular, have sufficient experience in the mining sector and be able to justify their ability to rapidly mobilize the necessary expertise and technical capacities for the design, development and operation of infrastructure;

In addition, companies or groupings must have experience in Africa and a total annual operating profit in the mining sector of at least **one hundred and fifty million US dollars (\$ 150,000,000)** over the last five (05) years.

6- Qualification of bidders

Each interested bidder shall:

- be a company or grouping with skills and experience in the areas mentioned in section 5 above ;
- have appropriate technical and financial capacities to the scale of the works envisaged and for the financing of integrated projects with a view to obtaining this mining title;
- show proof of past experience in the successful implementation of integrated mining projects that required the design, construction (or rehabilitation) and operation of heavy transportation and disposal infrastructure;
- State the relevance of the potential investment opportunities in the Republic of Cameroon put forward by the bidder, in order to appreciate the long-term nature of the commitment taken by the bidder in the Republic of Cameroon.

7- Consultation and Acquisition of the Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference may be consulted, during working hours, at the Department of Mines, at the Department of Geology (Secretariat of the Director) and at the Office of the sub-Director of Mail and Liaison at the

Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development, pink building, room 152. Companies or groupings can send emails to the following addresses: cab@minmidt.cm, minister@minmidt.cm, sergeboyogueno@gmail.com, pascalejd@yahoo.fr, nzengang@yahoo.fr, joacast28@yahoo.fr and abdoumahamachetima@yahoo.fr.

8- Constitution of the tender file

Bidders must present in detail and as clearly as possible, the following items that shall be communicated, and be subject to verification, otherwise, their files shall simply be rejected.

Administrative file (Envelop A)

Envelop A shall contain the following information:

- **For national bidders:**

- a letter of expression of interest duly signed by the bidder's legal representative;
- a letter stating that the tenderer intends to bid for the International Restricted Tender when shortlisted;
- the full address and the business name of the tenderer;
- the statutes or texts that justify the existence of the tenderer;
- the Grouping's agreement, if any;
- a certificate of debt clearance of less than three months;
- authorization to check references; this authorization, duly signed by the General Manager of the Company, or the representative of the Grouping, shall allow the client to carry out any verifications deemed necessary, to ensure the accuracy of the information relating to the references presented;
- a declaration on the bidder's honour certifying the accuracy and veracity of all the information provided in the expression of interest;
- a declaration of the identity of the bidder to assess their general organization (management and experience of key personnel) and the group of companies to which they belong (direct and indirect shareholders, related companies, etc.);
- a declaration on the bidder's honour certifying that neither them, their affiliates nor any person or entity acting personally or on their behalf, nor any of their shareholders or employees, has offered or proposed or extended any offer, promise, gift, present or any advantage to the mandated persons acting on behalf of the Ministry in charge of Mines;
- in case of grouping, each member must present the required administrative documents.

- **For international bidders :**

- a letter of expression of interest duly signed by the bidder's legal representative;
- a letter stating that the tenderer intends to bid for the International Restricted Tender when shortlisted;
- the address and the business name of the tenderer;
- the statutes or texts that justify the existence of the bidder;
- the Grouping Agreement, if any;

- a certificate of non-bankruptcy dated less than ninety (90) days and issued by the competent authority of the place of the bidder's registered office;
- an attestation signed by the tax administration of the bidder's place of residence certifying that they have made the statutory tax declarations for the current financial year;
- authorization to check references; this authorization, duly signed by the General Manager of the Company, or the representative of the Group, shall allow the client to carry out any verifications deemed necessary, to ensure the accuracy of the information relating to the references presented;
- a declaration on the bidder's honour certifying the accuracy and veracity of all the information provided in the expression of interest;
- a declaration of the bidder's corporate identity to assess their general organization (managers and experience of key personnel) and the group of companies to which they belong (direct and indirect shareholders, related companies, etc.);
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- In case of grouping, each member must present the required administrative documents.

Technical file (Envelop B)

Envelop B shall contain the following information:

- the overall annual turnover achieved by the bidder in the mining sector over the last five (05) years;
- the overall annual turnover achieved by the bidder in the rutile / titanium sponge (99.1-99.6% Ti) / white titanium sector over the last five (05) years;
- (where applicable) the annual turnover achieved by the bidder in the mining sector in Africa in general and in the Republic of Cameroon in particular over the last five (05) years;
- (where applicable) the annual turnover achieved by the candidate in the rutile / titanium sponge (99.1-99.6% Ti) or white titanium sector in Africa in general and in the Republic of Cameroon in particular over the last five (05) years;
- a presentation of the main experiences of the candidate in the mining sector (i) in the world, (ii) in Africa and (iii) (where applicable) in the Republic of Cameroon and a precise description of the mining projects in which they participated in the last ten (10) years;
- a presentation of the candidate's main experiences in the rutile / titanium sponge industry (99.1-99.6% Ti) or white titanium (i) in the world, (ii) in Africa and (iii) (the case in the Republic of Cameroon and a precise description of the mining projects in this sector in which they have participated over the last ten (10) years;
- any other element justifying the bidder's technical and financial capacities as required under the conditions of participation contained in the Terms of Reference (TORs);

- balance sheets and operating accounts for the last three (03) years;
- a prospective document summarizing the other investment opportunities related or not to the mining sector in the Republic of Cameroon likely to interest the candidate in the short, medium and long term and the prerequisites and conditions for achieving such investments;
- Balance sheets and operating accounts of the last three (03) years.

NB: These references shall be presented in the form of contracts, mining titles and any other complementary documents.

9- evaluation Criteria and selection of Tender Files

Upon reception, tender files shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:

8.1 Eliminary Criteria:

No.	Eliminatory Criteria
1	Non-conformity of the Administrative File
2	Notes on turnovers
3	Bidder's Reference Notes

8.2 Qualification Criteria:

RATING CRITERIA	NUMBER OF MARKS	Mark allocation			Finalmark
PRESENTATION OF THE TENDER	5Pts	Comprehensibility (clarity, paging, Usefulness) 2 Pts	Layout (synopsis, insertions) 2 Pts	Binding 1 Pt	
TURNOVERS	55 Pts	Turnover in the mining sector over the last five years (Four (04) pts per annum)		_____/20pts	
		Turnover in the rutile/titanium sponge industry (99,1-99,6%Ti)/white titanium over the last five years (Five (05) pts/annum)		_____/25pts	
		Turnover (in the mining sector and the titanium industry /titanium sponge (99,1-99,6%Ti)/white titanium) over the last five years in Cameroon (five (05) pts/area, i.e 1pt /annum)		_____/10pts	
INTERNATIONAL REFERENCES	40 Pts	In the mining sector (15 Pts)	At the international level	_____/6pts	
			In Africa	_____/5pts	
			In Cameroon	_____/4pts	
		In the rutile/titanium sponge industry (25 Pts)	At the international level	_____/12pts	
			In Africa	_____/8pts	
			In Cameroon	_____/05pts	

Only bidders who have scored at least seventy (70) over one hundred (100) at the end of the evaluation shall be selected for the Restricted International Invitation to Tender.

10- Submission of bids

Each bid drafted in French or in English must be sent to the following email address: abdoumahamachetima@yahoo.com with copies to cab@minmidt.cm, ministre@minmidt.cm, sergeboyogueno@gmail.com, pascalejd@yahoo.fr and submitted against receipt in six (06) copies, including the original and five (05) copies, labelled as such at the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development (MINMIDT), Office of the Sub-Director of Reception, Mail and Liaison,

room 152, Pink Building - Yaoundé, Tel. : +237 222 22 64 82, latest on 15 JAN 2019
.... They shall be labelled as follows:

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« TO BE OPENED ONLY DURING THE TENDER REVIEW SESSION »

10- Complementary information

Additional information can be obtained from the Department of Mines and the Department of Geology of the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development (MINMIDT), located at Carrefour Nkolbisson, Yaoundé, Tel. +237 222 22 61 70 / +237 222 22 97 70, or at the email addresses below: sergeboyogueno@gmail.com, pascalej@yahoo.fr, nzengang@yahoo.fr and joacast28@yahoo.fr.

11- Results Publication

The publication of the International Restricted Tender Notice on "the granting of a mining title over a rutile block" shall be the results of this AIMI.

Done in Yaoundé, on 19 SEPT 2018



Copies:

- SGPR
 - SGPM
 - MINMAP
 - ARMP
 - SOPECAM
 - Chrono/Archives
- } (For publication);