



CAIRN ENERGY INDIA PTY LIMITED

(Incorporated in New South Wales, Australia – ACN 002 066 784)

GLOBAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF MAT SUPPORTED JACK UP DRILLING RIG

Introduction

Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd. (“CEIL”) is the Operator of the Offshore Ravva block located in the east coast of India. CEIL is planning to commence drilling activities from November 2010. The campaign shall comprise of drilling 2 wells and 3 Workover (sidetrack wells) as firm programme. There could be 4 possible extensions of 1 month each for drilling 2 optional wells and working over 2 optional wells.

CEIL seeks an Expression Of Interest from suitably experienced Services Contractors who wish to receive tender to provide Drilling Rig in support of the Drilling in this offshore block under international Competitive Bidding(ICB) procedures. .

Specifics

Only those Contractors who can comply with all of the following and can, by their submission, demonstrate a successful track record, listing previous projects, current Services projects in progress, clients, and client key contacts who may be approached, in each of the areas below should respond to this Notice. The Contractor must submit details for the following:

Services Details

Provision of drilling rig with either of the following options:

- a) Mat supported cantilever type
- b) Mat supported slot type

The rig shall be capable of operating in water depths between 7 to 30 metres. The rig shall have a minimum of 240 feet of usable clear leg length below the hull.

The Contractor must submit details for the following:

- Profile of the Company including details of the rig fleet, their current positions and activities.
- Organisational outline proposal detailing their nominated management, staff, and business process support to carry out an Offshore Drilling campaign for all types of wells.
- Specifications of the rigs that are offered for this project including detailed list of equipment, rated specifications and limitations.

- Layout drawings of the rig including the main deck, drilling package, mat, engineering and structural drawings.
- Details of technical support available and experience in the management of Jack-up rigs.
- A demonstrable capability to mobilise and commence work to meet CEIL's schedule. The Contractor's experience in mobilising on schedule shall be clearly stated.
- Particular experience of providing Services in offshore Drilling operations and flexibility to accommodate CEIL's programme is paramount.
- The Contractor shall submit details of his Management, Operating and Maintenance schemes with copies of their certification.
- A willingness to develop a close long term relationship with CEIL.
- The Contractor must demonstrate that they have sufficient financial standing to commence and continue an operation of this magnitude.
- Have an appropriate comprehensive Health, Safety and Environmental management system in place which promotes, aligns with and upholds CEIL's and the Contractor's HSE commitments. Details and copies of their certification must be submitted.
- Audited financial statements for the last three years

Interested Contractors who can fulfil all of the Specifics listed above must submit their response including the details and references stated above, in writing and by e-mail not later than 10 (ten) days from the date of this publication. The envelope shall be superscribed with **“Provision of Drilling Rig– Ravva Block - Prequalification 2009”** and shall be addressed to:

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