



CAIRN ENERGY INDIA PTY LIMITED

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

GLOBAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF DRILLING RIG

Introduction

Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd. (“CEIL”) is the Operator of the Offshore Palar PR-OSN-2004/1, on behalf of the Joint Venture partners Cairn India, ONGC and Tata Petrodyne. CEIL is planning to commence exploration drilling activities (3 firm wells + 3 optional wells) in the Offshore Block PR-OSN-2004/1, off the Andhra Tamilnadu coast in shallow water block, by October 2010 to December 2010.

CEIL seeks an Expression Of Interest from suitably experienced Services Contractors who wish to receive tender to provide Drilling Rig in support of the Exploratory 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

The Contractor shall submit his response to this Expression of Interest stating which of the following Services he wishes to be considered for inclusion on the bid list(s). .

Services comprise, inter alia, either of the following:

Provision of Drilling rig with either of the following options :

- a) Independent leg cantilever type
- b) Mat supported cantilever type
- c) 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. In case of an independent leg Jack-up rig, maximum spud footing pressure shall be specified in details including spud can design.

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, spud cans, 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- Palar Drilling – PR-OSN-2004/1 - Prequalification 2009**" and shall be addressed to:

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