



CAIRN LANKA (PRIVATE) LIMITED

(Incorporated in Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka PV 64688)

GLOBAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF DRILLING RIG IN DEEPWATER BLOCK OFF SRI LANKA

Introduction

Cairn Lanka (Private) Limited (CLPL) is the Operator of the Offshore **SL-2007-01-001** Contract area. The Contract Area lies in the Gulf Mannar in deep water, just off the NW coast of Sri Lanka. CLPL is planning to commence exploration drilling activities (3 firm wells + 2 optional wells) in the SL-2007-01-001 by January 2011 to May 2011.

CLPL seeks an Expression of Interest from suitably experienced Services Contractors who wish to receive bids 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 Drillship or Semisubmersible Rig - The rig shall be capable of operating in water depths between 800 to 1700 metres. Expected maximum wells depth 5500 m.

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, for Riser and BOP.
- 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 such rigs.

- A demonstrable capability to mobilise and commence work to meet CLPL'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 CLPL'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 CLPL.
- 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 CLPL'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 – SL-2007-01-001 - Prequalification 2009"** and shall be addressed to:

Director – PSCM.
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