



CAIRN ENERGY INDIA PTY LIMITED

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

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF NEW COMPLETION & WORKOVER RIG AND SERVICES

Introduction

Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd ('CEIL') is the Operator, on behalf of Joint Venture partners Cairn India and ONGC in Contract Area RJ-ON-90/1 in the State of Rajasthan, India. Production activities from this area will commence initially with development drilling in the Mangala Field. Drilling and well completion activities will commence during the 3rd Quarter, 2008. Production from the Mangala Field will begin in 2009. Further development drilling and production activities from other fields in Rajasthan will also follow in 2009.

CEIL seeks an Expression Of Interest from suitably experienced Drilling and Workover Contractors who wish to submit bids to provide and operate one new land completion /Workover/Testing rig (with an option for a second rig) suitable for High Performance completion, workover and well test operations in Rajasthan. Primary term of the contract for the rig will be 3 years, with optional 2 extension periods of one year each. Delivery of the firm rig is required by the end of 2008. The rig should be no more than 2 years old.

Only Contractors who have a minimum of five years experience in specifying, commissioning, operating and maintaining rigs in a similar environment shall be preferred.

We are looking for a highly mobile 500 / 600HP Completion and Workover rig. The rig will be working on multi well pads and independent wells in Rajasthan. The rig should preferably have telescoping mast with monkey board to accommodate 3500m of 4.1/2" tubing. Rig should preferably be capable for running the multi string completions and to work the string with maximum 250,000lbs hook load capacity. The rig should preferably have three (3) mud tanks with a minimum 650bbbls working capacity. At least one tank should have the provisions for heating the fluid. One 400 / 550HP triplex pump, 13.5/8"-5K BOP equipments with all accessories, and API standard oilfield completion and workover equipments and tools are required. Rig camp should have facilities to accommodate and provide catering services for a minimum of 100 personnel.

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 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:

- Organisational outline proposal detailing their nominated management, staff, and business process support to carry out a multi-year, major development drilling, campaign for all types of wells.
- A demonstrable capability to deliver the rigs and commence work to meet CEIL's schedule. The Contractor's experience in mobilising on schedule shall be clearly stated.
- Particular experience of mobilising and commissioning high quality land rigs to remote desert areas on single well locations and/or multi well pad drilling locations where rapid mobility and flexibility to accommodate CEIL's programme is paramount. Evidence supporting successful multiwell operations in remote desert areas must be submitted.
- 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.

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 New Completion and Workover Rig – Rajasthan Mangala Development projet – Prequalification 2008" and shall be addressed to:

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