

## ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN MINISTRY OF MINES AND PETROLEUM TENDER FOR (project name)



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### [insert date]

#### I. Introduction and Project Description

Pursuant to Article 41(2) of the Minerals Law of 2018 published in Official Gazette No. 1315 dated 1398/07/21 (the "Minerals Law"), the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (the "Ministry"), hereby announces this Request for Expressions of Interest (this "Request") for a Mining Concession that provides for:

- 1. grant of an Exploration Licence to conduct exploration of (MINERAL NAME);
- 2. a priority right for the grant of an Exploitation Licence to conduct exploitation of (MINERAL NAME);
- 3. a priority right for design, construction, financing, and operation of a (MINERAL NAME) PRODUCTS (final PRODUCTS) manufacturing facility with a maximum production capacity of ( )(subject to phases which may be agreed in negotiations); and
- 4. a priority right for transformation of (MINERAL NAME) into (final PRODUCTS) and the sale of such products, if any;

referred to herein as the "Project".

Additional details of the Project are as follows:

Province	Mineral(s)	Deposit description	
	(Mineral name)	Name:	
		Area of deposit:	
		Deposit: (Mineral name):	
		Estimated resource:	
		Co-ordinates of proposed license area:	
		NORTH EAST	
		A	
		В	
		C	
		D	
		Area of proposed license:	
MoMP expectations	The Ministry of M	The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum anticipates that the successful	
	bidder will propose	e a project to conduct exploration of the deposit,	
	leading to submission	on of a mining proposal within a period not exceeding	
	three years from the	date of issue of an exploration license. Subject to the	
	results of exploration	on, the mining proposal will be for commercial	

exploitation of the deposit at a mining rate and a recovery of saleable product acceptable to the ministry, and cutting and processing to produce quality dimension stone and associated products, e.g. tiles, carved goods etc.

Please note that capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Minerals Law or the 2019 draft Mining Regulations (the "**Regulations**"), as applicable.

#### II. Instructions to Obtain the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire

Persons or entities who are interested in undertaking the Project should complete the Expression of Interest form that is attached to this Request as <u>Annex 1</u> no later than the date specified therein. The Ministry will provide a copy of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (the "**PQQ**") to interested parties that submit the Expression of Interest form ("**Prospective Bidders**"); *provided, however*, that the Ministry may refuse to provide the PQQ to such interested parties in its sole and absolute discretion. Upon receipt of the PQQ, Prospective Bidders should complete the PQQ according to the instructions included therein and lodge the completed PQQ according to the directions below.

#### III. Instructions to Lodge the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire

Pursuant to Article 9(2) of the Regulations, the PQQ must be completed in (i) English and (ii) either Dari or Pashto and submitted:

via email to <a href="mailto:largescalemining@momp.gov.af">largescalemining@momp.gov.af</a>. The subject line of the email should read "(Mineral name) Project—EoI"; and

• in hard copy Directorate-General of Large-Scale Mines, Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, Charayi Abdulhaq (Abdulhaq Circle), Kabul, Afghanistan.

Responses to the PQQ will be due no later than 12 noon (Kabul Local Time) on date.

#### IV. Pre-Qualification Criteria

Responses to the PQQ will be evaluated based on the Prospective Bidder's:

- 1. satisfaction of all of the requirements described in the PQQ;
- 2. technical expertise, as well as that of its key personnel, to conduct exploration of the subject material of the Project (*see* Regulations, Art. 11(2)1);
- 3. financial capacity to conduct exploration of the subject material of the Project (see Regulations, Art. 11(2)1);
- 4. experience, as well as that of its key personnel, in successful delivery on commitments related to community development, local content, environmental management, and health and safety (*see* Regulations, Art. 11(2)3);
- 5. intent to expend funds in furtherance of the Project (see Regulations, Art. 11(2)4); and
- 6. general qualifications to conduct exploitation, including processing, of the subject material of the Project (*see* Regulations, Art. 11(2)4).

#### V. Bid Document Fee

With its submission of the PQQ, and in any event no later than the deadline to submit the PQQ, each Prospective Bidder must submit a bid document fee to the Ministry in the amount of <u>three hundred thousand (300,000) Afghan Afghani pursuant</u> to Article 10(1)2 and Schedule 2 of the Regulations.

#### VI. Additional Information

Following the Ministry's selection of qualified Prospective Bidders based on responses to the PQQ, the Ministry will provide the Request for Proposal (the "**RFP**") to such qualified Prospective Bidders. Tender proposals in response to the RFP will be due no later than 12 noon (Kabul Local Time) on [insert date]. The bid bond amount required in the RFP will be [amount]. Subject to Article 17(3) of the Regulations and pursuant to Article 17(4) of the Regulations, the bid bond will be returned to the appropriate bidder within 10 working days of (i) execution of the Mining Concession by that bidder; (ii) execution of a Mining Concession by another bidder; or (iii) termination of the bidding process without award of a Mining Concession.

The bidding process for the Project will be administered by the Directorate General of Large Scale Mines.

Further details of the Project can be found on the National Procurement Authority website (www.npa.gov.af), Ministry website (www.momp.gov.af), and other websites such as www.dgmarket.com.



# ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN MINISTRY OF MINES AND PETROLEUM TENDER FOR (project name) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM



The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (the "Ministry"), has announced a Request for Expressions of Interest dated (date) (the "Request") for the, as described in more detail in the Request (the "Project").

This Expression of Interest form (this "**EoI Form**") is the form that needs to be completed by persons or entities who wish to express their interest to undertake the Project. Further details of the Project can be found in the Request and on the National Procurement Authority website (<a href="www.npa.gov.af">www.npa.gov.af</a>), Ministry website (<a href="www.momp.gov.af">www.momp.gov.af</a>), and other websites such as <a href="www.dgmarket.com">www.dgmarket.com</a>. As the Ministry is permitted to require under Article 9(2) of the Regulations, this EoI Form must be completed in (i) English and (ii) either Dari or Pashto and submitted:

- via email to <u>largescalemining@momp.gov.af</u>, with the subject line: "- Eol"; and
- in hard copy to Directorate-General of Large-Scale Mines, Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, Charayi Abdulhaq (Abdulhaq Circle), Kabul, Afghanistan.

For more information, contact [insert contact information].

**Both** email and hard copy of this EoI Form **must be received by 12:00 noon Kabul local time on date**. It is the interested party's responsibility to make sure it has allowed sufficient time for the EoI Form to arrive at the above address before the date for submission of the EoI Form (taking into account likely courier/delivery times).

#### Annex 1

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION
Organization name:
<b>Organization legal status</b> (Please identify the entity as a public limited company, private limited company, partnership, consortium, joint venture, special purpose vehicle, or other arrangement, as applicable):
Registered address(es):
<b>Registration number(s):</b>
<b>Country of incorporation/registration</b> ( <i>Identity the country under which laws the Organization</i> ( <i>including each member entity of the Organization</i> , <i>if applicable</i> ) <i>is organized</i> ):
DESIGNATED POINT OF CONTACT INFORMATION
Name:
Title:
E-Mail address:
Telephone number:
Postal address:
Fax number:
By signing below, I affirm that (insert your Organization's name) is interested in participating in the Project and requests a copy of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire related to the Project. I also affirm that I am duly authorized to sign this EoI Form on behalf of (insert your Organization's name)
By:
Name:
Title:
Company stamp: