



CAIRN ENERGY INDIA PTY LIMITED

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

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR 3D MARINE SEISMIC DATA ACQUISITION SERVICES

Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd. ("CEIL") is the Operator of the Palar PR-OSN-2004/1 Contract Area in India, on behalf of Joint Ventures comprising CEIL, ONGC and Tata Petrodyne. The Contract Area lies just off the coasts of both Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu States, in the region North of Chennai. Water depths vary from approximately 5m to 80+m in the area of interest. CEIL wish to acquire 800 sq km of 3D marine seismic data and it is planned to conduct the work in Q4 2009/Q1 2010.

CEIL seeks expression of interest (EOI) from suitably experienced marine seismic data acquisition contractors for the work which broadly encompasses the following:

- Acquisition and processing of 3D marine seismic data, using standard towed streamer receiver and air gun source techniques. Optional capability for shallow water 3D data acquisition should also be considered.
- Logistics support for the offshore operation including provision of support vessels as may be required
- Provision of onboard processing for quality control of acquired seismic data

With this EOI, CEIL intends to short list names of experienced Seismic Contractors to invite for the tender for the 3D marine seismic data acquisition services.

The company shall necessarily be a marine seismic data acquisition contractor, shall have proven experience in similar types of seismic operations, and shall have sufficient personnel, equipment, management and organizational processes to conduct the works. The company shall be able to demonstrate full understanding of Indian and internationally accepted Health, Safety and Environmental practices, procedures and policies. Only companies who can comply with these requirements and who can demonstrate a successful track record, listing projects, clients and client contacts who may be approached, should respond to this notice.

Companies are requested, as a minimum, to submit the following documents and details:

1. Lists of similar work successfully executed in the last three years and projects currently under execution.
2. Details of work conducted in shallow water and coastal areas
3. Personnel details including bio-data of key personnel.
4. Equipment listings and vessel availability details.
5. Lists of policies, procedures and quality assurance practices currently in place for the execution of similar work.
6. Health, Safety and Environment policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years
7. Corporate financial details

Interested Seismic Contractors who can fulfill all of the specifics listed above shall submit their response including the details and references stated above, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

The envelope shall be superscripted with "**PR-OSN-2004/1 3D Marine Seismic Data Acquisition Services**" and shall be addressed to:

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