

CAIRN ENERGY INDIA PTY LIMITED

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

<u>GLOBAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION</u> <u>OF INDEPENDENT LEG JACK UP DRILLING UNIT (ILJDU)</u> <u>BLOCK: CB/OS-2</u>

Introduction

Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd. ("CEIL") is the Operator of the Offshore CB/OS-2 block located in the West Coast of India. CEIL is planning to conduct drilling campaigns in CB/OS-2 block during end of Q4 2010/Q1 2011.

CEIL seeks an Expression of Interest under international Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures from suitably experienced drilling rig contractors who wish to receive Tender Documents to provide services in support of the drilling campaign in CB/OS-2 offshore block.

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:

- Organisational outline proposal detailing their nominated management, staff, and business process support to carry out an Offshore Drilling campaign for all types of wells.
- 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

Drilling Programme

Block CB/OS-2: Firm wells: Two; Optional wells: One

Requirement

Drilling Unit for Block CB/OS-2

Independent Jack Up Drilling Unit with the following specification

- Rated Drilling Capacity: 16,000 to 20,000 ft
- Rig Design: ILJDU's with Le Tourneau Class 116 or 116C or Baker Marine Pacific Class 375 or Keppel FELS Class B Design
- Draft at Load lines less than or equal to 18ft
- Leg length below the hull: 220ft
- Capability to drill with ,store and handle synthetic oil based mud(SBM)
- Pointed Spud can design with strong legs to operate in water depths of 10 meters to 25 meters

Interested Contractors who can fulfil all of the Specifics listed <u>especially</u> having a Independent Leg Jack Up Drilling Unit with the above specification <u>only</u> 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 Independent Drilling Rig : Block CB/OS-2 - Prequalification 2010" and shall be addressed to:

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