

CAIRN ENERGY INDIA PTY LIMITED

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

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR DRILLING , TESTING AND COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATORY WELLS

Introduction

Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd. ("CEIL") is the Operator, on behalf of the 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 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 Services Contractors who wish to receive bids to provide Services in support of Development and Exploratory Drilling in Rajasthan and possibly in other blocks as required by the Company. Services will be contracted on both a Bundled basis and a conventional basis. Primary term of the Contracts will be 3 years, with optional two extension periods of one year each.

Only Contractors who have a minimum of five years experience in providing the below mentioned Services, any or a combination of, in support of a multi-well, multi-year Development Drilling campaign shall be considered.

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 a multi-year, major Development 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 remote desert areas on single well locations and/or multi-well pad drilling where rapid mobility and flexibility to accommodate CEIL's programme is paramount. Evidence supporting successful multi-well 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.

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). In addition the Contractor shall indicate which, if any, Services he would be willing to bid for on a Bundled basis.

Services comprise, inter alia, the following:

Directional Drilling MWD and LWD **Rotary Steerable Assemblies** Open Hole and Cased Hole Wireline Logging (including production logging) Casing, Tubular and Completion Handling (Make-up and running) Cementing Fishing Tools and Services Drilling Tools, X-overs etc. Mud Logging Mud Plant Drilling and Completion Fluids and Mud Engineering Solids Control, Filtration and Centrifuges Coiled Tubing, pumping, Hot oiling and Nitrogen services Slickline services Sand Control (Gravel Packs, Frac packs, Pro Net) Hydraulic fracture (Stimulation) Services Open Hole DST Well Testing (Surface test equipment and services) **Tubing Conveyed Perforation services Bottomhole Sampling** MPLT Wellbore Cleanout tools/services Air Compressor services Coring services

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 and Well Completion Services – Rajasthan Mangala Development project - Prequalification 2008"** and shall be addressed to:

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