

# ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

## Ministry of Mines



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – OIL TENDER

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, through the Ministry of Mines, is conducting an open tender for the exploration, development, and production of hydrocarbons in three selected Blocks in northern Afghanistan. The Bidding Round is expected to result in the award of Exploration and Production Sharing Contracts to be signed on or before July 31, 2011.

The Bidding Round comprises the following Blocks that, subject to Exploration and Production Sharing Contracts, shall constitute the respective Contract Areas:

- Kashkari (Oil)
- Bazarkhami (Oil)
- Zamarudsay (Oil)

All three Blocks have known hydrocarbon-bearing accumulations. The Kashkari Block is located in the southern portion of the Amu Darya basin, which to date has proven to be an oil province with some associated gas. The Block includes three known oil fields, one of which is currently in limited production (Angot) and two which have been delineated to varying degrees but never produced (Kashkari and Aq Darya). The Bazarkhami and Zamarudsay Blocks contain known oil fields

of the same name that have also been delineated but never produced.

The size of Blocks established by the Ministry and recoverable reserves, according to the midrange estimate of Gustavson Associates and earlier studies, are as follows: Kashkari: 1723 km<sup>2</sup>, more than 50 MM Bbl; Bazarkhami, 1103 km<sup>2</sup>, 3.6 MM Bbl; and Zamarudsay, 1723 km<sup>2</sup>, 26.4 MM Bbl. The U.S. Geologic Survey mean estimate of the undiscovered hydrocarbon resources in the entire Amu Darya Basin in Afghanistan, of which the three Blocks constitute a portion, is 73 MM Bbl oil, 7.5 TCF gas, and 195 MMBbl NGLs. It is unknown what portion of those undiscovered resources is contained in the three Blocks.

The award of the Exploration and Production Sharing Contracts will be subject to an open, transparent and competitive Bidding Round. The Blocks may be awarded to multiple Bidders, although preference may be granted for Bidders that bid for multiple Blocks. Bidders may submit bids for one, two, or all three Blocks, independently or as a package.

Parties should indicate their interest by providing information to the Ministry of Mines. More information on the exact information required for prequalification for the Bidding Round may be obtained at <http://www.mom.gov.af>. Upon receipt of Expressions of Interest, the Ministry of Mines will assess and prequalify prospective bidders. In order to be considered for prequalification for participation in the Bidding Round, prospective bidders should submit an Expression of Interest **no later than March 29, 2011 at 1200 hrs local time Kabul**

All documents may be submitted in English, but must be accompanied by an Executive Summary of maximum five pages in one of the official languages of Afghanistan. The Expression of Interest must be submitted electronically to [OilTender@mom.gov.af](mailto:OilTender@mom.gov.af). Applicants are advised to regularly check the website at <http://www.mom.gov.af>