



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ministry of Mines

A Bid for the Kashkari (Oil) Block Received

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, represented by the Ministry of Mines, is pleased to announce that it has received one bid for the Kashkari (Oil) block offered in the First Afghan Hydrocarbon Bidding Round. This bid was submitted by Orient Petroleum International Inc. ("OPII") on November 15, 2009. No bid was received for the Jangalikalan (Gas) and Juma-Bashikurd (Gas) blocks.

The opening of the bid submitted by OPII is expected to be carried out in a public ceremony after the Eid holidays, in the presence of all bid evaluation committee members. The evaluation of the bid will immediately follow and the announcement of the bidding results is expected 14 working days following the opening of the bid.