



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Mines

Request for Expression of Interests

For

**Completion of Building Structure, Rehabilitation and Operation
of uncompleted Cement Factory of Herat Province**

The Ministry of Mines of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan announces international tendering for Completion of Building Structure, Rehabilitation and Operation of uncompleted Cement Factory of Herat Province for attracting national and international interested companies.

The Herat Cement factory is located in Zendajan district of Herat province close to Hashimi Bridge, some 30 km from the Herat City. Its work started in 1978 in a 120 hectares land with an expected producing capacity of 700 tons/day of Portland cement, with the help of former Czechoslovakian experts. Around 80% of the construction work and 20% of the installation work of the factory was completed. The machineries of the factory have already arrived from Czech and are in the site, ready to be installed. Meanwhile, in order to meet the requirements of the factory for coal, the Pahlawanan Coal prospects in Kurkh district of the same province has been considered to be allocated to this factory. As per the preliminary studies, this site shows coal out crops while requiring further prospecting and exploration.

Other raw materials required for cement production including clay and limestone are found in plenty amounts next to the factory. Sufficient deposits of gypsum are found in 65 km from the factory, which has added to the economical feasibility of the factory. The preliminary studies of this factory show that with the operation of this factory not only the cement demand of Afghanistan, which is around millions of tons annually, would be met but from the economical point of view, this factory is also very profitable for the investors.

The Ministry of Mines of Afghanistan expects that the winning Bidder would increase the cement production capacity at least one million ton a year through amending the structure and producing system and /or by establishing a new factory next to the existing one (appropriate conditions for establishing a new factory exist).

The deadline for submission of express of interest was 12/11/2009. The deadline has been extended for 1 more month (24/2/2010). Those companies already submitted their Expression of Interests to Secretariat of the Ministry of Mines, their rights are secured.

All interested national and international companies with adequate experience in installation and operation of cement factories and sufficient abilities in prospecting, exploration and extraction of coal reserves who would have proper financial and technical abilities, are encouraged to submit their Expressions of Interests (EOI) by 24/2/2010 to the Secretariat of the Ministry of Mines. After evaluation of the Expressions of Interest, the qualified

Companies will be short listed and only the short listed companies will receive the Terms of Reference (ToR)

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Terms for submission of application:

The interested parties are required to complete and submit the followings in Dari or English, in case the interested companies would like to submit their EOIs in English, an executive summary of the EOI shall be attached in Dari

- Complete name of the Company and the Contact person
- Postal address, telephone and fax numbers and email address of the Company
- Financial Reports of the Company for the last three years and an executive summary of the Company's activities
- The ownership structure of the Company
- Financial and technical operation facilities of the company, working experiences in cement producing and mining operations
- In case that the interested company is a branch of a famous qualified company, it should submit an authorization letter from the Holder Company

Submission procedure:

The above mentioned documents should be prepared in One Original and Five Copies and submitted on or before the dateline mentioned above, in a sealed envelope which clearly reads on it: “Expression of Interest for Rehabilitation and Operation of Herat Cement Factory and Prospecting and Exploration of Pahlawan Coal prospects”.