

## MINKOUMA POWER PROJECT

### **NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AN INDEPENDENT LABORATORY MISSION**

#### **IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINKOUMA PROJECT ON EARLY CONTRACTOR INVOLVEMENT (ECI) MODE**

1. On December 26, 2023, CAM-HYDRO SA obtained the **VERY HIGH AGREEMENT from the President of the Republic of Cameroon**, for the implementation of a power project on the Sanaga River at the Minkouma site, subdivision of Mbandjock, division of Haute-Sanaga, Centre Region.
2. Following the above AGREEMENT, CAM-HYDRO SA signed with the State of Cameroon, on January 26, 2024, a Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of the Project within the framework of a Public-Private Partnership.
3. Later on, the parties above signed a **JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (JDA)** on November 5, 2024, with among other objectives, to establish a dedicated company. On April, 3, 2025, **Minkouma Energy Company SA (M.E.C SA)** was created.
4. Minkouma Energy Company SA, hereinafter referred to as the Client and/or the Project Owner, has as initial shareholders: (i) the Republic of Cameroon (RoC); (ii) the National Social Insurance Fund (NSIF) and CAM-HYDRO SA.
5. The shares of the project company Minkouma Energy Company SA will be open to national and international investors by December 2025, then for a second time at financial close (by late 2026).
6. The project company is committed to develop the Minkouma Project for an installed capacity of about 240/300 MW hydro and 50/300 MW solar.
7. The project company (Project Owner) is issuing this **INTERNATIONAL REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (IREI)** for the recruitment of an approved **Independent Laboratory** for the review of geological/geotechnical surveys and for the monitoring of the Contractor's Quality Management Plan (QMP) for the entire ECI mission. The ECI Mode "Early Contractor Involvement" (ECI) is presented in detail in volume 5 of this Request for Expression of Interest for the recruitment of the Independent Laboratory.

**8. The Power Project has several components as follow:**

- *a Hydro Power Plant (HPP) on the Sanaga River at the Minkouma site with an installed capacity of approximately 240 to 300 MW;*
- *a Solar Power Plant (SPP) at the Minkouma site, within the declared public utility area, with an installed capacity of 50 MW, expandable to 300 MW as demand evolves, which will be coupled to the HPP;*
- *a 225/90/30 kV producer substation on the Minkouma site ;*
- *a 225 kV overhead transmission line between Minkouma and Ntui substation (16.5 km);*
- *a 90 kV overhead transmission line between Minkouma and Nkoteng (37 km) ;*
- *a 90/30 kV substation in Nkoteng (Nkol Oboutou).*
- *an optional component may be open to the ECI Partner for the operation and maintenance of the entire plant for a period of ten to twelve years from the commissioning.*

**9. The Independent Laboratory** will play the role of external advisor and assistance to the Project Owner, which will consist of providing the latter with all the information necessary for decision-making, which falls within its exclusive competence, and for the quality control of the materials and their use in the project execution.

**10. Participation in this IREI** is open to all Engineering firm / Laboratories or groups of Engineering firm / Laboratories with established skills and recent references in the fields of geology, geotechnics, and concrete or more generally in the monitoring of the quality of materials and their use in similar projects. Interested candidates for this IREI must not be subject to a ban, suspension or other procedure with the Republic of Cameroon, the African Development Bank or other international institution at the time of submitting their expression of interest.

**11. The expression of interest procedure** is described in detail in Volume 3 of the Expression of Interest File. Essentially, it includes the following main steps:

- i) expression of interest sanctioned by the ranking of candidates;
- ii) signing of the Memoranda of Understanding with the first three (3) candidates with a view to carrying out a Due Diligence mission for a better understanding of the project. This Due Diligence mission is sanctioned by the submission of a Due Diligence Report, plus a Technical and Financial Offer at Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). The Due Diligence mission, the Due Diligence Report, then the Technical and Financial Offer at GMP are established entirely at the candidate's expenses;



- iii) based on the Due Diligence Report plus the Technical and Financial Offer to GMP, the candidate proposing "the best proposal" will be selected as LI-MOA, then invited to enter into a Framework Contract with the Client. The Framework Contract will have two parts as follows: a) Review of the feasibility studies of the ECI Contractor with regard to the geological/geotechnical surveys carried out and the program of additional surveys, review of the characteristics of the construction materials used in similar projects recently carried out in the Minkouma area, b) Monitoring the implementation of the Contractor's Quality Management Plan for the construction phase.

**12.** The procedure for receiving the request for expression of interest file, submitting expressions of interest (or applications), requests for clarification and other information will be handled according to the provisions of the volume 2 of the expression of interest file.

**13.** After publication of this Notice, interested candidates are requested to notify their intention to participate by mail to the project company M.E.C SA using the following address: [minkouma.eci04@gmail.com](mailto:minkouma.eci04@gmail.com) (provisional).

Yaounde, the **12 MAI 2025**

For the Project Owner,



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