

Notice from the Government of the Republic of Cyprus concerning Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons

(Text with EEA relevance)

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FIRST LICENSING ROUND OFFSHORE CYPRUS

In accordance with Article 3(2)(a) of Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons ⁽¹⁾, the Republic of Cyprus invites all interested persons to apply for Hydrocarbon Exploration Licences and subsequent Hydrocarbon Exploitation Licences in respect of certain acreage in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Cyprus. Applications must be submitted on 16 August 2007 between 08.00 and 14.30.

The available Blocks are delimited by the following geographical coordinates (WGS84):

Block No	Longitude	Latitude
Block 1	32:05:00	34:10:00
	32:05:00	34:45:00
	32:15:00	34:45:00
	32:15:00	34:35:00
	32:25:00	34:35:00
	32:25:00	34:30:00
	32:50:00	34:30:00
	32:50:00	34:25:00
	33:10:00	34:25:00
	33:10:00	34:35:00
	33:35:00	34:35:00
	33:35:00	34:10:00
Block 2	33:35:00	34:10:00
	33:35:00	34:40:00
	33:50:00	34:40:00
	33:50:00	34:50:00
	34:15:00	34:50:00
	34:15:00	34:55:00
	34:20:00	34:55:00
	34:20:00	34:10:00

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 164, 30.6.1994, p. 3.

Block No	Longitude	Latitude
Block 4	30:05:00	33:45:00
	30:05:00	34:10:00
	30:35:00	34:10:00
	30:35:00	33:31:20
	30:28:30	33:34:00
Block 5	30:35:00	33:31:20
	30:35:00	34:10:00
	31:15:00	34:10:00
	31:15:00	33:30:00
	30:39:02	33:30:00
	30:36:40	33:30:40
Block 6	31:15:00	33:30:00
	31:15:00	34:10:00
	31:55:00	34:10:00
	31:55:00	33:30:00
Block 7	31:55:00	33:30:00
	31:55:00	34:10:00
	32:35:00	34:10:00
	32:35:00	33:30:00
Block 8	32:35:00	33:30:00
	32:35:00	34:10:00
	33:15:00	34:10:00
	33:15:00	33:30:00
Block 9	33:15:00	33:30:00
	33:15:00	34:10:00
	33:53:40	34:10:00
	33:53:40	33:38:40
	33:43:05	33:30:00

Block No	Longitude	Latitude
Block 10	30:39:02	33:30:00
	31:55:00	33:30:00
	31:55:00	33:08:24
	31:36:30	33:11:30
	31:15:00	33:18:40
	31:07:00	33:21:20
Block 11	31:55:00	33:08:24
	31:55:00	33:30:00
	32:35:00	33:30:00
	32:35:00	32:59:35
	32:31:00	33:00:40
	32:01:20	33:07:20
Block 12	32:35:00	32:59:35
	32:35:00	33:30:00
	33:43:05	33:30:00
	32:58:20	32:53:20

Blocks 3 and 13 are excluded from this Licensing Round. These Blocks will be available in a subsequent Licensing Round, envisaged to take place in 2008.

Applications for hydrocarbon exploration licences and subsequent hydrocarbon exploitation licences shall be submitted to:

The Hon. Minister
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism
1421 Nicosia
Cyprus

The decision on the applications for this 1st Licensing Round Offshore Cyprus will be made by the Council of Ministers and it is planned to take place within six months from the closing date of the 1st Licensing Round.

The Council of Ministers is the competent authority for granting authorisations.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment of all of the areas offered during the 1st Licensing Round is planned to be completed by the Energy Service of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism of the Republic of Cyprus by mid-2008. The findings of this assessment will be made available to all interested parties.

Further information, and in particular a detailed guidance note for the submission of applications, may be obtained by contacting the Energy Service, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, 1421 Nicosia, Cyprus, telephone number: (357) 22 40 93 03, facsimile number: (357) 22 30 49 64, E-mail: pkouler-mou@mcit.gov.cy.