

## TERMES OF REFERENCE

### *Project of Support for gas projects negotiations and institutional capacity building (PADG)*

#### *Recruitment of a Consultant specialized in Hydrocarbon sector development strategies*

*English version is for informational purpose, the French version shall prevail.*

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### **I. Background**

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania is located in the Maghreb region of West Africa, at the crossroads of sub-Saharan Africa and North Africa. It has a coastline of 754 km on the Atlantic Ocean.

Thanks to continuous efforts to promote the exploration of oil and gas, the Ministry of Petroleum, Mines and Energy (MPME) supported by la Société Mauritanienne des Hydrocarbures et du Patrimoine Minier (SMHPM) has attracted oil companies to undertake the investments that led, in December 2015, to the discovery of the gas resources of Greater Tortue / Ahmeyim (GTA), which straddles the waters of Mauritania and Senegal.

The Inter-State Cooperation Agreement between Mauritania and Senegal (ACI) and the Additional Act relating to taxation were signed 2018 which allowed operators to declare the final investment decision (FID) of the phase one of the GTA project.

On the other hand, thanks to the growing exploration activities, other oil and gas projects could see the light of day in the short and medium terms.

The World Bank Group has contracted a technical assistance grant to the Government of Mauritania (Grant No. IDA D2730-MR), with the main objective of improving the government's capacity to advance negotiations towards the final investment decisions in the gas sector and laying the foundations for the sector's contribution to the economy by strengthening the legal and regulatory framework and capacities.

The work planned within the framework of these terms of reference will be financed by the above-mentioned donation.

### **II. OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this mission is to recruit an individual consultant to provide ad hoc assistance to MPEM in the various fields related to the development strategies of the oil and gas sector in Mauritania.

### **III. MISSIONS/TASKS**

In order to achieve the objective of this mission, the work of the Individual Consultant will include the following activities and tasks:

- Make a benchmark of the development strategies and policies and the management of the petroleum sector around the world with a particular focus on the experience of Norway, and propose how Mauritania could use these experiences for a better development of its Oil and gas sector;
- Make a critical study of the contractual framework and the strategic vision of Mauritania and suggest the required improvement;
- Assistance, study and advice on any question from the Ministry of Petroleum, Mines and Energy relating to the strategy, legal framework, local content, governance and organization of the hydrocarbon sector;
- Animation of seminars, conferences and training.

### **IV. PLANNING AND DELIVERABLES**

#### **• PLANNING**

The execution of this mission will start upon notification of the contract, and the duration of the contract is two years.

#### **• DELIVERABLES**

The service will be remunerated for the time spent.

The deliverables expected for this assignment correspond to studies, notes and opinions on the Client's request.

### **V. MINIMUM SKILLS AND PROFILES REQUIRED**

The Consultant must have the following minimum references:

- A degree of engineer in the petroleum field;
- At least 15 years of experience in the oil and gas industry;
- Solid experience in the development of the petroleum sector (exploration, development, strategy, reforms);

### **VI. MODALITIES OF EXECUTION**

- The Consultant will mobilize by his / her all the logistical means necessary for the accomplishment of this mission;
- The Consultant will be responsible for collecting all the necessary information that is in the public domain;
- All deliverables supplied as part of this mission will be sent to the focal point designated by the Ministry of Petroleum, Mines and Energy.

## **VII. CONFLICT OF INTERETS**

The Consultant is required to report any real, apparent or potential conflict of interest resulting from other missions or from previous participation in similar missions.

## **VIII. CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Material: The Consultant undertakes not to disclose any information brought to his attention, directly or indirectly, by the MPME. The Consultant will use the Material exclusively in the context of the preparation of deliverables relating to this assignment. Confidentiality obligations will not apply to information in the public domain. The Consultant will only give access to the Material to other people if it is necessary to work under his contract. The consultant will explicitly inform these people of the confidential nature of the Material and will subject them to the confidentiality obligations contained in these terms of reference.

## **IX. ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE MISSION**

The mission's work volume is estimated at 150 man-days.