



Crna Gora

Ministarstvo za ekonomski razvoj

Exploitation of Brown Lignite Coal in the “Maoče” Basin near Pljevlja and Construction of a Thermal Power Plant

Invitation for Expression of Interest

The Government of Montenegro intends to grant concession for the exploitation of mineral resources – brown lignite coal from the pit “Maoče” near Pljevlja. The coal from this pit may be used primarily by a thermal power plant to be built in Montenegro, meeting the most modern environmental standards.

The exploitation area in the pit “Maoče” is situated at about 15km south-east from Pljevlja and covers 14.45 km². Systematic (main and detailed) geological explorations of the Maoče basin were made in the period 1981-1986. The explorations found and verified geological balance coal reserves of B+C₁ category of 109,900,000 tons. Exploitation reserves amount to 93,000,000 tons, with an average quality of 12 MJ/kg. In the mentioned period, on a part of that pit, explorations included not only coal but also brick clay and proved geological reserves of C₁ category of 1,694,000 tons. The spatial development and planning documentation for this region foresees the exploitation of coal and clays in Maoče.

Pre-qualification is planned to be the next stage of the tendering procedure, in accordance with the Law on Participation of Private Sector in the Provision of Public Services (*Official Gazette of Montenegro*, No. 30/02) and Regulation on the Manner and Conditions for the Award of Concessions for the Conduct of Geological Exploration and Exploitation of Mineral Resources (*Official Gazette of Montenegro*, Nos. 15/04 and 54/05).

Investors – companies or consortia with experience in the exploitation of coal and generation of thermal energy are hereby invited to send their Expression of Interest (EOI) in obtaining and carrying out the concession that is the subject matter of this Invitation.

The subject EOI should be submitted to the Ministry for Economic Development, in Montenegrin and in English, by 25 December 2008 and should include, inter alia:

1. description of the company's and/or consortium's activity during the last five years (max. five pages), including information about:
 - their participation in the construction and exploitation of coal mines and thermal power plants,
 - coal mines and thermal power plants currently operated by them;
2. copies of two most recent audited financial statements of the company and/or consortium;
3. details of highly qualified staff permanently employed with the company and/or consortium;
4. method of valorisation of the mineral resource that is the subject matter of this invitation (max. one page).

The EOI should be submitted to:

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