Minkouma
Energy Company

MINKOUMA POWER PROJECT

NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL BUREAU MISSION

IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINKOUMA PROJECT
ON EARLY CONRACTOR 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 hydro 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 others 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 opened 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 the development of the Minkouma Project for a capacity of approximately 240/300 MW hydro and 50/300 MW solar.

7. The Project Company (Client or Project Owner) is issuing this **INTERNATIONAL REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** (IREI) for the recruitment of an accredited **Environmental and Social Firm** to carry out an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and to monitor the implementation of the environmental and social measures of the Minkouma electricity project, which is being implemented under the "Early Contractor Involvement" (ECI) mode. The (ECI) mode is described in detail in Volume 5.

8. The Project has several components as follows:

- *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 **Environmental and Social Bureau** will act as an advisor and regulator on environmental and social issues. It will help ensure compliance with environmental standards and adapt construction to the environmental realities of the project area. It will implement actions that contribute to the social acceptability of the project.

10. Participation in this IREI is open to all Environmental Consulting Firms or consortia of consulting firms with proven expertise and recent references in conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs) for similar projects. Applicants must not be subject to any ban, suspension, or other sanction by the Republic of Cameroon, the African Development Bank, or any other relevant international institution at the time of submission of 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) selected 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 expense;

- iii) Based on the Due Diligence Report and the Technical and Financial Offer to PMG, the candidate presenting the "best proposal" will be selected as the Environmental and Social Bureau or Consultant for the project and subsequently invited to enter into a Framework Agreement with the Client. The Framework Agreement will consist of

three components, as follows: a) Conducting the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Minkouma Power Project, including the preparation of various environmental and social plans (ESMP, RAP, ARAP, LRP, etc.); b) Monitoring the implementation of the environmental and social plans during the construction phase; c) An optional component covering the monitoring of the implementation of the environmental and social plans during the first two (2) years of the operational phase.

12. The procedures for receiving the request for expression of interest file, submitting expressions of interest (or applications), requests for clarification and other information will be carried out according to the instructions provided in 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.eci03@gmail.com (provisional).

For the Project Owner,

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