



Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone

Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs (MMRPA)

Name of Project: Mining Technical Assistance Project (MTAP)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING SELECTED REGULATIONS FOR MINING SECTOR OF SIERRA LEONE

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1. BACKGROUND

The Government of Sierra Leone is pursuing a reform programme in the mining sector that would enhance prospecting, exploration, mining and processing of its mineral resources. In this regard a number of regulatory instruments have been enacted which include the Environmental Agency Act of 2008 and the Mining Act of 2009. These progress notwithstanding, there remain significant gaps in the regulatory framework that have to be addressed to ensure that prospecting, exploration, mining and processing of mineral resources proceed in an environmentally and internationally acceptable manner.

Towards this end the Government of Sierra Leone has received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Mining Technical Assistance Project (MTAP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for **Technical Assistance for Developing Selected Regulations for Mining Sector of Sierra Leone**.

The technical assistance will be required for a period of twelve months.

2. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The objective of this project component is to close regulatory gaps in the environmental management of the mining sector by developing environmental/social regulations as well as Regulations for Underground Mining and Trading Licenses.

The main tasks of the assignment shall include but not limited to:

1. Review of Existing Regulations, Procedures and Institutional capabilities for environmental and social impact assessment and associated permitting processes;
2. Preparation of Environmental and Social Assessment Procedures which complement existing regulations for mining sector;
3. Developing environmental and Social Screening Procedures/Guidelines for the government;
4. Updating Environmental Regulations for surface mining based on the gaps identified in the review of existing regulations;
5. Drafting of New Regulations for Underground Mining;
6. Drafting the Implementation Regulations of the draft Trading Bill
7. Preparation of pro-forma Terms of Reference for EIAs, SIAs, and Mine Closure Plans to be used by mining companies;
8. Develop Resettlement Policies and Regulations for the Mining Sector;
9. Develop Mining Sector Code of Practice based on global good practices and Sierra Leone experience
10. Develop Environmental and Social Management Source Book for government officials;
11. Carry out Capacity Building for Implementation of Recommendations of the Regulations; and
12. Prepare plan and supervise disclosure and dissemination activities.

The consultant will work closely with the Environmental Section of the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs. Close cooperation and consultations with other relevant Government agencies, the private sector mining operators and other stakeholders will be necessary.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

The Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs through its Project Support Team (PST) now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned services by providing information as proof of qualification: i) the specific qualifications for the activity including but not limited to mining sector environmental and social impact issues, policy advisory and mining sector regulations drafting and implementation; ii) recent relevant experience (last 15 years); iii) the experience of rendering mining environmental management services to sub-Saharan countries with conditions similar to those prevailing in Sierra Leone

The consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (May 2004; revised October 2006).

Interested firms may obtain further information at the address indicated below during office hours between **0900 to 1700 hours (GMT)** Monday to Friday before the deadline date for the submission of the Expression.

4. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of interest must be submitted to the address below or forwarded using the E-mail address as shown below at the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs, 5th Floor - West Wing, Youyi Building, in Freetown:

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The deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is 21st April, 2010 at 1600 (GMT).