



MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINING STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MINING

INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (IEOI) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOLD REFINERY IN KAKAMEGA COUNTY, KENYA

TENDER NO. SDM/IEOI/001/2020-2021

Background

The Ministry of Petroleum and Mining, State Department for Mining is charged with the responsibility of regulating and promoting mineral development in Kenya. The Mining sector plays a significant role in Kenya's social economic development.

The Ministry invites expression of interest from qualified bidders to establish a gold refinery in Kakamega County, Kenya. The purpose of the gold refinery will be to refine gold mined both locally, regionally and internationally. The aim of the project is to add quality to raw gold and improve its value through refining. Further, the project will improve the livelihoods of the beneficiary communities, regional economy and that of Kenya as a whole through creation of direct and indirect employment opportunities.

Objectives of the project:

- (i) To provide refinery services to gold Miners locally, regionally and internationally, to create employment opportunities;
- (ii) To improve the social economic status of beneficiary communities; and
- (iii) To increase revenues for the County and national levels of governments.

Service Description

The Government is seeking investor(s) who will finance, build and operate a gold refinery within Kakamega County in Kenya.

Eligibility and qualification of bidders

- (i) Company profile background, organization structure, and the key management and technical team (with technical and financial capability in gold processing and refining);
- (ii) Evidence of technical capability to deliver the envisaged project;
- (iii) Submit a business proposal on establishment and operation of the gold refinery;
- (iv) Successfully executed projects of similar nature and clear demonstration of effective environmental preservation and Corporate Social Responsibility;
- (v) Demonstrable capability to raise funds sufficient for the investment with a balance sheets audited by a reputable firm for the last 3 years with a capital base of at least US\$ 15 million;
- (vi) Five (5) and above years' experience in Gold processing and refining;
- (vii) A Joint Venture Agreement if anticipated, clearly identifying the lead partner, where firms have come together in a joint venture. Members of a joint venture together will be required to meet qualifications necessary to be invited to submit proposals.
- (viii) The EOI must be accompanied by certified copies of the following documents which will be submitted alongside the company profile in English:
 - a) Copies of certificate of incorporation/ business registration;
 - b) Copies of PIN and Tax compliance certificates OR equivalent
 - c) A copy of the company profile,

Shortlisting of bidders for subsequent processes shall be based on the above criteria.

EOI Submission:

Eligible firms are to submit their clearly labelled "INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (IEOI) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOLD REFINERY IN KAKAMEGA, KENYA" in soft copy emailed to goldeoi@mining.go.ke OR by Hard copy to be deposited in the Tender Box situated on **2nd Floor, Works Building** so as to be received **not later than 10:00 a.m. East African Time on 29th September, 2020.**

**The Principal Secretary
State Department for Mining
Ministry of Petroleum and Mining
P.O. Box 30009-00100
Tel: (020) 2723101
Nairobi.**

Electronic Submission is highly preferred.

EOI Opening:

The EOI documents will be opened on **30th September, 2020 at 14:00 Hrs**, a day after the closing date to allow for the requisite disinfection and sanitization with respect to the submitted documents and for appropriate preparation for the activity in compliance with Covid-19 containment measures and protocols.

The opening will be in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at **Works Building, 3rd Floor, Ministry Boardroom.**

Only successful prequalified firms will be invited to the next stage of Request for Proposal (RFP) for setting up a Gold Refinery in Kakamega County, Kenya.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

This EOI is also available in the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining website www.petroleumandmining.go.ke

The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

Interested bidders may seek clarification in writing and the same to be received at least seven (7) working days before closing of the IEOI to the following address: The Principal Secretary, State Department for Mining, Ministry of Petroleum and Mining, P.O. Box 30009-00100, NAIROBI or through Email address: goldeoi@mining.go.ke

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