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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Notice concerning a request under Article 30 of Directive 2004/17/EC — Withdrawal**Request from a contracting entity**

(2011/C 98/10)

On 18 October 2010 the Commission received a request pursuant to Article 30(5) of Directive 2004/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors ⁽¹⁾.

That request, from the Italian oil and mining industry association — Assomineraria, on behalf of the contracting entities in the sector, concerns exploration for and extraction of oil and gas in Italy. The request was published in OJ C 290, 27.10.2010, p. 20. The initial period ended on 19 January 2011. This was extended to 19 April 2011 and the extension of the period was published in OJ C 343, 17.12.2010, p. 31.

On 22 March 2011, the applicant withdrew the request, which is to be considered null and void. There is therefore no reason to decide whether Article 30(1) applies to these sectors in Italy. Directive 2004/17/EC therefore continues to apply when contracting entities award contracts intended to enable exploration for and extraction of oil and gas in Italy and when they organise competitive tendering for the pursuit of such an activity in this geographical area.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 134, 30.4.2004, p. 1.