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Notice from the Government of Malta concerning Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons

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In accordance with Article 10 of Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons, the Government of Malta notifies the European Commission that the only Competent Authority is the Continental Shelf Department, Block E, Antonio Maurizio Valperga Street, Floriana, FRN 1700, Malta.

In accordance with Article 5(1) of Directive 94/22/EC, the Continental Shelf Department within the Ministry for Finance hereby notifies that the criteria used when granting authorisations are:

- (a) the technical and financial capability of the applicant;
- (b) the way in which the applicant proposes to prospect, to explore and, or to bring into production the geographical area;
- (c) the work programme proposed by the applicant;
- (d) any previous performance of the applicant under any other licence granted to him;
- (e) economic and financial considerations;
- (f) any other health, safety and environment requirements; and
- (g) national security or public interest.

In accordance with Article 5(2) of Directive 94/22/EC, information on the conditions and requirements concerning the exercise or termination of the activity which apply to each type of authorisation is given in the Model Prospection Agreement, the Model Exploration Study Agreement and the Model Production Sharing Contract as per Regulation 8 of the Petroleum (Production) Regulations.

Information regarding this notice may be obtained by contacting the Director General of the Continental Shelf Department at Block E, Antonio Maurizio Valperga Street, Floriana, FRN 1700, Malta on dgcs.csmalta@gov.mt and on continental-shelf.gov.mt.