

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION LICENCE DESIGNATED THE
'BIANCAVILLA' LICENCE**

REPUBLIC OF ITALY — REGION OF SICILY

REGIONAL MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY — REGIONAL DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND MINING

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR HYDROCARBONS AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY (U.R.I.G.)

(2009/C 296/10)

EniMed — Eni Mediterranea Idrocarburi S.p.A., a company having its registered office at Strada Statale 117 bis, — Contrada Ponte Olivo, 93012 Gela (CL), ITALIA — tax code 12300000150) — the sole representative, with a 50 % holding, and Edison S.p.A. — a company having its registered office at Foro Buonaparte 31, 20121 Milan MI, ITALIA with a 50 % holding, made a joint application on 12 June 2009 to the Regional Minister for Industry, the competent authority for granting mining rights in the Region of Sicily, at Via Ugo La Malfa 87/89, 90146 Palermo PA, ITALIA, in accordance with Regional Law of Sicily No 14 of 3 July 2000 transposing and implementing Directive 94/22/EC, for an oil and gas exploration licence, conventionally known as the 'Biancavilla' licence, in an area of 7 400 ha (74 km²) in the provinces of Enna and Catania and Trapani in central eastern Sicily. The area borders to the South with the 'Paternò' licence (Edison 100 %), and in other directions with non-licence areas.

The municipalities in the Province of Enna concerned are: Centuripe and Regalbuto. The municipalities in the Province of Catania concerned are: Adrano, Biancavilla, Santa Maria di Licodia and Regalna.

The perimeter of the area for which the licence is requested is a polygon and is delineated by continuous lines between points A, B, C, D and E as defined below:

The above mentioned points are defined as follows:

- A. Point located on the SE edge of the house situated at elevation 457, 420 metres NE of Contrada Grotte Rosse;
- B. Point located on the NW edge of the house situated at elevation 648 in Contrada Paricchia;
- C. Point located on the SE edge of the house situated at elevation 615 in C. Ingiulla, 400 m NW of Chiusa di Don Ascenzio;

D. Point situated at the fork for Villaggio S. Francesco on the road from S. Maria Licodia to Ragalna Ovest, which coincides with point b of the 'Paternò' licence;

E. Point located at the belltower of S. Maria della Croce church at Regalbuto, which coincides with point a of the 'Paternò' licence;

Geographical coordinates

Point	Latitude N	Longitude E (M. Mario)
A	37°41'37",562	2°22'21",065
B	37°40'45",437	2°23'19",485
C	37°39'07",573	2°25'33",957
D	37°37'51",000	2°28'53",000
E	37°38'57",367	2°11'20",230

Interested parties may submit an application for a licence for this area within 90 days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*; applications received after that period will be declared inadmissible. The decree granting the exploration licence will be issued within six months of the closing date for the submission of competing applications. As regards Article 5(1) of Directive 94/22/EC, notice is also given that the criteria on the basis of which prospection licences, exploration licences and production licences are granted have already been published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 396 of 19 December 1998, with reference to Legislative Decree of the President of the Republic No 625 of 25 November 1996 (published in the *Official Gazette of the Italian Republic* No 293 of 14 December 1996), which transposes and implements the above mentioned Directive in Italian law, and were specified in Regional Law of Sicily No 14 of 3 July 2000, cited above (published in the *Official Gazette of the Region of Sicily* No 32 of 7 July 2000).

The conditions and requirements regarding the performance or cessation of activities are laid down in the above mentioned Regional Law of Sicily No 14 of 3 July 2000 and in the Standard Specifications issued by Decree No 91 of 30 October 2003 and Decree No 88 of 20 October 2004 of the Regional Minister for Industry, and published in the *Official Gazette of the Region of Sicily* Part I, No 49 of 14 November 2003 and Part I, No 46 of 5 November 2004 respectively.

The application documents have been filed at the Regional Office for Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy of the Regional Department of Mining, Via Ugo La Mafla 101, 90146 Palermo PA, ITALIA, where they may be consulted by interested parties.

Palermo, 23 October 2009.

Chief Engineer

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