

**Communication from the French Government 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 <sup>(1)</sup>**

*(Notice regarding applications for exclusive licences to prospect for oil and gas, designated the 'Brive Licences')*

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2013/C 47/09)

On 20 September 2010, Hexagon Gaz Pte Ltd, a company with registered offices at 192 Waterloo Street, 05-1 Skyline Building, Singapore 187966, applied for an exclusive five-year licence, designated the 'Brive Licence', to prospect for oil and gas in an area of about 1 777 km<sup>2</sup>, covering the departments of Corrèze, Dordogne and Lot.

The perimeter of the area covered by this licence consists of the meridian and parallel arcs connecting in turn the points defined below by their geographical coordinates in grads, the meridian of origin being the Paris meridian.

Point	Longitude west	Latitude north
A	1,50	50,20
B	0,80	50,20
C	0,80	50,10
D	0,70	50,10
E	0,70	50,00
F	0,60	50,00
G	0,60	49,90
H	1,30	49,90
I	1,30	49,60
J	1,50	49,60
K	1,50	49,90
L	1,30	49,90
M	1,30	50,00
N	1,20	50,00
O	1,20	50,10
P	1,50	50,10

**Submission of applications and criteria for awarding rights**

The initial applicants and competing applicants must prove that they meet the requirements for obtaining the licence, as specified in Articles 4 and 5 of Decree No 2006-648 of 2 June 2006 (as amended) concerning mining rights and underground storage rights (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

Interested companies may, within 90 days of the publication of this notice, submit a competing application in accordance with the procedure summarised in the 'Notice regarding the granting of mining rights for hydrocarbons in France' published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 374 of 30 December 1994, p. 11, and established by Decree No 2006-648 of 2 June 2006 (as amended) concerning mining rights and underground storage rights (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 164, 30.6.1994, p. 3.

Competing applications are to be sent to the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (direction de l'énergie, bureau exploration et production des hydrocarbures), Grande Arche — Paroi Nord, 92055 La Défense cedex, France.

**Conditions and requirements regarding performance of the activity and cessation thereof**

Applicants are referred to Articles 79 and 79.1 of the French Mining Code and to Decree No 2006-649 of 2 June 2006 (as amended) on mining and underground storage operations and the regulations governing mining and underground storage (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

For further information, please contact:

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The abovementioned laws and regulations can be consulted on the Légifrance website: <http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr>

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