

## NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

**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 liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons, designated the 'Sénonais Licence')

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/C 49/06)

By request of 26 October 2011, ZaZa Energy France SAS, with registered offices at 5, rue Scribe, 75009 Paris, France, and Hess Oil France SAS, with registered offices at 16-18, rue du Quatre-Septembre, 75002 Paris, France, which are jointly and severally liable, applied for an exclusive four-year licence ('Sénonais Licence') to prospect for liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons covering part of the Aube (10) and Yonne (89) departments.

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.

WESTERN PART		
Point	Longitude east	Latitude north
A	1,10	53,60
B	1,20	53,60
C	1,20	53,50
D	1,10	53,50
EASTERN PART		
Point	Longitude east	Latitude north
A	1,40	53,60
B	1,50	53,60
C	1,50	53,50
D	1,40	53,50

The area as defined above is about 134 km<sup>2</sup>.

**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) on 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 must be sent to the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (Directorate for Energy, Department for Prospecting and Production of Hydrocarbons), Grande Arche, Paroi Nord, 92055 La Défense cedex, France. Decisions on the initial application and competing applications will be taken within two years of the date on which the French authorities received the initial application, i.e. by 28 October 2013 at the latest.

**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 the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy at:

Ministère de l'écologie, du développement durable et de l'énergie, Direction de l'énergie — Bureau exploration et production des hydrocarbures, Grande Arche, Paroi Nord, 92055 La Défense cedex, France, tel. +33 140819527.

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

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