

## NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

**Notice from the Walloon Government concerning applications for an exclusive licence to exploit gaseous hydrocarbons ('South-Charleroi licence')**

(2020/C 372/05)

This notice applies to the area corresponding to three of the former pits of 'Charbonnages de Monceau-Fontaine': former pit No 19 'Bas Long Prés' in Marchienne-au-Pont, former pit No 23 'Crisier' in Marcinelle and former pit No 24 'Fiestaux' in Couillet. It concerns the exploitation of mine gas contained in the voids left by previous mining activity.

The boundaries are defined as follows using the Lambert 72 coordinates system:

Points	X [m]	Y [m]
1	152 132	123 126
2	153 955	122 474
3	153 921	122 280
4	154 572	121 753
5	155 653	121 550
6	157 064	120 821
7	157 880	120 633
8	158 403	119 595
9	158 748	119 047
10	158 722	117 155
11	157 045	116 198
12	157 039	117 804
13	156 324	119 247
14	155 331	119 142
15	154 554	118 607
16	154 038	118 602
17	154 165	116 909
18	153 485	116 828
19	152 995	117 176
20	152 916	117 161
21	151 972	117 375
22	152 174	118 454
23	151 575	118 552
24	151 320	119 581
25	152 025	119 902
26	152 066	119 947
27	150 788	120 206
28	149 003	119 572
29	148 285	119 971
30	147 939	123 371

Gas prospection and exploitation is governed by Royal Decree No 83 of 28 November 1939 on the prospection and exploitation of bituminous rock, oil and fuel gases.

The Walloon Minister for the Environment, Nature, Forestry, the Countryside and Animal Welfare invites parties interested in the aforementioned prospection and exploitation to submit an application for a licence within 90 days of publication of this notice, in accordance with the instructions below.

The conditions for submitting an application are specified in Article 6 of the Walloon Government Decree of 19 March 2009 laying down the format and procedure for examining applications for licences to prospect for and exploit oil and fuel gases, and amending the Walloon Government Decree of 4 July 2002 establishing the list of projects subject to an impact assessment and of classified installations and activities. An exploitation programme shall be enclosed with all applications.

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

Initial applicants and competing applicants must prove that they comply with the requirements for obtaining the licence, defined in Article 6(2) and (3) of the above-mentioned Decree of 19 March 2009.

Applications must be sent by registered letter to the Minister for the Environment, Nature, Forestry, the Countryside and Animal Welfare at the following address:

rue d'Harscamp 22  
5000 Namur  
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The Walloon Government will make its decision on the basis of the following objective and non-discriminatory criteria:

- a) the applicant's technical and financial capacity;
- b) the way in which the applicant proposes to prospect, to explore and/or to bring into production the geographical area in question;
- c) if several applications have equal merit as regards technical and financial capacity and the prospecting or exploitation programme, the following criteria will be applied:
  1. the quality of the preliminary studies carried out for the purpose of drawing up the work programme;
  2. the efficiency and competence demonstrated by the applicant in connection with any other authorisations, in particular as regards environmental protection;
  3. the proximity of any other zone already prospected or exploited by the applicant;
  4. the expected benefits for the development of the Walloon Region and the technological activities being carried out there.

### **Standard specifications**

Standard specifications containing the minimum conditions and requirements for carrying out and ceasing the activities in question may be consulted on the website of the Public Service of Wallonia – Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment: <http://environnement.wallonie.be>

For additional information, please contact the Public Service of Wallonia – Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment – Avenue Prince de Liège 15 – 5100 Jambes, Belgium, specifically the Industrial, Geological and Mining Risks Directorate (Tel. +32 81 3361 36; Email: [risques.environnement@spw.wallonie.be](mailto:risques.environnement@spw.wallonie.be)).

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