

Communication from France pursuant to Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorizations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons ⁽¹⁾

(96/C 187/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Notice concerning the application for an exclusive licence for the prospection of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons, designated as 'Aquitaine Maritime Licence'

By application dated 19 April 1996 the company Esso de Recherches et d'Exploitation Pétrolières, with headquarters at 2, rue des Martinets, 92500 Rueil-Malmaison (France), has requested, for a period of five years, an exclusive licence for the prospection of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons, designated as 'Aquitaine Maritime Licence', over an area of approximately 2 422 square kilometres covering the seabed off the department of the Gironde.

The perimeter of the area covered by this licence consists of the meridians and parallels joining the vertices whose geographical coordinates are specified below, the meridian of origin being the Paris meridian:

Vertices	Longitude	Latitude
A	5,10° W	50,00° N
B	4,30° W	50,00° N
C	4,30° W	49,70° N
D	4,50° W	49,70° N
E	4,50° W	49,60° N
F	4,40° W	49,60° N
G	4,40° W	49,50° N
H	5,00° W	49,50° N
I	5,00° W	49,80° N
J	5,10° W	49,80° N

Any company wishing to submit a competing application may do so within 90 days of publication of this notice in accordance with the procedure summarized in the 'Notice regarding the granting of mining rights for hydrocarbons in France' published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* (C 374, 30. 12. 1994, p. 11) and laid down by Decree 95-427 of 19 April 1995 concerning mining rights (*French Official Gazette* of 22 April 1995).

Any additional information may be obtained from the following address: Ministry for industry, posts and telecommunications, directorate-general for energy and raw materials, directorate for hydrocarbons, department for the conservation of hydrocarbon resources, 99 rue de Grenelle, F-75353 Paris 07 SP, fax: (33 1) 43 19 48 67, telephone: (33 1) 43 19 38 28.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 164, 30. 6. 1994, p. 3.