

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Communication from the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic pursuant to Article 3(2) of 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

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The Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic wishes to announce that it has received an application for the establishment of an area for the prospection and exploration of hydrocarbons in the south-eastern part of the Czech Republic (Trutnovsko), as demarcated on the map which is attached as Annex 1.

With reference to the Directive mentioned in the title and to Article 11 of Act No 44/1988 on the protection and exploitation of mineral resources (Mining Act), as amended, and to Article 4d of Czech National Council Act No 62/1988 on geological works, as amended, the Ministry of the Environment invites natural or legal persons holding an authorisation to carry out mining activities (awarding entities) to submit a competing application to establish an area for the prospection and exploration of hydrocarbons in the south-eastern part of the Czech Republic (Trutnovsko).

The authority competent to take the decision is the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic. The criteria, conditions and requirements in Article 5(1) and (2) and Article 6(2) of the above Directive are set out in full in Czech legislation in Czech National Council Act No 62/1988 on geological works, as amended.

Applications may be submitted during the 13 weeks following the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and should be sent to:

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Applications received after the expiry of this period will not be considered. A decision on the applications will be taken not later than 12 months after this period has expired.

Further information is available on request from Jaroslav Česnek (Tel. +420 267122652).
