

**Communication from the Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 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 Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy hereby gives notice that an application has been received for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in block segments G16c and M1b, as indicated on the map appended as Annex 3 to the Mining Regulation (*Mijnbouwregeling*) (Government Gazette (*Staatscourant*) 2014, No 4928).

Block segment G16c is delimited by the great circles between vertex pairs A-B, B-C, C-D, D-E, E-F, F-G, G-H, H-I and A-I.

The vertices are defined as follows:

Vertex	°	'	" E.L.	°	'	" N.L.
A	4	59	55,057	53	59	57,378
B	4	59	55,046	54	5	17,388
C	5	6	55,057	54	5	17,393
D	5	6	55,058	54	4	47,392
E	5	12	20,066	54	4	47,396
F	5	16	33,076	54	3	19,396
G	5	16	33,079	54	1	46,393
H	5	19	55,084	54	1	46,395
I	5	19	55,087	53	59	57,391

The above vertices are defined by their geographical coordinates, calculated according to the ETRS89 system.

Block segment G16c covers an area of 175,8 km<sup>2</sup>.

Block segment M1b is delimited by the great circles between vertex pairs A-B, B-C, C-D, D-E, E-F, F-G, G-H, H-I, I-J, J-K, K-L, L-M, M-N and A-N.

The vertices are defined as follows:

Vertex	°	'	" E.L.	°	'	" N.L.
A	4	59	55,057	53	59	57,378
B	5	19	55,087	53	59	57,391
C	5	19	55,107	53	49	57,371
D	5	15	18,282	53	49	57,368
E	5	18	43,831	53	54	42,160
F	5	18	43,828	53	56	3,283
G	5	17	35,233	53	56	0,664
H	5	17	40,139	53	57	24,185
I	5	18	43,826	53	57	24,185
J	5	17	32,885	53	59	25,089
K	5	16	15,513	53	59	25,088
L	5	9	57,482	53	55	5,925
M	5	9	57,483	53	54	33,794
N	4	59	55,067	53	54	33,787

The above vertices are defined by their geographical coordinates, calculated according to the ETRS89 system.

Block segment M1b covers an area of 193,2 km<sup>2</sup>.

With reference to the Directive referred to in the preamble and Article 15 of the Mining Act (*Mijnbouwwet*) (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees (*Staatsblad*) 2002, No 542), the Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy hereby invites interested parties to submit a competing application for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in block segments G16c and M1b of the Dutch continental shelf.

The Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy is the competent authority for the granting of authorisations. The criteria, conditions and requirements referred to in Articles 5(1) and (2) and 6(2) of the above-mentioned Directive are set out in the Mining Act (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 2002, No 542).

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 in principle be taken not later than 12 months after this period has expired.

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