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Communication from the State Secretary 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 State Secretary for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy hereby gives notice that an application has been received for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in block E13 as indicated on the map appended as Annex 3 to the Mining Regulation (*Mijnbouwregeling*). Block E13 covers an area of 403 km².

With reference to the Directive referred to in the preamble and Article 15 of the Mining Act (*Mijnbouwwet*), the State Secretary for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy hereby invites interested parties to submit a competing application for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in block E13 of the Dutch continental shelf.

The State Secretary for Economic Affairs and Climate Policy is the competent authority for the granting of authorisations. The criteria, conditions and requirements referred to in Article 5(1) and (2) and Article 6(2) of the above-mentioned Directive are set out in the Mining Act.

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.

Further information can be obtained by calling the MABEL office on the following telephone number: +31 703796970.

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