



Notice inviting proposals for the transfer of an extraction area for hydrocarbon extraction

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Bratislava District Mining Office, in accordance with Section 27a(1) of Act No 44/1988 on the protection and exploitation of mineral resources (the Mining Act), as amended, hereby announces that Slovakia, via the Bratislava District Mining Office, as the competent authority, is inviting proposals for the transfer of an extraction area dedicated to the extraction of a natural gas deposit (which is property of the Slovak Republic). Furthermore, with reference to Article 3(2)(a) of Directive 94/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons, it invites the parties concerned to submit proposals for the transfer of the following extraction area:

Špačince (deposit No 13)

Name of the extraction area/registration number: Špačince /098/A

Surface area of the extraction area in m²: 322 923,89

Type of mineral: natural gas

Size of geological reserves: 10 000 000 m³ in the potentially viable category

Cadastral area (IČUT) – identification number): Špačince (861 049)

District/district code: Trnava/207

Status of production site: Deposit extracted until 1996. Extraction of the deposit has not resumed since then.

Coordinates of the vertices of the Špačince extraction area:

Vertices of extraction area	Longitude	Latitude
I	17,62747682	48,42965402
II	17,62520611	48,43127419
III	17,62404136	48,43947535
IV	17,62728349	48,43967919
V	17,63029415	48,43159405

The geographical coordinates are in decimal degrees and the geodetic system is WGS-84.

Key data:

Type of authorisation: the right to extract an exclusive deposit and to handle the extracted minerals (the proposing entity may exercise this right only after a legally binding authorisation for mining activity has been issued by the District Mining Office).

Address to which proposals for the transfer of the extraction area must be sent and deadline for receiving proposals for the transfer of the extraction area: Obvodný banský úrad v Bratislave (Bratislava District Mining Office), Mlynské nivy 44/a, 821 09 Bratislava, Slovakia. Proposals must be received within 90 days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Conditions of participation in the selection procedure: a legal or natural person who submits a proposal for the transfer of the extraction area must provide evidence of a valid **mining authorisation** or **similar authorisation** issued by a State which is party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, covering the activities that will be carried out in the extraction area that is the subject of the proposal, and must include a waste management proposal and a report on mining activities to date.

Conditions for obtaining copies of the documentation on the designation of the protected deposit area and on the designation of the extraction area: maps showing the boundaries of the extraction area can be viewed and a copy of the agreement on the designation of the protected deposit area and on the designation of this extraction area can be obtained at the Bratislava District Mining Office, Mlynské nivy 44/b, SK-821 09, Bratislava, Slovakia.

Requirements for the content of proposals for the transfer of the extraction area: data on the extraction area and data on the exclusive deposit, the proposed extraction method and method of developing, preparing, modifying and refining, preliminary dates for the development, preparation and extraction work, measures to reduce the environmental impact of activities in the extraction area, the financial means of the proposing entity, the technical capacities of the proposing entity, an indication of the state of progress towards resolving conflicts of interest and a calculation of the expected benefits from exploiting the mineral deposit for the State arising from the expected sale of the minerals extracted from the exclusive deposit in the extraction area, which is the subject of the bid.

Evaluation criteria for proposals: a panel will evaluate proposals for the transfer of the extraction area for their compliance with the requirements laid down in the conditions for participation in the selection procedure, the proposed method for extracting the exclusive deposit and siting of waste disposal sites, tailings, settling basins and other waste storage sites, resolving conflicts of interests and compliance with the requirements for the content of proposals for the transfer of the extraction area. Each criterion carries equal weight.

Expected date for granting the authorisation: if a proposal is accepted, within two months of submission of an eligible application for the authorisation of mining operations.

Proposals for the transfer of the extraction area may be delivered in person or by post to the Bratislava District Mining Office, Mlynské nivy 44/b, SK-821 09 Bratislava, Slovakia in a sealed envelope marked '*Návrh do výberového konania*' (Proposal for selection procedure) with the name of the entity submitting the proposal clearly indicated. The proposal must be accompanied by a declaration that the proposing entity agrees to the conditions laid down in this notice. The date of the proposal shall be the date of delivery in person, or the date on which the proposal was posted or sent electronically to <mailto:obuba@obuba.sk> or to the Office's e-box No E0005593218.

The state authority competent for issuing authorisations for the extraction of the deposit in this extraction area is the Bratislava District Mining Office. The criteria, conditions and requirements specified in Article 5(1) and (2) and Article 6(2) of the Directive are laid down in Act No 51/1988 of the Slovak National Council on mining activity, explosives and state mining administration, as amended. For further information please contact the Office by calling 00421 2 5341 7306 or by sending an e-mail to <mailto:obuba@obuba.sk>, or via the Office's e-box No E0005593218.
