Communication from the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation 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

(2011/C 178/11)

The Minister for Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation hereby gives notice that an application has been received for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in an area known as Breda-Maas.

The area is situated in the provinces of Noord-Brabant and Limburg and consists of three subareas:

Subarea 1:

(a) a straight line between vertex 1 and the intersection of the x = 115338,00 line with the line forming the centre of the Amer near vertex 2;

(b) then from the intersection in point a above, the straight line to vertex 3;

(c) then the straight line between vertices 1 and 3.

Subarea 2:

(a) the straight line between the vertex pairs 4-5, 5-6 and 6-7;

(b) then the straight line from vertex 7 via vertex 8 to the point at which that line intersects with the national border;

(c) then from the intersection in point b above, the national border to the point at which it intersects with the straight line from vertex 10 via vertex 9;

(d) then from the intersection in point c above, the straight line via vertex 9 to vertex 10;

(e) then the straight line between vertices 4 and 10.

Subarea 3:

(a) the straight line from vertex 11 via vertex 12 to the point at which that line intersects with the national border;

(b) then from the intersection in point a above, the national border to the point at which it intersects with the straight line from vertex 14 via vertex 13;

(c) then from the intersection in point b above, the straight line via vertex 13 to vertex 14;

(d) then the straight line between vertices 11 and 14.

The coordinates of the above vertices are:

Vertex	X	Y
1	94259,16	403789,01
2	115338,00	413678,55
3	115338,00	394385,00
4	151430,00	375600,00
5	187645,93	375600,00
6	189000,00	373000,00
7	200000,00	345240,00

Vertex	X	Y
8	186348,33	346409,26
9	161687,62	367888,20
10	161200,00	368960,00
11	81356,61	393032,82
12	88243,54	386478,77
13	85075,98	385468,13
14	79247,02	385291,29

The above vertices are defined by their geographical coordinates, calculated according to the National Triangulation System (RD, Rijks Driehoeksmeting).

On the basis of this description of the area, the surface area is 941 km^2.

With reference to the Directive mentioned in the introduction and Article 15 of the Mining Act (*Mijnbouwwet*) (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees (*Staatsblad*) 2002, No 542), the Minister for Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation hereby invites interested parties to submit a competing application for authorisation to prospect for hydrocarbons in the area delimited by the vertices and coordinates specified above.

The Minister for Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation is the competent authority for the granting of authorisations. The criteria, conditions and requirements referred to in Articles 5(1), 5(2) and 6(2) of the abovementioned 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 be taken not later than 12 months after this period has expired.

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