Communication from the French Government concerning 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 [1]

Notice regarding applications for exclusive licences to prospect for liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons ('the Saint-Quintien Licence')

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2016/C 4/03)

On 15 July 2015 Perf'Energy SAS (35, avenue d'Epremesnil, 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine) applied for an exclusive five-year licence ('the Saint-Quintien Licence') to prospect for liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons in the Departments of Seine-et-Marne, Essonne and Val-de-Marne.

The perimeter of the area covered by this licence is demarcated by the straight lines connecting the points defined below:

Point	NTF system		RGF93 system	
	Longitude East (meridian of origin Paris)	Latitude North	Longitude East (meridian of origin Greenwich)	Latitude North
A	0,20 gr	54,10 gr	2°31′00″	48°41′24″
B	0,30 gr	54,10 gr	2°36′24″	48°41′24″
C	0,30 gr	53,90 gr	2°36′24″	48°30′36″
D	0,20 gr	53,90 gr	2°31′00″	48°30′36″

The area as defined above covers approximately 133 km².

Submission of applications and criteria for awarding rights

The initial applicant and competing applicants must prove that they meet the requirements for obtaining the licence, as specified in Articles 4 and 5 of Decree No 2006-648 of 2 June 2006 (as amended) concerning mining rights and underground storage rights (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

Interested companies may, within 90 days of the publication of this notice, submit a competing application in accordance with the procedure summarised in the 'Notice regarding the granting of mining rights for hydrocarbons in France' published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 374, 30 December 1994, page 11, and established by Decree No 2006-648 of 2 June 2006 (as amended) concerning mining rights and underground storage rights (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

Competing applications must be sent to the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy at the address given below. Decisions on the initial application and any competing applications will be taken within two years of the date on which the French authorities received the initial application, i.e. by 4 August 2017 at the latest.

Conditions and requirements regarding performance of the activity and cessation thereof

Applicants are referred to Articles 79 and 79.1 of the French Mining Code and to Decree No 2006-649 of 2 June 2006 (as amended) on mining and underground storage operations and the regulations governing mining and underground storage (*Official Journal of the French Republic*, 3 June 2006).

Further information can be obtained from the following address:

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[1] OJ L 164, 30.6.1994, p. 3.

The above-mentioned laws and regulations can be consulted on the Légifrance website: http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr