Communication from the Government of the Republic of Poland 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 in the Żory-Rybnik area

(2014/C 232/10)

The procedure concerns the granting of concessions for the prospection or exploration of coalbed methane deposits in the Żory-Rybnik area, Śląskie province:

Name	Block No	1992 layout	
		X	Y
Żory-Rybnik	part of concession block No 390	242 385,73	470 962,96
		243 155,77	471 323,24
		243 219,27	471 596,14
		243 453,05	471 633,50
		243 057,46	473 936,75
		241 751,38	472 910,54
		243 440,95	471 696,44

Applications must cover the same area.

Concession applications must be submitted to the central office of the Ministry of the Environment no later than 12 noon CET/CEST on the last day of the 91-day period commencing on the day following the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Applications received will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

(a) the technology proposed for the work (50 %);

(b) the technical and financial capacities of the applicant (40 %);

(c) the fee proposed for the establishment of mining usufruct rights (10 %).

The minimum fee for the establishment of mining usufruct rights for the Żory-Rybnik area is:

1. in the case of the prospection of coalbed methane deposits:

   — during a three-year base period: PLN 2 000,00 per year,

   — for the fourth and fifth years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 2 000,00 per year,

   — for the sixth and subsequent years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 2 000,00 per year;

2. in the case of the exploration of coalbed methane deposits:

   — during a three-year base period: PLN 4 000,00 per year,

   — for the fourth and fifth years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 4 000,00 per year,

   — for the sixth and subsequent years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 4 000,00 per year,

3. in the case of the prospection and exploration of coalbed methane deposits:

— during a five-year base period: PLN 6 000,00 per year,

— for the sixth, seventh and eighth years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 6 000,00 per year,

— for the ninth and subsequent years of validity of a mining usufruct contract: PLN 6 000,00 per year.

The applications will be opened in public at the central office of the Ministry of the Environment at 12 noon CET/CEST on the 14th working day following the expiry of the deadline for submitting of applications. The application evaluation procedure will be completed within a period of six months after the deadline for submitting applications expires. Applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of the procedure.

Applications must be drawn up in Polish.

The licensing authority will grant concessions for the prospection or exploration of coalbed methane deposits to the successful applicant after taking account of the opinion of the relevant authorities, and will conclude a mining usufruct contract with it.

The business in question must hold both mining usufruct rights and a concession in order to be able to carry out activity involving the prospection or exploration of coalbed methane deposits in Poland.

Applications should be addressed to:

Ministry of the Environment
Geology and Geological Concessions Department
ul. Wawelska 52/54
00-922 Warszawa
POLSKA/POLAND

Information may be obtained from:

— the website of the Ministry of the Environment:

www.mos.gov.pl

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