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Central Mackenzie Valley and Beaufort Sea/Mackenzie Delta Calls for Nominations Launched North of 60°

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development hereby calls for the submission of nominations for Crown reserve lands north of 60° in two administrative areas as indicated herein. All posting requests must be described in accordance with the Guidelines for Posting Parcels North of Latitude 60° N. Each parcel posted must comprise laterally or diagonally contiguous lands. Lands currently under licence which revert to Crown reserve status during the course of these calls for nominations may also be nominated.

The calls for nominations are being mailed out and will be available from the National Energy Board in Calgary as well as from our website www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/oil/act/cal/index_e.html.

The proposed terms and conditions of a subsequent call for bids are included with the mailout and on the website. All posting requests should

be submitted by fax by 4 p.m. (E.T.) on the closing date indicated for each call area and should be addressed to the attention: Oil and Gas Management Directorate, Northern Oil and Gas Branch, fax: (819) 953-5828. The individual or company that requested the posting of a parcel is expected to submit a bid in response to the call for bids.

The Minister reserves the right to refuse future posting requests by that individual or company if a bid is not submitted. The Minister is not obliged to proceed with a call for bids for any lands posted. All native subsurface selections made pursuant to the land claim settlement agreements are excluded from the lands available for posting. The boundaries of parcels posted for lands that either abut or surround these subsurface selections may be described by simple exclusion.

Central Mackenzie Valley (CMV)

The minimum size of any posting is one section; the maximum size is four grids (320 sections). The final land descriptions for these parcels will be prepared in consultation with the representative.

Posting requests received by 4 p.m., E.T., on **December 17, 2004** will be considered by the Minister for inclusion in a call for bids. Requests should be addressed as the "Central Mackenzie Valley Request for Posting".

The term of exploration licences that would be issued in a subsequent Call for Bids will be **eight** years consisting of two consecutive periods of four years each.

Beaufort Sea/Mackenzie Delta (BS/MD)

The size of parcels posted differs according to area. Minimum and maximum grid size of parcels are specified as follows.
North of latitude 75°N, onshore and offshore = 1- 8 grids

North of Line "A" including Arctic Islands and area subject to work prohibition order
North of latitude 70° N. = 1-6 grids

South of latitude 70° N. = 2 -12 grids*
*Note this reflects a doubling of grid size north of 70°

South of Line "A" Beaufort Sea & mainland Territories (excluding the Mackenzie Delta and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula)

North of latitude 70° N. ½-3 grids

South of latitude 70° N. ¼ -3 grids

Area subject to work prohibition order
1-6 grids

Mackenzie Delta west of longitude 133°W and Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula ¼-4 grids.

Posting requests received by 4 p.m., E.T., on **December 17, 2004**, will be considered by the Minister for inclusion in a call for bids. Requests should be addressed as "Beaufort Sea/Mackenzie Delta Request for Posting". The term of exploration licences that would be issued in a subsequent call for bids will be **nine** years consisting of two consecutive periods of five and four years each.

Allowable Expenditures Standardized

The department has developed a schedule of allowable expenditures common to the two calls. The schedule has been developed to better address the uncertainties and actual costs inherent in northern operations.

Calls for Bids

All calls for bids as a result of these calls for nominations will be launched tentatively in January 2005.

Closing Dates Summary for Nominations

CMV is **December 17, 2004**
BS/MD is **December 17, 2004**

Posting requests to be received by 4 p.m. (E.T.) on the date indicated.

Note: This Bulletin is for information purposes only. Terms and conditions for each call are described in the appropriate call document.