



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF MINING, BLUE ECONOMY AND MARITIME AFFAIRS

State Department for Mining

INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (IEOI) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRANITE PROCESSING PLANT IN VIHIGA COUNTY, KENYA TENDER NO. MMBE&MA/SDM/008/2023-2024

Project Background

The Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs is charged with the responsibility of regulating and promoting mineral development in Kenya. The Mining sector plays a significant role in Kenya's social economic development. Kenya has identified mineral processing and value addition.

Preliminary Studies, Deposits and Viability

Granite deposits in Vihiga covers an area of over 250 KM² mainly on its southern part. The project will be set up in Emuhaya Sub-County, Bunyore West Ward, where the county government has provided land for the project.

Granite is a light colored plutonic igneous rock which forms from the slow crystallization of magma below the earth's surface. Its mineral composition gives it a red, pink, grey or white color with dark mineral grains visible throughout the rock. Due to its rigidity, stability and excellent vibration characteristics, it can also be used in engineering

The mineral occurs in Hamisi, Emuhaya, Luanda, Sabatia and Vihiga sub-counties and is also found in Kakamega, Bungoma, Siaya, Busia, Nandi and Kisumu counties. Granite occurrences in Vihiga and surrounding counties is massive and widespread. In most of the areas, the mineral extends to the surface with minimal strip ratio and therefore easily extractable.

Invitation

The Ministry invites expression of interest from qualified bidders to establish a Granite Processing Plant in Vihiga County, Kenya. The identified investor will undertake granite mining to provide inputs to the Processing Plant. The investor will build, operate and transfer the processing plant to government following expiry of the agreed timeline. The timelines will be determined by the two parties during the Request for Proposal Stage of this two staged procurement process.

The Government has secured project land and developed critical preliminary infrastructure. In addition, the government will facilitate acquisition of requisite authorizations and licences for granite mining within close proximity to the established plant. Further, in a bid to promote the import substitution agenda, the government will encourage use of the processed granite slabs in all public construction projects.

Eligibility and qualification of bidders

- (i) Company profile, background and the key management and technical team;
- (ii) Evidence of technical capability to deliver the envisaged project;
- (iii) Evidence of Successfully executed projects of similar nature and clear demonstration of effective environmental preservation and Corporate Social Responsibility;

- (iv) Demonstrable capability to raise funds sufficient for the investment with a balance sheets audited by a reputable firm for the last 3 years.
- (v) At least three (3) years' experience in mining, mineral processing or value addition;
- (vi) A Joint Venture Agreement if anticipated clearly identifying the lead partner, where firms have come together in a joint venture. Members of a joint venture together will be required to meet qualifications necessary to be invited to submit proposals.
- (vii) The EOI must be accompanied by certified copies of the following documents which will be submitted alongside the company profile in English:
 - a) Copies of certificate of incorporation/ business registration;
 - b) Copies of PIN and Tax compliance certificates OR equivalent
 - c) A copy of the company profile.

Shortlisting of bidders for subsequent processes shall be based on the above criteria.

EOI Submission:

Eligible firms are to submit their clearly labelled “**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRANITE PROCESSING PLANT IN VIHIGA, KENYA**” by Hard copy to be deposited in the Tender Box situated on **2nd Floor, Works Building** so as to be received **not later than 10:00 a.m. East African Time on 14th September, 2023.**

**The Principal Secretary
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EOI Opening:

The EOI documents will be opened on **14th September 2023 at 10:00 Hrs**, in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at **Works Building, 3rd Floor, Ministry Boardroom.**

Only successful prequalified firms will be invited to the next stage of Request for Proposal (RFP) for setting up a Granite Processing Plant in Vihiga County, Kenya.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

This EOI is also available in the Government of Kenya Tender Portal www.tenders.go.ke and in the Ministry's website www.mibema.go.ke.

The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

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ANNEXURE A

Competency	Criterion	Key aspects of criterion	Points
Experience	The bidder possesses experience in exploration, mine development, mining and related research	More than 10 years working experience	20
		5-10 years working experience	15
		3-5 years working experience	7
		Less than 3 years working experience	3
		No experience	0
References for previous work	Provide references of similar projects	More than 5 project references	10
		3-5 project references	7
		2 project references	5
		Less than 2 project references	3
		No references	0
Financial Capability	Proof of Financial Capability to undertake the Project	Audited Financial Statement for last 3 years	10
		Bank Reference confirming availability of funds	10
		Proof of recent transactions in relation to mineral and mineral products	5
Methodology	An overview of the proposed Granite Plant Operationalization Roadmap	Schedule of activities leading to the proposed mine operationalization	25
Qualifications	The Bidder is expected to have relevant qualifications in exploration, mine development, mining and related research	Relevant Qualifications	20
		Qualification not relevant	0