Decision no. 7 D/M
Issued in 15/06/2022

Extension of the Submission Deadline of Lebanon’s Second Offshore Licensing Round Applications

The Minister of Energy and Water,

Pursuant to the Law no. 132 dated 24/08/2010 (Offshore Petroleum Resources Law), particularly article 9 and article 18 paragraph 2,

Pursuant to the Law no. 84/2018 (Enhancing Transparency in the Petroleum Sector),

Pursuant to the Decree no. 42 dated 19/01/2017 (The division of maritime waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Lebanese State into areas in the form of blocks),
بناءً على المرسوم رقم 33 تاريخ 2017/1/19
(المرسوم دفتر الشروط الخاص بدورات التراخيص في المياه البحريَّة ونموذج اتفاقية الاستكشاف والإنتاج).

بناءً على المرسوم رقم 4918/2019 تاريخ 31/5/2019
(المرسوم المعدل بالمرسوم رقم 9095/2022 تاريخ 9/4/2022).

بناءً على المرسوم رقم 9095/2022 تاريخ 9/4/2022
(المرسوم المعدل بالمرسوم رقم 4918/2019 تاريخ 19/1/2017،)

بناءً على المادة 4.1 من دفتر الشروط لتأهيل الشركات ومنح اتفاقيات استكشاف وإنتاج الصادر بالمرسوم رقم 9095/2022 تاريخ 9/4/2022.
Production Agreements issued by the Decree no. 9095/2022 dated 29/4/2022,

Pursuant to the Council of Minister’s Decision no. 42 dated 4/4/2019 (Approval of Launching Lebanon’s Second Offshore Licensing Round),

Pursuant to the Minister of Energy and Water’s Decision no. 3 D/M dated 23/11/2021 (The completion of Lebanon’s Second Offshore Licensing Round and determination of some related procedures), particularly Article 1,

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Lebanese Petroleum Administration no.5/2022 in accordance with its letter no.397/h sent to the Minister of Energy and Water and dated 14/06/2022, registered at the Ministry of Energy.
and Water under no. 4324/M dated 15/06/2022.

Whereas the Deadline of Submission of Lebanon’s Second Offshore Licensing Round Applications terminates on 15/06/2022.

Whereas the Lebanese Petroleum Administration recommends to the Minister of Energy and Water not to close this Licensing Round and to extend the deadline for submitting the Applications to participate in it to December 15, 2022, justifying its recommendation,

Whereas it is necessary to allow additional companies not currently operating in the Lebanese Offshore to prepare their files and studies and participate in the Second Licensing Round, thus allowing an acceptable level of competition among the international oil and gas companies,

Decides the following:

[Signature]
Article 1: Extension of Submission

Deadline

1- The Deadline of Submission of Lebanon’s Second Offshore Licensing Round Applications is extended till 15th December 2022.

2- Companies interested in participating in the Second Licensing Round shall submit Licensing Round Applications to the Minister of Energy and Water and the Lebanese Petroleum Administration (LPA) as per the procedures defined in the Tender Protocol issued by Decree no. 9095/2022 dated 29/4/2022 issued in the Official Gazette (Issue no. 22 dated 19/5/2022) and on the LPA website (lpa.gov.lb), before 4 pm Beirut Time of Thursday 15 December 2022.

Article 2: Blocks open for bidding

Blocks 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 defined in Decree no. 42 dated 19/1/2017 (The division of maritime
waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Lebanese State into areas in the form of blocks) remain open for bidding to companies interested in participating in the Second Offshore Licensing Round as per the procedures stipulated in the Tender Protocol issued by Decree no. 9095/2022 dated 29/4/2022.

**Article 3:**
Some of the procedures related to the submission of Applications to participate in the Second Licensing Round, particularly the procedures for paying the Retrieval Fee will be determined by a decision that will be issued by the Minister of Energy and Water.

**Article 4:**
Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Decision no. 3 D/M issued in 23/11/2021 (The completion of Lebanon’s Second Offshore Licensing Round and determination of some related procedures) shall be cancelled.
Article 5: This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and on the Lebanese Petroleum Administration’s website, and shall be notified to the Council of Ministers in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 18 of the Law no. 132/2010.

The Minister of Energy and Water
Dr. Walid Fayad

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