

NOTICE ON THE RELINQUISHMENT OF THE PREVIOUSLY LICENSED PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND MINING
PUBLIC NOTICE ON THE REASSESSMENT OF THE PREVIOUSLY LICENSED
PETROLEUM EXPLORATION BLOCKS 1 AND 4

As the general public may be aware, the Government of the Republic of Malawi, in its efforts to develop the Oil and Gas Sector, established six (6) Oil and Gas Blocks across the country in accordance with the 2009 Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Regulations.

During the period between 2011 and 2013, the Malawi Government issued out Exclusive Prospecting Licenses (EPL) on all the six Blocks to four Oil and Gas exploration companies. Blocks 1 and 4 were granted to Eboa Company (formerly known as SocOil) and Pacific Oil Company Limited, respectively.

The two companies carried out exploration activities in their respective Blocks up to the year 2016. In line with the international best practices related to the petroleum sector, the first phase of exploration focuses on desk studies, airborne geophysical surveys, seismic surveys, data integration, geomapping and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA). The two companies managed to conduct some of the geoscientific work in the first phase.

In 2018 the two companies relinquished their respective Blocks following their failure to find partners with whom to share risks associated with exploration. However, both companies submitted their reports which clearly indicated the likelihood of finding commercially viable quantities of petroleum in Blocks 1 and 4.

This notice is published to inform the general public that Blocks 1 and 4 are now vacant. The two Blocks will therefore be advertised to enable prospective bidders to apply for the exploration licenses.

Meanwhile, the Government is inviting interested bidders to send their letters of Expression of Interest (EOI) for the two Blocks to the undersigned contact person. The EOI will only help Government to conduct a due diligence study on the interested bidder.

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