

REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, TRADE AND ENERGY

INVITATION TO BID IN THE ACQUISITION OF ORDINARY SHARES OF

ALBPETROL SH.A.

Open International Tender

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy (hereinafter referred to as "METE" or the "Ministry") invites interested parties to submit a bid for the purchase of 100% of the shares of Albpetrol, Sh.a. Patos (hereinafter referred to as "Albpetrol" or the "Company"). Albpetrol is the national oil & gas company of Albania, today 100% owned by the Government of Albania (hereinafter referred to as "the Government" or "the State"). The bidding is being undertaken pursuant to Law No. 10 490 dated 15.12.2011 "For definition of the form and the structure of the privatization formula of the company Albpetrol sh.a Patos", and pursuant to related legislation and Decisions of the Council of Ministers.

Instructions and related materials for the preparation of bids will be made available for purchase by interested parties at the procurement Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy at: Bulevardi Deshmoret e Kombit 1001 Tirana Albania for the cost of Euros 1000, but only after those parties have entered into a Confidentiality Agreement with the Ministry. Included in those materials will be a Bidder Information Memorandum which provides substantial information about the company and about this sale of shares, as well as information about relevant industry and market conditions in Albania. Thereafter, as part of the due diligence investigations of the proposed sale of shares, potential bidders will have access to (a) a data room in which one can inspect documents related to Albpetrol's operations and to this transaction, after entering and can be accessed by potential bidders only after such bidders enter into the Data Room Access Agreement (which will be provided with the Information Memorandum) and (b) a visit to the oil & gas production facilities, arranged for all bidders who purchase the bid materials. Access to the Data Room and Albpetrol's production facilities will be available only up to the deadline stated below for the submission of bids.

Interested parties and potential bidders can download from www.mete.gov.al the Law nr. 10 490 dated 15.12.2011 "On defining the form and structure of formula of privatization of the company Albpetrol sh.a. Patos".

Bids must be received at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy at: Bulevardi Deshmoret e Kombit 1001 Tirana Albania not later than 26/07/2012 at 12:00 (local time).