

Ref. No. JMH-20-023

Date: January 18, 2021

**SUB: Pre-qualification for Tender for the Provision of
the Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit in offshore Japan**

To Whom it May Concern,

We, Japan Methane Hydrate Operating Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "JMH"), expect to be the operator for the project of deep water drilling/logging for methane hydrate in offshore Japan (hereinafter referred to as the "Project" and the summary of the Project is as attached) to be led by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (hereinafter referred to as "METI") and JMH intends to hire the mobile offshore drilling unit for the purpose of execution of the Project subject to entering into the contract with METI.

JMH therefore hereby announces its intention to have a pre-qualification for the tender for the provision of the mobile offshore drilling unit (hereinafter referred to as "MODU"), offshore Japan, able to successfully execute the Project, and to perform drilling and other associated works for the Project.

To participate in this pre-qualification, the following documents and information shall be submitted;

- A letter declaring intention to participate in this pre-qualification
- Company Profile
- Profile for MODU which is suitable to drill wells in total depth approximately 500m around 1,500m water depth and to spud in between December 2021 and January 2022 in offshore Japan.

This profile shall include;

- 1) Specification of MODU
 - 2) Whole work experiences of the MODU
- Questionnaires as attached (to be filled up and submitted)

The abovementioned documents and information shall be submitted by courier, registered mail or E-mail to the address stated below by 15:00 on February 2, 2021 (Japan local time, GMT+8).

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JMH will evaluate the participant(s) of this pre-qualification based on the documents to be submitted by the participant(s) and JMH will nominate the tenderer(s) for the forthcoming tender for the provision

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of the MODU in offshore Japan at its sole discretion.

The Participant(s) of this pre-qualification should understand and agree that JMH is not bound to assign a reason for the rejection of any proposed MODU or the participant(s), nor does the JMH accept any responsibility for any loss or expense of the participant(s) incurred or suffered in connection with this pre-qualification.

All communications and correspondence with regard to clarification for this pre-qualification must be made by E-mail to the address of tender.admin@jmh.co.jp and such clarification shall be notified by 15:00 on January 22, 2021 (Japan local time, GMT+8).

Please be advised that the contents of this letter, any other documents and information referred to herein shall be used solely for the purpose of this pre-qualification.

[Attachments]

1. Summary of the Project (Summary of the Drilling Program)
2. Form of Questionnaires