



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

Ministry of Renewable Energy & Public Utilities

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTANCY SERVICES)
(authorized under section 24 (2) of the Public Procurement Act 2006)

**Transaction Advisory services – Design, Construction, Finance,
Operation and Maintenance of a
25-40 MW Wind Park at Bigara, Mauritius.**

Tender Reference No. MPURE/01/2008

Expression of Interest

The Government of Mauritius is considering the setting up of a 25-40 MW wind park at Bigara, Mauritius. The objective of the project is to optimise on the use of renewable energy and to further diversify the energy mix of the country.

The wind park project will be implemented on a Public-Private Partnership basis.

The Government of Mauritius, through the Ministry of Renewable Energy & Public Utilities, intends to procure the services of a Transaction Advisor, with proven experience, to assist it in the implementation of the project through the regulated phases of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project cycle for the procurement of a promoter who will be responsible for the design, construction, financing, operation and maintenance of the 25-40MW wind park at Bigara.

The Transaction Advisory services will be jointly-funded by the Government of Mauritius funds and the SADC Banking Association South Africa

The scope of services of the Transaction Advisor would comprise of:

- (i) carrying out of a preliminary study that would include a reassessment of the wind energy potential at the proposed site and the preparation of the topographical and geological surveys. The preliminary study would also address the challenges which could hinder implementation of a wind energy project at the proposed site;
- (ii) carrying out of a feasibility study as prescribed under Section 5 of the PPP Act 2004, and conducted in compliance with the PPP Guidance Manual (<http://mof.gov.mu/ppp>); and
- (iii) if on the basis of the feasibility study a PPP solution is retained and subject to

Government approval, the Transaction Advisor will be required to provide the necessary technical, legal and financial advisory support for the procurement of a private partner. The procurement role would be as prescribed in the PPP Act, 2004.

Selection of the Transaction Advisor will be made in accordance with the Public Procurement Act, 2006.

The Ministry of Renewable Energy & Public Utilities invites eligible and qualified Transaction Advisors having undertaken assignment(s) of similar nature and complexity, either solely or in joint venture, to express their interest in providing the above services.

Expressions of Interest shall be complete with duly filled-in application forms which may be collected at the Ministry of Renewable Energy & Public Utilities or downloaded from the Ministry's website <http://www.gov.mu/portal/site/mpusite>.

Expressions of Interest, together with the duly filled-in applications forms, (1 original and 3 copies) shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "*Expression of Interest - Transaction Advisory Services: Design, Construction, Finance, Operation and Maintenance of a 25-40 MW Wind Park at Bigara, Mauritius*" and shall be delivered to the following address:

**The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Renewable Energy & Public Utilities
10th Floor, Air Mauritius Building
John Kennedy Street
Port Louis
Mauritius**

as to be received by **Wednesday 22 October, 2008 up to 13.30 hours (local time) at latest**. Applications will be opened on the same day in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Renewable Energy & Public Utilities at 14.00hrs in the presence of representatives of applicants who choose to attend. Late applications will not be opened.

The Request for Proposal documents would be made available to a maximum of six shortlisted consultants in November 2008 and the Transaction Advisory services are expected to be completed within a period of 15 months from the date of the Letter of Award.

Interested and qualified consultants may obtain further information at the address given below:

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