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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
METOLONG PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION UNIT
[TO BE SUCCEEDED BY THE METOLONG AUTHORITY]
METOLONG DAM AND WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME (MDWSP)

SERVICES OF DISPUTE BOARD (DB)

The Government of Lesotho through its duly authorized representative the Metolong Programme Implementation Unit (MPIU) [to be succeeded by the Metolong Authority (MA)] is implementing the Metolong Dam and Water Supply Programme with the objective of construction of the Metolong Dam and associated infrastructure to supply potable water for domestic and industrial use to Maseru and the neighboring towns of Roma, Mazenod, Morija and Teyateyaneng.

The Programme has five main components (projects) namely, Advance Infrastructure, Metolong Dam and Associated Pumping Station, Water Treatment Works, Downstream Conveyance System and Environmental and Social Management Programme.

The Programme is financed by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), European Investment Bank (EIB), World Bank (WB), Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), Government of the Republic of South Africa (RSA) and own resources of the Government of Lesotho (GoL).

In order to proactively prevent and settle disputes once they occur, the works contracts to be entered with various contractors of the programme allow for the engagement of Dispute Boards (DBs) who will be appointed in agreement with the respective contractors. The Contracts are based on FIDIC Conditions of Contracts.

The following is a list of projects.

I/N	Name of Project	Expected number of contracts	Financier	Current status	Expected works contract award time
1	Advance Infrastructure	six small to medium size service and works contracts comprising of roads, civil and building works, telecommunications services and electrical works	RSA, GoL and EIB	Tendering	Starting from June 2010
2	Metolong Dam and Associated Pumping Station	single large works contract	KFAED, OFID, SFD and BADEA	Prequalification	December 2011
3	Downstream Conveyance System	three large works contracts	EIB and WB	Prequalification	Starting from November 2010
4	Environmental and Social Management Projects	four small to medium size works contracts	WB	Preparation	Starting from October 2010

The services include provision of opinion if at any time the Parties so agree and refer a matter to the DB and decide on Disputes that may arise between the parties and referred to the DB.

The services of DBs will be required until the end of the Metolong Dam and Water Supply Programme. Construction is planned to be completed by August 2013. The defect notification period is expected to end during around August 2015 for the electro-mechanical equipment installed in the project and a year earlier for the rest of the construction.

The Metolong Programme Implementation Unit (MPIU) [to be succeeded by the Metolong Authority] intends to establish a list of qualified potential Dispute Board members and now invites eligible qualified persons to indicate their interests in providing the services. The applicants shall:-

- (i) Be suitably qualified Civil Engineers who have been registered with a professional bodies for a period of longer than 10 years.
- (ii) Have involvement in construction projects exceeding USD40 million (involvement on similar water sector projects and regional and local experiences will be added advantages);
- (iii) Have previous experience as a member of a Dispute Board or as a Dispute Review Expert on a similar project; and

- (iv) Be a Member of a group of Adjudicators or arbitrators.

Qualified persons must provide their **detailed CVs** clearly demonstrating that they meet the above criteria. An applicant shall indicate for which project (projects) she/he is interested for.

Interested prospective applicants may obtain further information at the address immediately below, during office hours [*i.e. 0900hours to 1200hours and 1430hours to 1600 hours*] between Monday and Friday.

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An Expression of Interest must be submitted in one original and three copies in a sealed envelope to the address below, **before or on June 22, 2010 at 11.00 am local time** clearly marked "**Expression of Interest for Services of Dispute Board for the Metolong Dam and Water Supply Programme**".

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Electronic submissions (using a single pdf or other protected file) are also encouraged and should include as their message subject "**Expression of Interest for Services of Dispute Board for the Metolong Dam and Water Supply Programme**" and should be sent to malcolm.murray@metolong.org.ls with a copy to lebekoane.ntoi@metolong.org.ls before or on the deadline for submission.

Only shortlisted firms will be contacted.