REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES

**FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) AND LAND ACQUISITION AND RESETTLEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK (LARPF)**

**FOR**

**THE NIGERIA MOROCCO GAS PIPELINE (NMGP) PROJECT – MOROCCO ONSHORE PIPELINE SECTION (MAR1051)**

 **07 October 2021**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

***COUNTRY:***Morocco

***NAME OF PROJECT:***The Nigeria - Morocco Gas Pipeline Project (NMGP)

***SECTOR:*** *Oil and Gas (*Gas pipeline and associated infrastructure)

***CONSULTING SERVICES****:* Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Land Acquisition and Resettlement Policy Framework (LARPF) for the Onshore Morocco Section of the NMGP

***MODE OF FINANCING***: IJARA

***FINANCING NO***. MAR1051

The NMGP Project has receivedfinancing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) towards the funding of the Nigeria Morocco Gas Pipeline Project (NMGP) ESIA and LARPF and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting firms’ services.

The proposed pipeline starts at a compressor station at Brass Island in Nigeria from where it will go offshore to Morocco. The pipeline will then run onshore to northern Morocco, ultimately connecting to the Maghreb-Europe pipeline. The onshore section will be buried, and compressor stations (CS) will be constructed along the route. For the offshore section it is envisaged that the pipeline will be constructed in shallow water on the continental shelf with a requirement for intermittent onshore CS along the route. The proposed pipeline is anticipated to operate at a flow rate of 30 BSCM/year.

This package of work only relates to the **onshore Morocco section** of the pipeline. The services will include the completion of an ESIA, LARPF and environmental and social baseline surveys for the Morocco section of the NMGP. The expected duration of the ESIA and LARPF is between 12 and 14 months, with an expected start date of quarter 1 of 2022. The ESIA and LARPF should be completed in line with the host country legal and regulatory frameworks, International Finance Corporation Performance Standards on Environmental and Social Sustainability 2012 (IFC PS 2012), the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework, 2017 (including the associated environmental and social standards) relevant World Bank Group (WBG) Guidelines (general and sector specific) and IsDB requirements.

A detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment will be made available to all Consultants expressing interest as Annexure A to this invitation. . Annexure B attached for this assignment relates to a summary of the Qualification of the Environmental Assessment Specialist and should be completed and submitted together with the main EOI.

The ***ONHYM and NNPC***now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

* The shortlisting criteria are: experience in conducting ESIAs and developing LARPFs in Morocco and broader North and West African region; experience in the oil and gas pipeline sector; detailed knowledge of the environmental and social legal and regulatory framework of Morocco as well as extensive experience in application of the Equator Principles, IFC PS 2012 and other Good International Industry Practice for O&G sector; relevant capacity to conduct the ESIA and LARPF scope of work; onshore environmental and social surveys experience in support of ESIA and LARPF; knowledge in carrying out cumulative impact assessments and climate change assessments; ISO9000 series and ISO14000 series certifications.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested Consultants may obtain further information, e.g. the TOR (Annexure A,) electronic version of Annexure B at the address below during office hours *09:00 to 17:00 hours*] (GMT+1). These documents will be made available electronically via email.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to e-mail address below by the 29 of October 2021:

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