

Board Announces Result of Call for Bids.

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Halifax, NS - The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board today announced the successful results of the Call for Bids No. NS00-1 for new Exploration Licenses offshore Nova Scotia.

The Call for Bids was issued in June of 2000 on eight parcels of land. At that time, interested parties were invited to bid on the parcels and the public was invited to submit written comments to the Board. Bids were received on all eight parcels. The Board received no written public comments specific to the land parcels.

The Bids represent the amount of money the bidder intends to spend exploring the land parcels during the initial five year period of a nine year license. The minimum bid is \$1,000,000.

The federal and provincial governments have been notified of the bid results and the Board decision to issue Exploration Licenses is subject to joint ministerial veto. If there is no joint veto within 30 days and the bidder satisfies the security deposit requirements specified in the Call for Bids, the Board will issue Exploration Licenses for the land parcels.

The Board stresses, that prior to any petroleum-related activities, the operator must apply for and receive work authorization from the Board for each activity. Application for work authorization must include an environmental impact statement, a comprehensive scope of work, a safety plan, a benefits plan, an environmental protection plan and evidence of financial responsibility.

The following bids have been accepted:

Call for Bids NS00-1	Work Expenditures Bid (\$ Cdn)
Land Parcel No. 1 Kerr-McGee Offshore Canada Ltd. – 100%	\$27,203,000
Land Parcel No. 2 Kerr-McGee Offshore Canada Ltd. – 100%	\$20,639,000
Land Parcel No. 3 Richland Minerals, Inc. - 100%	\$2,110,000
Land Parcel No. 4 Canadian Superior Energy Inc. - 100%	\$5,125,800
Land Parcel No. 5 Canadian Superior Energy Inc. – 100%	\$22,575,000
Land Parcel No. 6 BP Canada Energy Company – 50% Anadarko Canada Corporation – 50%	\$97,776,000
Land Parcel No. 7 Kerr-McGee Offshore Canada Ltd. – 100%	\$13,120,000
Land Parcel No. 8 Richland Minerals, Inc. – 100%	\$ 3,210,000
Total Winning Bids	\$191,758,800

The Board has also decided not to proceed with Call for Bids NS00-2. This decision was made following a review of the parcels nominated by the petroleum industry prior to September 30, 2000. The next nomination closing date is March 31, 2001. Nominations received prior to that date will be considered for inclusion in Call for Bids NS01-1, which, if held, would be issued June 2001.

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	Water Depth	Approximate Acreage:
Parcel No. 1	500-3000 metres	306 800 hectares
Parcel No. 2	100-1700 metres	114 010 hectares
Parcel No. 3	less than 100 metres	25 935 hectares
Parcel No. 4	less than 100 metres	24 050 hectares
Parcel No. 5	less than 100 metres	20 776 hectares
Parcel No. 6	200-2500 metres	185 580 hectares
Parcel No. 7	1500-3000 metres	296 440 hectares
Parcel No. 8	2000-3500 metres	279 990 hectares
	Total Acreage	1 253 661 hectares