



Announcement

The Petroleum Contracts and Licensing Directorate of the Ministry of Oil is pleased to announce the outcome of the pre-qualification process of the International oil Companies " IOC" , which submitted their qualification documents within the period 9th January to 18th February 2008. The total number of the companies and consortia that participated in the process was (120) from various nationalities.

The data and information submitted by the "IOC's "covered five criteria, for each a range of minimum and maximum marks were set-out to achieve qualification, as follows:

<u>Criterion</u>	<u>Min(mark)</u>	<u>Max(mark)</u>
- Technical	7.0	22.5
- Financial	50%	100%
- Legal	4(yes)	4(yes)
- Training	4	10
-HSE	8	13

IOCs were considered "Qualified" by gaining the minimum level of marks above. Qualified IOCs can then participate in the coming Licensing Round for planned Oil and Gas Fields which will be announced in due time, when they will receive a Letter of Invitation from Petroleum Contracts and Licensing Directorate to this effect.

The attached list contains the Qualified IOCs (alphabetic). The Petroleum Contracts and Licensing Directorate will continue updating the process of qualifying companies - especially those that did not pass- by updating their information with the view to allowing as many as possible of the IOCs to participate in the next Licensing Rounds (following the First Round).

Qualified IOCs for the First Licensing Round (alphabetic)

No.	Name of Company	Nationality
1.	Anadarko Iraq Company	USA
2.	BG International	UK
3.	BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd.	Australia
4.	B.P	UK
5.	Chevron Iraq Ltd.	USA
6.	CNOOC China Ltd	China
7.	CNPC	China
8.	Conoco Phillips	USA
9.	Edison International SPA	Italy
10.	ENI	Italy
11.	Exxonmobil	USA
12.	Hess Corporation	USA
13.	Inpex Holding	Japan
14.	Japex	Japan
15.	JSC Gazprom Neft	Russia
16.	Kogas	Korea
17.	Lukoil	Russia
18.	Maersk	Denmark
19.	Marthon International Petroleum Limited	USA

No.	Name of Company	Nationality
20.	Mitsubishi Corporation	Japan
21.	Nexen Inc.	Canada
22.	Nippon oil	Japan
23.	Occidental Petroleum	USA
24.	ONGC	India
25.	Petronas	Malaysia
26.	Pertamina	Indonesia
27.	Premier	UK
28.	Repsol	Spain
29.	Shell Iraq	Netherlands
30.	Sinochem	China
31.	Sinopec Group	China
32.	Statoil Hydro	Norway
33.	Total	France
34.	Wintershall Basf Group	Germany
35.	Woodside	Australia

** Five companies: Anadarko, BG, Mitsubishi, Premier and Wintershall, dropped out after being initially prequalified, and one company, TPAO of Turkey was later added to the list.

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