## Prequalification

The Petroleum Contracts and Licensing Directorate of the Ministry of Oil announced the outcome of the pre-qualification process of the International oil Companies "IOC", which submitted their qualification documents within the period 9<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> 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. A range of minimum and maximum marks set-out for each to achieve qualification, as follows:

Criterion	Min(mark)	Max(mark)
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, allowing them to participate in the first licensing round. The IOCs which qualified for the first licensing round were:

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
20.	Mitsubishi Corporation	Japan
21.	Nexen Inc. (International oil & Gas 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.	Sinopic Group	China
32.	Statoil Hydro	Norway
33.	Total	France
34.	Wintershall Basf Group	Germany
35.	Woodside	Australia

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