

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC TENDER
COMPETITION FOR THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP
CROWN GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES**

MARCH 18, 2004

Pursuant to Section 5 of the *Geothermal Resources Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 171, (the "Act"), sealed bids addressed to the Minister of Energy and Mines, and mailed or delivered to the office of the Executive Director, Titles Division, 6th Floor 1810 Blanshard Street, PO Box 9326, Stn. Prov. Gov't, Victoria, B.C., V8W 9N3, must be received before 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Thursday, March 18th, 2004, for the privilege of obtaining Geothermal Resource Permits, as described below. Accepted bids will be announced no later than 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 19th, 2004.

Each bid must be submitted separately in a sealed envelope, with the parcel number clearly marked on the outside.

The Minister of Energy and Mines reserves the right to reject any or all bids received. ***Bids must be received by the Executive Director of Titles Division before 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on the disposition date. Late bids will not be accepted.***

In consideration of the Ministry of Energy and Mines receiving a bid, the bid is irrevocable from 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on the disposition date. A bid is accepted when the Minister of Energy and Mines releases the list of accepted offers for the relevant disposition.

The Minister of Energy and Mines reserves the right to rescind acceptance if an error has been made in the bid review process. If, in the period between the release of the list of accepted offers and execution of the Permit documents for a parcel, it is found that an error has been made in determining the highest bid offered for the parcel, the Minister of Energy and Mines will refuse all bids submitted for that parcel.

Acceptance of a bid by the Minister of Energy and Mines obliges the bidder to enter into a Permit, on standard terms specified by the Minister of Energy and Mines (*see appendix B*). Standard terms are available for review at the Titles Division office.

Bids must be in the form of a Single Bid, as described below and shown in the example in *appendix A*. Single Bid: Used to submit an offer to purchase a single Permit for a specified amount of money. Use of the sample form is not mandatory, but the bid letter submitted must contain the information listed below to be eligible for consideration.

Bid letters must include the following:

- A statement that the bidder has read and understands the terms and conditions for the disposition;
- Identifying parcel number shown in the disposition notice;
- Correct full name of the parties to which the Permit will be issued;
- Percentage interest of each of the parties, in decimals, to a maximum of eight places;
- The total amount tendered (including fee, rent and bonus);
- Address for correspondence relating to the bid letter (must be one of the parties to which the Permit will be issued); and
- The name and signature of the person submitting the bid.

Bid letters should also include instructions for the return of the remittances submitted with the bid(s). The remittances may be picked up in person or can be returned by mail. You may also request that remittances be destroyed.

Bids must include remittances in the form of company cheques, bank drafts, or money orders, made payable to the Minister of Finance, to cover the fee, rent and tender bonus for the parcels. Payment must be made in Canadian funds, drawn on a Canadian financial institution. If the remittance is insufficient to cover the total as shown in the bid letter, it will be first applied to the fee and rent and then to the tender bonus. The bid will not be accepted if the remittance is insufficient to cover the fee and rent.

If the remittance is greater than the total amount specified in the bid letter, the bid will not be adjusted and the excess will be refunded.

The comments included in the Notice of Public Tender are a condensed version of referral comments received from provincial resource management agencies, regional districts, municipalities, and First Nations. A complete version of any of the referral comments received from these groups is available by contacting Greg Wagner, A/Manager, Land Access, Titles Division, at (250) 952-0326 or fax (250) 952-0331.

In addition to any restrictions listed in this notice, successful bidders should be aware that they will be required to abide by various acts and regulations governing exploration and development whether or not specific restrictions are listed in this notice.

The Geothermal Act and Regulations and Permit Location Maps can be found on the Ministry Internet site: <http://www.empr.gov.bc.ca/TITLES/OGTITLES/GEOTHERMAL/Pages/default.aspx> , <http://www.empr.gov.bc.ca/Titles/OGTitles/SalesNotices/Pages/default.aspx>.

Or from the Titles Division at the address listed above.

The right to reject any or all bids received is reserved.

Inquiries regarding this disposition should be directed to:

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Executive Director
Titles Division
Ministry of Energy and Mines
6th Floor, 1810 Blanshard Street
PO Box 9326 Stn. Prov. Gov't
Victoria BC V8W 9N3
Telephone: (250) 952-0334

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia
This 24th day of February, 2004

Honourable Richard Neufeld
Minister of Energy and Mines

NTS				
PARCEL	MAP NO.	BLOCK	UNITS	HECTARES
55274	83-D-10	E	27, 36-38, 46-48	550

INC: GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

ALL ZONES

Parcel within an area identified by the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation as statement of intent; consultation may be requested by the First Nation.

Parcel is located within an area identified by the North Thompson Indian Band as an area of interest; consultation may be requested by the Band.

Parcel located within the Kinbasket Lake Reservoir (OIC), B.C. Hydro & Power Authority may require a permit and development plan for activities within the maximum reservoir flooding limit.

Access, exploration and wellsite construction restrictions may apply to protect:

- Riparian habitats

- Unstable soils and slope stability
- UREP Reserve (use, recreation and enjoyment of the public).
- Water Reserve

May be required to coordinate access with mineral tenure holders, timber tenure holders and other operators.

Measures must be taken to protect naturally occurring hot springs and pools.

FEE: \$500.00 RENT: (1st YEAR) \$550.00 Term: 1 Year

NTS				
PARCEL	MAP NO.	BLOCK	UNITS	HECTARES
55275	83-D-10	E	58-60, 69, 70, 79, 80	706
	83-D-11	H	61, 71	

INC: GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

ALL ZONES

Parcel within an area identified by the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation as statement of intent; consultation may be requested by the First Nation.

Parcel is located within an area identified by the North Thompson Indian Band as an area of interest; consultation may be requested by the Band.

Parcel located within the Kinbasket Lake Reservoir (OIC), B.C. Hydro & Power Authority may require a permit and development plan for activities within the maximum reservoir flooding limit.

Access, exploration and wellsite construction restrictions may apply to protect:

- Riparian habitats
- Unstable soils and slope stability
- UREP Reserve (use, recreation and enjoyment of the public).

May be required to coordinate access with mineral tenure holders, timber tenure holders and other operators.

FEE: \$500.00 RENT: (1st YEAR) \$706.00 Term: 1 Year

NTS				
PARCEL	MAP NO.	BLOCK	UNITS	HECTARES
55276	83-D-11	I	79, 80, 89, 90, 98-100	783
	83-D-11	J	71, 81, 91	

INC: GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

ALL ZONES

Parcel within an area identified by the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation as statement of intent; consultation may be requested by the First Nation.

Parcel is located within an area identified by the North Thompson Indian Band as an area of interest; consultation may be requested by the Band.

Parcel located within the Kinbasket Lake Reservoir (OIC), B.C. Hydro & Power Authority may require a permit and development plan for activities within the maximum reservoir flooding limit.

Access, exploration and wellsite construction restrictions may apply to protect:

- Riparian habitats
- Unstable soils and slope stability
- UREP Reserve (use, recreation and enjoyment of the public).

May be required to coordinate access with mineral tenure holders, timber tenure holders and other operators.

FEE: \$500.00 RENT: (1st YEAR) \$783.00 Term: 1 Year

NTS				
PARCEL	MAP NO.	BLOCK	UNITS	HECTARES
55277	92-J-11	E	52, 53, 63-65	820
			74-76, 85, 86	

INC: GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

ALL ZONES

Parcel is located within an area identified by the Mount Currie Band as traditional lands; consultation may be requested by the Band.

Access, exploration and wellsite construction restrictions may apply to protect:

- Riparian habitats.
- Goat winter range.
- Unstable soils and slope stability.
- Visual qualities and public access to Upper Lillooet Park
- UREP Reserve (use, recreation and enjoyment of the public).

A permit will be required for use of the forest service road, which may have seasonal access and usage conditions.

May be required to coordinate access with mineral tenure holders, timber tenure holders and other operators.

Measures must be taken to protect naturally occurring hot springs and pools.

FEE: \$500.00 RENT: (1st YEAR) \$820.00 Term: 1 Year

Appendix A

Single Bid

**Province of British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines
DISPOSITION OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE PERMIT**

I have read and understand the terms and conditions for the _____ (disposition date) disposition of Crown Geothermal Resources and have enclosed a company cheque, bank draft, or money order sufficient to cover the bid amount. (see note 1)

I submit the following bid:

Parcel Number _____
Bid Amount \$ _____

If this bid is accepted, issue the permit to: (see note 2):

_____	_____	%
_____	_____	%
_____	_____	%
_____	_____	%
_____	_____	%
_____	_____	%

Name and address for all correspondence relating to this bid: (see note 3)

If this bid is not accepted, the cheque, bank draft, or money order should be:
(see note 4)

- .. Returned by mail to: _____
- .. Held for pickup by: _____
- .. Destroyed

Signed by: _____ Date: _____
Print Name: _____ Phone: _____

NOTES:

1. The bid amount is the total of the bonus offered and the required fee and rent for the parcel. The amount will be allocated first to cover the fee and rent; the remainder will be allocated to the bonus.
2. a) Indicate complete name of corporation or person.
b) Where the permit is to be issued to more than one party, show the percentage of each interest in decimals to **amaximum** of eight places.
3. Must be one of the parties to which the permit will be issued.
4. Indicate whether the company cheque, bank draft, or money order for an unsuccessful bid will be picked up in person (please indicate the name of the person), or if it should be returned by mail. You may also request that a cheque be destroyed.

Appendix B

**Ministry of Energy and Mines
GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ACT
GEOTHERMAL PERMIT**

Date of issue: _____
No.: _____

Permit

Reference: _____

Map

Permittee: _____

The permitter does hereby grant unto the permittee, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the *Geothermal Resources Act* and the regulations, the exclusive right to apply for well authorizations for wells to be drilled in the location herein described, and the permittee does hereby covenant and agree at all times to perform, observe, and comply with the provisions of the said Act, and amendments made thereto from time to time enacted, and the provisions of any regulations which may from time to time be made under the authority thereof, and all such provisions as are from time to time enacted or made shall be deemed to be incorporated into these presents and shall bind the permittee in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same, as they are enacted, made, or amended, were set out herein as covenants of the part of the permittee.

The permittee shall keep the permitter indemnified against all actions, claims, and demands that may be brought or made against the permitter by reason of anything done by the permittee, his servants, workmen, or agents, in the exercise or purported exercise of the rights, powers, and privileges hereby granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the permitter and permittee have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

(MINISTRY USE ONLY)

Witness

Mines

Minister of Energy and