



## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

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### **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of a Small Hydro Power Project in Tanzania**

#### **1. General Information**

Virunga Power is a private investment firm with a focus on developing profitable and sustainable power generation and distribution systems on a community scale in rural areas of sub-Saharan Africa. In Tanzania, Virunga Power and its partners, through their subsidiary Lilondi Hydropower Limited “Lilondi”, are developing a small hydropower project in the South-Western district of Songea, Ruvuma region, Tanzania. The run-of-river project which shall be connected to the national grid as well as serve a mini grid has a potential capacity of 2.5MW as estimated from a feasibility study conducted in 2013.

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the project was conducted in 2014. However, some elements of the study were not comprehensive enough and may not have conformed to the International Finance Corporation (IFC) performance standards on Social and Environmental sustainability, which includes performance standards on assessment and management of environmental and social risks and impacts, community health, safety and security, cultural heritage, indigenous people among others. Further, the current EIA license has since expired. As such, as the project approaches construction, a review of the current ESIA and renewal of the EIA license is required.

Lilondi now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing consulting services for conducting the ESIA.

#### **2. The Assignment**

The consulting services (“the Services”) include carrying out an **update to the ESIA** study for the proposed Lilondi small hydropower project, Access Roads and associated 33kV transmission/distribution Network including all associated potential gender related issues, while adhering to the Tanzanian environmental legislation and EIA procedures, the IFC performance standards and World Bank’s Environmental, Health and Safety guidelines. Specific tasks that will be performed and completed over a contract period of approximately 3 months will include:

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- (a) Review the existing ESIA report and assess environmental and social impacts and risks associated with the pre-construction, construction and post-construction phases of the project;
- (b) Review the existing Environmental and Social Mitigation/management Plan (ESMP) that intends to prevent and/or reduce the effect of identified negative impacts in each project phase alongside an environmental monitoring plan that defines the monitoring requirements.
- (c) Provide a supplemental report to the existing ESIA and ESMP in order for them to comply with the IFC Performance Standards, and
- (d) Prepare required documentation and submit application for renewal of EIA license to the National Environmental Management Council

The intention of this invitation is to prepare a short-list of suitable contracting firms. Thereafter the pre-qualified contractors will be invited to submit bids for the assignment.

### **3. Requirements**

Lilondi now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The selection criteria are:

- (a) The Consultant must have at least 10 years demonstrable experience in ESIA and RAP preparation for Small Hydro Power Plants and Electricity Transmission and Distribution lines.
- (b) Must have executed at least one similar project that included the construction of a small hydro plant powering a mini grid in Sub Saharan Africa within the last 5 years. Working experience in Tanzania will be an added advantage.
- (c) The Consultant’s team shall include professionals with demonstrable skills, relevant technical qualifications and relevant experiences of at least 10 years undertaking similar work.
- (d) The selected team shall have working knowledge of the International Finance Corporation’s (IFC) performance standards on Social and Environmental sustainability and have solid experiences of organizing public consultations and managing stakeholder relations and sensitivities.
- (e) Strong preference will be given to firms: (i) that are familiar with national E&S laws and the regulatory context and requirements of Tanzania; and (ii) with experiences in



planning, developing, and managing ESIA processes conforming to IFC performance standards on Social and Environmental sustainability for small hydropower projects.

**4. Timelines**

The estimated duration of services is 3 months and the estimated starting date is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

**5. Clarifications**

Interested consultants may obtain further information through the email address listed below.

**6. Submission of Expression of interest**

Expressions of interest must be received via email no later than **25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 5:00 PM East African Time**. Lilondi will not reimburse any cost or expenses incurred in preparation or delivery of EOI or visits to any office or site. Lilondi reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without the obligation to assign any reason for the decision.

All EOIs should be sent electronically through the address listed below;

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