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**EIB - Preparatory studies for the environmental and social impact assessment
and resettlement action plan for the Mount Coffee hydropower plant (BJ-Cotonou)**

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EIB - Pre-investment studies for the Mount Coffee Hydropower Project

**Preparatory studies for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement
Action Plan for the Mount Coffee Hydropower Plant**

International Call for Expression of Interest

**PRE-INVESTMENT STUDIES FOR THE MOUNT COFFEE HYDROPOWER PROJECT
(LIBERIA)**

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West African Power Pool

The West African Power Pool (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has received approval for financing from the European Union (EU) - Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund, for which the European Investment Bank (EIB) shall act as Agent, towards the cost of the Mount Coffee Hydropower Project. This International Call for Expressions of Interest relates to the contract for Consultancy Services for Preparatory studies for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Action Plan for the Mount Coffee Hydropower Plant

For the purpose of this Call For Expressions of Interest, EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund means the financial instrument established jointly by the Commission, the EIB and other EU Donors in support of the EU-Africa Infrastructure Partnership, one of the pillars of the new EU Strategy for Africa adopted by the European Council in December 2005 with a view to facilitate interconnectivity at continental level for the promotion of regional integration.

This Contract will include:

- Study of Existing Environment,
- Identification & Assessment of Potential Environmental Impacts,
- Identification of Mitigation Measures,
- Conduct Public Consultations,
- Preparation of Environmental & Social Management Plan (ESMP),
- Preparation of Illustrative Materials,
- Design Training program & organize training workshops,
- Training by transfer of technological know-how through training of counterpart staff.

The Contract will also include:

- Preparation of a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP),
- Conduct Public Consultations.

This contract is expected to be implemented from November 2010 to December 2011.

The budget for the provision of consultancy services is provisionally set at the equivalent of 30.5 staff months. Consulting firms are invited to respond to the Call for Expression of Interest (EOI).

Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc). The submissions by the candidates shall also contain in a separate section, a list of non-performing contracts by the Consultant. The Client considers this vital and shall take into consideration in selecting the Consultant to implement the assignment. Non-performance, for instance, is when consultancy contracts with ECOWAS Commission and/or the involved WAPP Member Utility are more than one year behind contractual timelines.

On the basis of the applications received, a short-list of candidates will be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract. The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates: i) economic and financial standing of candidate, ii) a demonstrated track record in the carrying out of similar studies, iii) the ability to provide experienced and well-qualified staff for this assignment in the relevant professional disciplines iv) Performance in implementing contracts in the electricity sub-sector of ECOWAS and Liberia. In case of applications by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole.

Interested Consultants should note that a separate Call for EOI for carrying out Preparatory studies for Engineering and Preparation of Tender documents for the Mount Coffee Hydropower Plant has also been published. Consultants can respond to either Call for EOI, but not both.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the European Investment Bank's Guide to Procurement (restricted procedure) February 2004 Edition, following a request for proposals to be issued to a short-list of qualified candidates.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information from:

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All Expressions of Interest must be delivered in closed envelopes bearing the mention "Expression of Interest for Preparatory studies for the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Action Plan for the Mount Coffee Hydropower Plant"

not later than 12 noon local time Benin, July 19th, 2010 at the following address:

West African Power Pool Secretariat, Zones des Ambassades, PK-6, 06 BP 2907, Cotonou, Republic of Benin.

A copy of each Expression of Interest must also be sent to the following address:

Mr Stefan Kerpen, European Investment Bank, OpsB/DEAS/Technical Assistance Unit, 100 boulevard Konrad Adenauer, L-2950 Luxembourg