

## Terms and Conditions for North/West & East Europe Annual 2016-17 Auction for Subletting and Swap Products starting on 01/10/2016.

### Preamble:

- Eni S.p.A. ("Eni"), as shipper, within its transportation capacity contracted for its commercial needs respectively on the TRANSITGAS, TENP and GRTgaz Pipeline Systems (hereinafter collectively the "**NW Pipeline System**") and on the TAG Pipeline System (hereinafter the "**East Pipeline System**") intends to make available transportation capacity ("**Available Capacity**") starting from 01/10/2016, 06:00 a.m. and up to 01/10/2017, 06:00 a.m. ("**Offering Period**").
- On 26/02/2016 Eni, in order to inform all the interested operators, has published on its web site ([www.eni.com](http://www.eni.com) Top News section) all the relevant information regarding the North/West & East Europe Annual 2016-17 Auction (for Subletting and Swap Products) and in the Bulletin Board on the FluxSwiss web site ([www.fluxswiss.com](http://www.fluxswiss.com) - Bulletin Board) and on the Fluxys TENP web site ([www.fluxys.com/tenp/en](http://www.fluxys.com/tenp/en)) the relevant link to Eni web page.
- The **Available Capacity** will be allocated to Bidder(s) through a non-discriminatory and transparent single-round auction according to the "System Marginal Price" rule ("**NW&E-E Auction Annual 2016-17 (for Subletting and Swap Products)**" or "**Auction**").

Now therefore, the following Auction Procedure shall apply:

### 1. Definitions

As used in this Auction Procedure:

- 1.1. "**Bid Price**" has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 9.2.1.
- 1.2. "**Confidential Information**" means any and all data, reports, records, correspondence, notes and other information disclosed directly or indirectly between Eni, and/or or companies belonging to its corporate group, and each Applicant, and/or companies belonging to its corporate group, if any, regardless of the manner in which they are provided.
- 1.3. "**Group**" means with respect to any company, any other entity that, directly or indirectly, (a) owns or controls the company, (b) is owned or controlled by the company or (c) is under common ownership or control with the company, where "own" means ownership of more than fifty percent (50%) of the equity interests, shares, quotas or rights of distributions on account of equity of the company and "control" means the direct or indirect power to

direct the management or policies of the company, whether through the ownership of voting securities or by contract.

- 1.4. **"Logistic Swap Product"** has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 2.4.
- 1.5. **"Primary Bank"** means a bank with rating Standard and Poor's Corporation not under "BBB-" or Moody's Investors Service Inc. not under "Baa3" or Fitch Ratings, Inc./Ltd. not under "BBB-".
- 1.6. **"Product"** has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 2.1.
- 1.7. **"Reserve Price"** has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 3.5.
- 1.8. **"Section"** means, for each Product, each of the routes described in the table at Article 3 below.
- 1.9. **"Subletting Product"** has the meaning ascribed to it in Article 2.3.

For the avoidance of doubt, comma is used as separator of decimal places of the figures of this document.

## 2. Products details

- 2.1. The Available Capacity on one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System will be offered on different routes through two different products (the Subletting and the Logistic Swap products), while the Available Capacity on the East Pipeline System will be offered through a Subletting product (individually each product the **"Product"**, or collectively the **"Products"**). The Available Capacity shall be allocated only among the interested operator(s) that have completed the registration process as set forth in Article 4 (**"Bidder(s)"**), by means of an auction in accordance with the terms and conditions herein set forth (**"Auction Procedure"**).
- 2.2. The Products are offered, for the Offering Period, on the basis of an agreement for the subletting of natural gas transmission capacity (hereinafter referred to as **"Subletting Agreement"**) and an agreement for logistic swap of natural gas (hereinafter referred to as **"Logistic Swap Agreement"**); Subletting Agreement and Logistic Swap Agreement are hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as **"Agreement(s)"**.
- 2.3. The Subletting Product on the routes of one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System will allow the Winning Bidder to be redelivered at Passo Gries interconnection point the same amount of energy (on a GCV basis) that has been made available at the relevant intake point (depending on the Section), as set forth in the Subletting Agreement published as Annex 3A.

The Subletting Product on the East Pipeline System will allow the Winning Bidder to be redelivered at Tarvisio interconnection point (and/or at the virtual trading point of the Austrian Eastern market area) the same amount of energy (on a GCV basis) that has been made available at Baumgarten

intake point (and/or at the virtual trading point of the Austrian Eastern market area), as set forth in the Subletting Agreement published as Annex 3B.

As provided for in Section 90 of the Austrian Natural Gas Act (Gaswirtschaftsgesetz 2011 - GWG 2011), in order to use the Subletting Product on the East Pipeline System, the Winning Bidder is obliged either to join a balance group or to form its own balance group.

- 2.4. The Logistic Swap Product (on the routes of one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System) will allow the Winning Bidder to be redelivered at Punto di Scambio Virtuale (PSV) the same amount of energy delivered and made available to Eni at the relevant European Hub (depending on the Section). In addition the Winning Bidder shall choose between monthly and daily balanced swap schemes as set forth in the Logistic Swap Agreement - Scheme 1 (monthly balanced) published as Annex 2A and the Logistic Swap Agreement - Scheme 2 (daily balanced) published as Annex 2B. The Winning Bidder is allowed to select only one swap scheme for each Section for which it has been assigned Lots and such choice shall be communicated by the Winning Bidder according to Article 9.5. In case the Winning Bidder will not communicate the chosen swap scheme by the time limit set in Article 9.5 (or it will communicate two swap schemes for the same Section), the Logistic Swap Scheme 1 (monthly balanced) is adopted to finalize the Logistic Swap Agreement that shall be construed accordingly.

### **3. Auction details**

- 3.1. For each Product a separate allocation process shall be carried out. At first the allocation process for the Swap Logistic Products (on the routes of one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System) shall be carried out. If some lots will not be allocated within the Swap Logistic Product allocation process, such lots will be offered in the allocation process for Subletting Products (on the corresponding routes of one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System).
- 3.2. For the Subletting Products (both on the routes of one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System and on the East Pipeline System) each lot shall consist of a quantity of 5.400 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h for each Section. For the Swap Logistic Products (on the routes of one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System) each lot shall consist of a quantity of 60 MWh(25°)/h for each Section.
- 3.3. Without prejudice to possible further lots offered in accordance with Article 3.1 on the routes of one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System, the Available Capacity is offered in:

- i. 12 (twelve) lots for Swap Logistic Products on the routes of one or of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System, and
- ii. 47 (forty seven) lots for Subletting Products (both on the routes of one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System and on the East Pipeline System) as detailed here below:

Sections	Swap Logistic Product		
	Route	Involved Pipeline System and corresponding Section of the Subletting Product	N. of Lots
Section 1	NCG VTP H-Gas - PSV	NW Pipeline System - Section 1	6
Section 2	TTF - PSV	NW Pipeline System - Section 2	1
Section 3	PEG Nord H - PSV	NW Pipeline System - Section 3	5

Sections	Subletting Product		
	Route	Involved Pipeline System & Subletting Agreement	N. of Lots
Section 1	Wallbach - Passo Gries	NW Pipeline System	12
Section 2	Bocholtz - Passo Gries	NW Pipeline System	3
Section 3	Oltingue - Passo Gries	NW Pipeline System	10
Section 4	Blaregnies - Passo Gries	NW Pipeline System	3
Section 5	Baumgarten - Tarvisio	East Pipeline System	19

- 3.4. Each Bidder is entitled to bid, for each Section and allocation process for a maximum number of lots as detailed here below:

Section	Swap Logistic Product	Subletting Auction Product
Section 1	3	6
Section 2	1	2
Section 3	3	5
Section 4	N/A	2
Section 5	N/A	10

If at least one of these cases occurs:

- the number of Bidders that correctly completed the registration (as per in Article 4.2) does not allow the possible allocation of all the Lots as per Article 3.3, or
- there is a significant increase of Lots made available as Subletting Products due to the non-allocation within the Swap Logistic Product allocation process (as per Article 3.1)

Eni will increase accordingly the maximum number of lots that each Bidder is entitled to bid for, thereof informing the Bidders before the beginning of the relevant Auction.

3.5. The Reserve Price per Section and per Product shall be:

Sections	Swap Logistic Product (€/MWh(25°)/h/Month)
Section 1	1.413,17
Section 2	1.692,78
Section 3	2.169,49

Sections	Subletting Product (€/Ncm/h/Month)
Section 1	8,16
Section 2	10,72
Section 3	9,01
Section 4	20,49
Section 5	6,63

#### 4. Registration

- 4.1. In order to participate in the Auction interested operator(s) ("Applicant(s)") shall submit their requests to Eni by **11/03/2016, 4:00 p.m.** at the latest, pursuant to the hereinafter specified conditions for online registration (the "Online Registration").
- 4.2. The Online Registration will be performed in 2 steps (for more details please refer to the Bidder Manual published as Annex 6):

- each Applicant has to complete and send to Eni the first part of the Online Registration via web-interface;
- after having sent the first part of the Online Registration, Applicant(s) will automatically be sent an e-mail containing the link to the second step of the Online Registration where Applicant(s) will find the requested information necessary to complete the Online Registration.

For avoidance of any doubt it is understood that the Online Registration shall be considered completed only if both steps have been successfully concluded by 11/03/2016, 4:00 p.m. at the latest, as foreseen in Article 4.1 above. All necessary verifications shall be performed by Eni thereafter.

- 4.3. After the Online Registration has been completed, Eni will send an e-mail to the Applicant containing the information necessary to participate to the Auction and the form reporting the information of the Applicant ("Application Form").
- 4.4. The Application Form shall contain the information as per Article 4.3 above and the Applicant's declaration that: i) the persons indicated in the Online Registration are duly authorized to act in the name and on behalf of the Applicant, ii) the Applicant accepts that the submission of bids and of any acts, communications or declarations made by such persons are made on behalf and for the account of the Applicant and iii) the Applicant has read and accepted Articles 13 and 14 below.
- 4.5. The Application Form must be authenticated by a notary or by any other public authority, to certify the identity of the signing person and the date of signature, in order to avoid being considered of no legal effect, causing the exclusion of the Applicant from the Auction Procedure.

## 5. Bid Bond

- 5.1. In order to participate to this Auction, Applicant(s) have to submit to Eni, as per Article 7, one valid and correctly filled in bid bond issued by an internationally Primary Bank (the "**Bid Bond**") for an amount equal to Euro 250.000,00 (two hundred fifty-thousand/00).
- 5.2. The Bid Bond must be in original and in the form published as Annex 4, with place, date and bank signature in both two places indicated in Annex 4 for (i) the undertaking to pay and (ii) the express acceptance of clauses 1 and 3 thereof, in order to avoid being considered void, causing the exclusion of the Applicant from the participation to the Auction Procedure.
- 5.3. The Bid Bond is provided to ensure that Applicant(s) who are assigned one or more Lot(s) ("Winning Bidder(s)") will enter into one or more Agreement(s) with Eni and will submit the bank guarantee(s) therein requested (the "**Bank**

**Guarantee**). As soon as the Bank Guarantee(s) is/are received by Eni, the Bid Bond will be returned to the Winning Bidder.

- 5.4. Should a Winning Bidder fail either to enter into one or more of the needed Agreement(s) or to submit the relevant Bank Guarantee(s), Eni will enforce the Bid Bond. If the Bidder is not awarded any Lot, the Bid Bond will be returned to the Bidder after the Auction Procedure has been concluded.
- 5.5. The Bid Bond shall remain in effect until 04/07/2016 and, after this date, will be in any case null and void.

## 6. Declaration

- 6.1. In order to participate to this Auction, Applicants have to submit to Eni, as per Article 7, a duly signed declaration in the form published as Annex 5 (the "**Declaration**") whereby the Applicant declares, represents and warrants to Eni the following (signature of the Declaration in both two places indicated in Annex 5 is required):
  - a. that the Applicant is an entity duly organised, validly existing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and in good financial standing, able to pay its debts, not insolvent, not subject to any winding-up procedure and not subject to the appointment of a receiver or administrator;
  - b. that to the best of its knowledge no other company of the same Group has applied for registration and will submit a bid in the Auction;
  - c. that as of the 18/03/2016 the Applicant does not have any pending debt toward Eni S.p.A. for amounts over Euro 250.000,00 (two hundred fifty thousand) resulting unpaid upon expiry of 30 days after the due contractual date;
  - d. to have knowledge of the Auction Procedure, the Subletting Agreement, the Logistic Swap Agreement and the other documentation related to the Auction published on Eni web site and/or sent to the Applicant via e-mail in accordance with Article 4.3 of the Auction Procedure and, by submitting the Declaration, to fully accept and approve them, along with all conditions therein;
  - e. that the participation in the Auction does not violate any provisions of the Applicant's constitutional documents and will be carried out in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations;
  - f. that the Applicant will adhere to the confidentiality requirements according to Article 19 of the Auction Procedure;
  - g. that it will not collude and has not colluded with other applicants in the Auction (including but not limited to the coordination of bidding behaviour and strategies);

- h. that it acknowledges and accepts that an Application Form, or a Bid Bond or a Declaration not conform to the requirements of the Auction Procedure, or a false Declaration hereunder will cause the exclusion of the Applicant from the participation to the Auction;
- i. that it acknowledges and accepts that the Auction Procedure and documentation is governed by Italian law and that all disputes shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Milan;
- j. whether the Applicant is or not a Public Authority;
- k. the contact and payment details the Applicant authorizes to be inserted as company's name and address of the relevant Agreement(s) and as Annex C of the Subletting Agreement(s) related to the routes on one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System and/or as Annex A of the Subletting Agreement related to the East Pipeline System and/or Annex E of the Logistic Swap Agreement(s), should the Applicant be a Winning Bidder;
- l. to expressly fully accept and approve the provisions set in Articles 2.4 and 9.5 of the Auction Procedure and that in case the Applicant (as Winning Bidder) fails to communicate on time the selected swap scheme according to Article 9.5 of the Auction Procedure (or it communicates two swap schemes for the same Section), the Applicant acknowledges and accepts that the Logistic Swap Scheme 1 (monthly balanced) is adopted to finalize the Logistic Swap Agreement(s), that shall be construed accordingly.

## 7. Submission of the Documentation

7.1. The hardcopies of the Application Form, the Bid Bond and the Declaration (together the "Documentation") in accordance with Articles 4, 5 and 6 shall be delivered by courier to Eni in an envelope clearly indicating the name and address of the Applicant ("Request").

7.2. The envelope shall be marked as follows:

***Documentation for NW&E-E Auction Annual 2016-17 (for Subletting and Swap Products)***

and shall be addressed as follows:

***Eni S.p.A.  
Piazza Ezio Vanoni 1  
20097 San Donato Milanese, Italia  
Att.: Mr. Lorenzo Dondi  
Unit GAS-POR/LOG***

7.3. The Request shall be received by Eni by **18/03/2016 4:00 p.m.** at the latest. Furthermore, within the same deadline the Applicant is requested to send by e-mail to [supply.services@eni.com](mailto:supply.services@eni.com), a copyable electronic version



of Annex 1 of the Declaration. Only after receipt of the Request Eni will send an acceptance notice ("Acceptance Notice") by e-mail to the Applicant. The Acceptance Notice shall contain the details of the Auction, including the login information.

- 7.4. In case the Request is not received by Eni within the time limit set forth in Article 7.3 and/or the Documentation is not correctly filled in, Eni shall inform the Applicant by e-mail about its exclusion from the participation to the Auction Procedure.

## 8. Bids as Binding Offers

- 8.1. Each Bidder acknowledges and agrees that each bid submitted to Eni shall constitute a binding offer to enter into one or more Agreement(s) with Eni by **13/04/2016**, according to the terms and conditions laid down herein and in the Agreement(s).
- 8.2. For each Section and for each Product, the Winning Bidders shall enter into an Agreement.
- The bid(s) submitted to Eni shall be deemed to constitute an undertaking to provide the Bank Guarantee, as set forth in the relevant Agreement, and to pay the Final Price for the relative Section.
- 8.3. The terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement(s) are not negotiable and therefore have to be accepted by any Bidder.

## 9. Auction Procedure

- 9.1. Eni will perform the Auction by a web-tool via the internet starting on **24/03/2016, 10:00 a.m.** according to the "System Marginal Price" rule. Only those Applicants who have received the Acceptance Notice as per Article 7.3 above ("**Bidder(s)**") are entitled to participate to the Auction.
- 9.2. The following shall be considered a short overview - for reference only - of an auction based on the "System Marginal Price" rule. A detailed description of how to manage - inter-alia - log in, creation of bid, submit of bid in the web-tool is in the "Bidder Manual" published as Annex 6.

The Auction according to the "System Marginal Price" rule is carried out in one single round and takes place as follows:

### 9.2.1 Bidding Window

Eni will simultaneously invite all Bidders via e-mail to take part to the **Auction** submitting the bid(s) within a period of time starting from **24/03/2016 at 10:00 a.m.** to **24/03/2016 at 11:30 a.m.** for the **Swap Logistic Product** and from **24/03/2016 at 15:00 p.m.** to **24/03/2016 at**

**16:30 p.m.** for the **Subletting Product** (both referred to as **"Bidding Window"**).

For each Section the Bidder is asked to insert:

- the number of Lot(s) it wishes to bid for;
- the binding premium ("**Bid Price**") over the Reserve Price, expressed in €/Ncm/h/Month for the Subletting Product and in €/MWh(25°)/h/Month for the Swap Logistic Product, it is available to pay for said Lot(s), with two (2) decimal places with comma as separator.

The total number of bidded Lot(s) and of different bid fees for each Section shall respect the corresponding limits set forth in Article 3.4.

Based on the validly received bid(s) Eni will allocate, for each Section, the Lot(s) according to the Bid Prices offered by the Bidders, starting from the highest Bid Price until all the available Lot(s) have been allocated.

In case of two or more bids with the same Bid Price made for the last available Lot(s) in the same Section, the following rules shall be applied:

- a) firstly, the rule "first-come-first-served" shall be applied taking into account the time when the bid has been submitted (timestamp logged automatically by the Auction web application). This means that the bid with the earliest timestamp shall have priority;
- b) secondly, if the time of submission is the same, the remaining Lot(s) will be split among the Applicants offering the same Bid Price, on a pro rata basis upon the total number of Lots with same Bid Price and time of submission.

#### 9.2.2 The Final Price

In application of the "System Marginal Price" rule, each Winning Bidder shall pay, for all assigned Lot of each Section, the sum of the Bid Price of the last allocated Lot ("**Marginal Bid Price**") and of the relevant Reserve Price ("**Final Price**"). For the avoidance of doubt:

$$\text{Final Price} = \text{Marginal Bid Price} + \text{Reserve Price}$$

where:

- Marginal Bid Price is the Bid Price expressed: i) in €/Ncm/h/Month offered for the last allocated Lot of the Subletting Product and ii) in €/MWh(25°)/h/Month offered for the last allocated Lot of the Swap Logistic Product;
- Reserve Price is the price expressed in €/Ncm/h/Month for the Subletting Product and in €/MWh(25°)/h/Month for the Swap Logistic Product for the relevant Section and the relevant Product as stated in Article 3.5 above.

- 9.3. Basic Auction rules:
- a) Bidder(s) submitting a bid for 0 (zero) lots or not submitting any bid will be excluded from the Auction.
  - b) Bidder(s) are only allowed to use the web-tool to submit their bids. Bids submitted by different means (i.e. fax or phone) will not be accepted and will lead to a disqualification of the relevant Bidder.
  - c) Bidders are not allowed to modify their bid(s) by the web-tool.
- 9.4. After the conclusion of the Auction, Eni shall notify each Winning Bidder via registered letter anticipated by e-mail about the number of assigned Lot(s) and about the relevant Final Price at which such Lot(s) have been assigned.
- 9.5. Winning Bidders shall be requested to communicate, by at the latest four (4) full hours from the first full hour after the time of notification by e-mail by Eni, their choice between, (i) the Logistic Swap Scheme 1 (monthly balanced) as per Annex 2A and (ii) the Logistic Swap Scheme 2 (daily balanced) as per Annex 2B in order to allow Eni to finalise the relevant Logistic Swap Agreement(s). In case the Winning Bidder fails to communicate the swap scheme by the time limit set herein (or it communicates two swap schemes for the same Section), the Logistic Swap Scheme 1 (monthly balanced) is adopted to finalize the Logistic Swap Agreement(s) that shall be construed accordingly.
- 9.6. Winning Bidder(s) shall enter into the relevant Agreement(s) with Eni by **13/04/2016**, at the latest.
- The Lot(s) previously assigned to a Winning Bidder shall be deemed not to have been allocated in case such Winning Bidder fails to:
- a. enter into the relevant Agreement(s) or
  - b. submit the Bank Guarantee of the relevant Agreement as per Article 10.
- 9.7. It is understood that in such case, Eni reserves the right not to re-allocate the non-allocated Lot(s).

## 10. Bank Guarantee

- 10.1. The Bank Guarantee is intended to guarantee the event whereby a Winning Bidder enters into an Agreement with Eni but fails to pay the Monthly Fee or the Fixed Amount or to fulfil any of its payment obligations under said Agreement, as applicable.
- 10.2. The Bank Guarantee form has to be filled in correctly, in accordance with "Annex F" of the Subletting Agreement related to the routes on one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System or "Annex B" of the Subletting Agreement related to the East Pipeline System or "Annex D" of the

Logistic Swap Agreement, as applicable, and shall be provided to Eni within **04/05/2016**.

- 10.3. In case a Winning Bidder enters into an Agreement but does not provide the relevant Bank Guarantee, Article 16.2 of the Subletting Agreement related to the routes on one or more of the pipeline systems of the NW Pipeline System, Article 15.2 of the Subletting Agreement related to the East Pipeline System and Article 6.2 of the Logistic Swap Agreement, as relevant, shall apply.

## **11. Monthly Fee or Fixed Amount**

- 11.1. In accordance with Article 9, the fee to be paid each month for the service pursuant to the relevant Subletting Agreement shall be equal to the relevant Final Price multiplied by 5.400 Ncm/h times the number of assigned Lot(s).

In accordance with Article 9, the fixed amount to be paid each month for the relevant Logistic Swap Agreement shall be equal to the relevant Final Price multiplied by 60 MWh(25°)/h times the number of assigned Lot(s).

- 11.2. Upon entering into an Agreement, Winning Bidders shall pay, every month the Monthly Fee or the Fixed Amount, as relevant and applicable, as specified here above.

## **12. Exclusion of Applicants**

- 12.1. Without prejudice to the above, Eni reserves the right to exclude all applications submitted by an Applicant in case the submitted Declaration is proved to be false.
- 12.2. Eni reserves the right to ask the Applicants for a list of companies of their Group.

## **13. IT Requirements**

- 13.1. Bidders shall submit their bids by connecting to a specific website that will be communicated by Eni through the Acceptance Notice, which will also include the login information necessary to participate to any Auction.
- 13.2. Bidders have to ensure the following minimum requirements to allow a connection to the above mentioned website:
- a. Hardware requirements
    - i. CPU: Pentium or higher
  - b. Internet connection requirements
    - i. Internet Service Provider for accessing the web-tool via browser. We recommend a high speed connection (ADSL).

c. Browser requirements

- i. In order to access the web-tool Internet Explorer 7.x, Internet Explorer 8.x (with "Compatibility View" Option active) or Firefox from 2.0 to 8.0 is needed. You can check your Internet Explorer version by selecting "?"/"Information on Internet Explorer" or your Firefox version by selecting "Help"/"Information on Firefox".
- ii. SSL (Secure Socket Layer, protocol for secure transaction) suitability is required. You can check whether you satisfy this requirement by selecting "Tools" -> "Options" -> "Advanced" from Internet Explorer menu. The options "Use SSL 2.0" and "Use SSL 3.0" should be flagged.
- iii. Cookies enabling is required: you can find instructions on this topic in the "Help me" -> "Cookies" section on the Eni e-Procurement portal.
- iv. Saving encrypted pages to disk must be allowed: see instructions on support.microsoft.com website.
- v. Resolution: the optimal resolution for the web site is 1024x768 pixel.

d. Software requirements

- i. An active e-mail address is required so that you can receive e-mail notifications when a document is delivered.
- ii. Acrobat Reader is needed for opening .pdf files containing documents notifications. Acrobat Reader is available free of charge at the following address:  
<http://www.adobe.it/products/acrobat/readstep.html>.
- iii. Microsoft Office to display the auction's documentation. Free copies of the Microsoft Office viewers can be downloaded from [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com).
- iv. In order to use all the Service functionalities you need to install the JRE Java Runtime Environment applet: Minimum release: 1.5; The file can be downloaded on the SUN web site at the following address:  
[www.java.com/it](http://www.java.com/it).

13.3. Each Bidder connects to the web-tool and the website at its cost and risk. Each Bidder also bears the costs of terminals, telephone and provider charges.

## 14. Electronic Bidding Rules and Regulations

### 14.1. Scope

- a. The rules expressed in this Article 14 (hereinafter "Electronic Bidding Rules and Regulations") govern the electronic part of the Auction (hereinafter "Bidding") following which the Bidders are invited to submit their bids.

- b. The Bidders take part to the Bidding connecting via Internet to the reserved area of the website (hereinafter "the Portal"). They shall send their bids electronically and in accordance with this Auction Procedure.

#### 14.2. General rules

- a. The Applicant's acceptance of the terms and condition of this Auction Procedure allows the Bidder to participate in the Bidding.
- b. The acceptance of the Electronic Bidding Rules and Regulations has to be confirmed on-line at any access to the Bidding. The non-acceptance will cause the impossibility to gain access.

#### 14.3. Access procedures

- a. The minimum hardware, software and Internet requirements needed for the participation in the Bidding are specified in Article 13. The purchase, installation, configuration and maintenance of the hardware and the software are in sole charge and under the responsibility of the Bidder.
- b. The participation in the Bidding requires the registration on the Portal and the identification of the Bidder by a user code (userId) and an operating code (password) assigned by Eni and sent to the Bidder by the Acceptance Notice.
- c. The Bidder gives to Eni the authorization to carry out in succession the recording of contacts and transactions by telephone or computerized systems occurred during the participation in the Bidding.
- d. Eni will forward any and all information and notices to the Bidders at the e-mail address notified in the Application Form.
- e. Further instructions for the access to and the participation in the Bidding are provided through the Bidder Manual which will be provided to all Applicants. If either the information required is not given or it is erroneously given or the operating procedures are not observed, it will not be possible for the Bidder to participate to the Bidding.
- f. The Bidder can contact the Service Operations Support (SOS) for technical assistance even while the Bidding is running by telephone, along with the telephone number of the SOS. There will be a dedicated phone number active for the events of Test Auction and Bidding. This number will be indicated in the Acceptance Notice.

#### 14.4. Rules for the use of the password

- a. Each Bidder is obliged to change the password at the first access to the Portal and has the right to modify it whenever he wants.
- b. Each Bidder shall keep the password secret. The Bidder is responsible for the safe keeping and the correct use of the userId and the password. The Bidder is also responsible for their improper use, however occurred, even in case of loss or theft.

- c. The direct, indirect, total, partial, voluntary or involuntary divulcation of the password to third parties is wholly under the responsibility of the Bidder, who will be liable for any damage suffered by Eni further to the divulcation of the password. Any and all divulcations will constitute, to all intents and purposes, an authorization for third parties to have access to the Portal.
- d. In case of loss or theft of the password the Bidder has to ask for the immediate blocking of userId by contacting the SOS. The Bidder will be responsible for any use of userId and password until notification of the blocking.

#### 14.5. Bidding Procedure

- a. The Bidders shall send their electronic bids on the basis of the Auction Procedure and in accordance with the Bidder Manual.
- b. Each Bidder guarantees that the bids will be sent by a person authorized to represent the Bidder.
- c. The name and number of Bidders are not visible to the other competitors.
- d. Eni guarantees the confidentiality of the technical or commercial information received by the Bidders.
- e. The Bidding may be suspended or delayed upon discretion of Eni due to good reason in particular due to difficulties in the connection with the Portal caused by malfunctions in the Portal or relevant to the Eni IT system.
- f. The Bidder cannot enter his Bid into the Portal after the closure of the Bidding Window.
- g. It is possible to participate to the Bidding only if the provisions of the Auction Procedure are complied with.

### 15. Test and Training Auction

A test and training Auction ("Test Auction") will be held on **23/03/2016** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Only those Bidders who have received the Acceptance Notice as per Article 7.3 above are entitled to participate to this Test Auction. The Auction described in Article 9 above will be simulated to ensure that the Bidders have the possibility to check if their hardware and software are compatible with the IT requirements mentioned in Article 13 above.

Furthermore, the test Auction serves to remedy hardware and/or software discrepancies, if any.

### 16. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These terms and conditions as well as the Agreements shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Italian law, with the exclusion of rules and regulations governing conflict of laws.

All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Auction Procedure and the Agreements shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Milan.

## **17. Liability**

Eni shall not be liable for any information given by telephone. Eni shall not be liable for a technical defects in IT or telecommunications infrastructure that might occur during the Bidding. Eni shall not be liable to Bidders for any damages resulting from negligence other than gross negligence. Eni shall not be liable to Bidders for any indirect or consequential loss or damage incurred by a Bidder (including any loss or damage caused by loss of profit, loss of production or income, loss of Agreement, loss of business opportunity or business interruption) howsoever arising (whether or not involving the negligent act or omission of Eni, its directors, officers, employees or agents). Nothing in this Auction Procedure shall exclude a Party's liability for fraud or wilful misconduct. The release from and limitation of liability described above shall apply to the fullest extent permitted by law and the benefit thereof shall extend to Eni's directors, officers, employees and agents.

## **18. Language**

The language of communication during the Auction and in all relevant documents shall be English.

## **19. Confidentiality**

The information and documentation received by the Bidder in accordance with Article 9 and any other Confidential Information are strictly confidential. They may be used by the Bidder only for the purpose of its participation to the Auction and cannot be disclosed to third parties, that are not part of the same Group.

## **20. Miscellaneous**

- 20.1. Any reference to time shall be construed as to whatever official time in force in Italy (CET).
- 20.2. Capitalised and upper cases terms in this Auction Procedure shall have the same meaning as given to them in the documents hereto attached unless otherwise expressly stated herein.
- 20.3. Eni reserves the right to amend or supplement this Auction Procedure (including the deadlines and dates contained herein), the Documentation and the Agreements and any other documents, if requested by a competent authority or if necessary in order to correct errors or misleading wording or to extend, at Eni's only discretion, a certain deadline of this Auction Procedure. Such amendments will be communicated to all Applicants via e-mail and/or through Eni web site without undue delay.



20.4. Questions related to the Auction Procedure and the other Annexes shall be submitted by the Applicant as soon as possible and in any case not later than the deadline specified in the Acceptance Notice. Questions submitted to Eni after such deadline may not be taken into account. Eni reserves not to answer: a) questions sufficiently described in the Auction Procedure, other Annexes and communication made to the Applicant; b) requests by the Applicant about the correct filling in and completeness of the Documentation, that remains exclusive responsibility of the Applicant. Eni shall make its reasonable efforts to sufficiently answer all questions of the Applicants but shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever resulting from late or incomplete answering of any such questions.

San Donato Milanese, 26/02/2016