



23rd LICENSING ROUND

GUIDELINE FOR APPLICATION LETTER

APPLICATION LETTER FROM COMPANY APPLYING TO THE 23RD LICENSING ROUND

A formal application letter containing an overview of all applications in which the company is taking part, both individually and as a participant in a group application(s), must be delivered by the application deadline **Wednesday, 2 December 2015 at 1200 hours**.

The application letter must contain the following in the order listed below:

1. Applicant and contacts
2. Table with list of applications
3. Map of applied for area
4. Brief description of application(s)
5. Copy of receipt for paid application fee

1. Applicant and contacts

State the company name, address and nationality, as well as the contact's name, title, telephone number and email address. At least one contact person must be available to Norwegian authorities throughout the application period until award.

2. Application list

Copy of table 6: "Application list from company".

Applications must be listed in prioritised order with information about the proposed operator and distribution of ownership interests. Table 6 is in the excel sheet CompanyInformation on the NPD's website at: <http://www.npd.no/23round>. The form can be filled out in Norwegian or English where you do not have to select an option from a pull-down menu. More rows can be added to the form.

Company name:								Application delivered by company ⁴	Fee paid by company ⁴
Priority	Applying for area in blocks:	If additional acreage ¹ , list PL no.	AMI members if group application	O/A ²	Participating interest (%) ³				
					Desired	Lower	Upper		

¹ Additional acreage: where discoveries or prospects extend into announced area from an existing production licence with the same licensee(s) and ownership interests, list licence number.

² O= operator, A= licensee (partner). If applying for operatorship, indicate in application letter whether applicant will potentially accept being a partner (parenthesis), and participating interest (desired, lower and upper).

³ Size of the participating interests primarily preferred, as well as an upper and lower limit for what the applicant can accept. The interests must comply with the interests listed in the application summaries in each application.

⁴ Put an x next to the company actually delivering the application, individually or on the behalf of a group. Put an x by the company that paid the application fee, individually or on the behalf of a group.

3. Map of applied for area

The applied for area and outline of the mapped prospects and prospect leads is shown in a map with geographical coordinates, block numbers and scale. Indicate the stratigraphic interval for applications for a stratigraphic production licence.

4. Description of application(s)

Brief text providing a background for what each application covers, including potential comments regarding priority, indicated ownership interests, and potential desire for operatorship. Include any other details the applicant wishes to express. The description is limited to a maximum of one page.

5. Receipt for paid application fee

A copy of the receipt is enclosed with the application letter. If the company is participating in a group application and the fee is paid by another group member on behalf of the group, this must be indicated by an x in the application table. A scanned copy of the receipt is included as a separate file on the memory stick. Name the file "Application fee_(block number)".

Submission

A printed copy of the application letter is submitted/delivered together with a binder containing the company information to the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, and an identical copy is submitted/delivered to the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate. If the company does not deliver any of the applications it is participating in itself, the letter is submitted/delivered to the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy and to the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate together with a binder with company information. An electronic copy (pdf) of the application letter must be included on a memory stick with company information. The memory stick must be labelled with the company name and be securely attached to the binder.

Format

Files on the memory stick must be structured and named as shown below:

	Name of file	Format	Description
1	Application letter_"Company name"	PDF	Electronic copy of application letter
2	Company information_"Company name"	PDF	Electronic copy of company information
3	CompanyInformation	XLS	Excel sheet "CompanyInformasjon"
4	Application fee_"block number"	PDF	Receipt for paid application fee
5	Annual report_"Company name"	PDF	Annual report
6	Quarterly accounts_"date"	PDF	Most recent quarterly accounts

TEMPLATE FOR APPLICATION LETTER:

The Royal Ministry of Petroleum and Energy
Akersgata 59 (R5)
P.O. Box 8148 Dep
0033 OSLO

23rd LICENSING ROUND – Application for award of production licences

1. Applicant name:

Address:

Nationality:

Contacts: name – title – tel. – email

Proposed text: Reference is made to the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy's announcement of the 23rd licensing round (23rd round) on 20 January 2015. (Applicant's name) is hereby applying for a production licence in XX areas (see below table), distributed over XX new licences (and pot. XX additional acreage for existing licences).

2. Application list: (ref. Item 8 b) in "Invitation to apply for petroleum production licences ")

Company name:		Our company AS						Application delivered by company ⁴	Fee paid by company ⁴
Priority	Applying for area in blocks:	If additional acreage ¹ , list PL no.	AMI members if group application	O/A ²	Participating interest (%) ³ :				
					Desired	Lower	Upper		
1	16/12		Our company	O (A)	60 (40)	30 (20)	60 (40)		
			Company A	A	40	20	50	x	x
2	6405/8,9		Our company	A	20	15	40	x	x
3	7122/2,3	PLxxx	Company B	O	40	-	-	x	x
			Our company	A	35	-	-		
			Company C	A	25	-	-		

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3. Map of applied for area**4. Brief description of applications:**

Example text: Priority 1 is the eastern part of block 16/12 where our company, together with Company A, has mapped the Bitten prospect in a new play at Jurassic level. Priority 2 is an area north of Ormen Lange, where our company is applying for participation as a partner with a desired ownership interest of 20%. Priority 3 is an application for additional acreage for PLxxx, where interpretation of new seismic shows that the Mitten prospect, which is scheduled to be drilled in 2012, extends into open area.

Any other information the applicant wishes to communicate (maximum one page).

Documents delivered by applicant:

Company information

Application priority 2: block 6405/7

Potential documents delivered by partner:

Application Priority 1: block 16/12 delivered by Company A

Application Priority 3: block 7122/2,3 delivered by Company B

5. Appendices:

Copy of receipt for paid application fee for application block 6405/7