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On the basis of the Decision of the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina on Declaring Public Interest and Approaching the Preparation for the Construction of Priority Electric Power Plants in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina", no. 8/10), Decision of the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the Preparation and Construction of RiTE (Mine and Thermal Power Plant) Banovići, unit 1-300 MW ("Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina", no. 17/10), Decision on Amendments and Supplements to the Decision on the Preparation and Construction of RiTE (Mine and Thermal Power Plant) Banovići, unit 1-300 MW ("Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina", no. 26/10), Conclusion of the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, V. no. 1416/2013 of 28 November 2013, the Decision of the Supervisory Board of the Brown Coal Mines "Banovići", joint-stock company, Banovići, number: 1855/14 of 19 February 2014, the Brown Coal Mines "Banovići", joint-stock company Banovići hereby announce the following

### **PUBLIC INVITATION** TO SELECT A STRATEGIC PARTNER FOR FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE THERMAL POWER PLANT BANOVICI, **UNIT 1-300 MW - PRE-QUALIFICATION PHASE**

Brown Coal Mines "Banovići", joint-stock company, Banovići (hereinafter referred to as: RMU Banovići) approach to conduct a pre-qualification phase for the selection of a Strategic Partner (hereinafter referred to as: Partner) for the financing and construction of the Thermal Power Plant Banovići, unit 1-300 MW (hereinafter referred to as: Project).

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The partnership of RMU Banovići with the chosen partner will be regulated by a separate Contract and will be established on the principles which were laid down in the Decisions in the preamble to this Public Invitation (hereinafter referred to as: **Principles)**, which are the following:

- 1. Natural resources required for the functioning of the project (water, coal) will remain the property of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 2. RMU Banovići will expand its business activities in the register of companies and change the name of the company to RiTE "Banovići" joint-stock company Banovići (Mine and Thermal Power Plant "Banovići") and perform an internal reorganization in accordance with the Law and the Statute of RMU Banovići. The newly built facility Thermal Power Plant Banovići, unit 1-300 MW will be 100% owned by RiTE "Banovići", joint-stock company Banovići.
- 3. The constructed facility Thermal Power Plant Banovići, unit 1-300 MW will be a guarantee for the invested means according to the Decision of the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 4. The Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina will consider the possibilities for providing guarantees for the project finance. The required guarantees will be considered after the definition of the financial structure of the Project.

- 5. The partnership of RMU Banovići with the partner will be realised in a manner that the partner will provide the financing and the construction of the facility Thermal Power Plant Banovići, unit 1-300 MW. RMU Banovići will return the loan under the terms defined in the contract with the partner.
- 6. During the realization of the project of the construction of the Thermal Power Plant Banovići, unit 1 300 MW, the partner is obliged to incorporate the latest technology in line with the relevant EU Directives which would also meet all international standards on environmental protection.
- 7. The partner is put under obligation to conduct education and professional training of the management and maintenance staff of the Thermal Power Plant Banovići, unit 1-300 MW.

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The selection of the partner will be done according to the International Open Public Tender (hereinafter referred to as: **Tender**) which will proceed in four phases:

## - Phase I: Pre-qualification within which the list of qualified candidates is established.

The deadline for submission of applications in accordance with the pre-qualification document (hereinafter referred to as: **Applications**) is 45 days from the publication date of this public invitation in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

# - Phase II: Collecting preliminary technical, technological and financial offers from qualified candidates.

The deadline for submission of the preliminary technical, technological and financial offers from qualified candidates will be determined by the tender documents, 45 days from the receipt of the invitation to tender.

# - Phase III: Collecting final technical, technological and financial offers, evaluation and selection of a Strategic Partner

The deadline for submission of the final technical, technological and financial offers from qualified candidates will be determined by the tender documents.

# - Phase IV: Obtaining the approval of the proposal to select a Strategic Partner and the selection of a Strategic Partner

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The interested candidates (hereinafter referred to as: **Applicants**) are required to meet the following qualification requirements as a condition for participation in phase II of the selection - collection of the preliminary technical and financial offers from qualified candidates:

- 1. The interested candidates should be professionally qualified in the last five (5) years to deal with one or more of the activities listed below:
- Production of electricity,
- Transmission of electricity,
- Distribution of electricity,
- Trade or supply of electricity,
- Production of equipment for thermal energy facilities using coal,
- Construction of coal-fired thermal power plants,

- Financial / commodity investing in similar thermal energy facilities

if the applicant is a Consortium (hereinafter referred to as: **Consortium**), the leader of the Consortium (hereinafter referred to as: **Consortium Leader**) must prove that the Consortium has been professionally qualified in the last five (5) years to deal with one or more of the above-mentioned activities;

2. That the applicant has achieved revenue from the above-mentioned activities in the amount of at least 1 billion (in words: one billion) EUR annually in the last 3 (three) years,

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if the applicant is a Consortium, the leader of the Consortium must have an achieved revenue from the above-mentioned activities in the amount of at least 500 million (in words: five hundred million) EUR annually in the last 3 (three) years;

- 3. That the applicant achieved a positive business result in the last three (3) years;
- 4. That the applicant owns / co-owns one or more electric power production facilities, of which at least one thermal power facility has an installed power of 300 MW or more, or that in the last seven (7) years the applicant has produced and supplied the main equipment or builds or manages / maintains at least one thermal power facilities of the installed power of 300 MW or more,

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that the applicant has financed the construction of at least one thermal power facility of similar complexity or value;

- 5. That the applicant accepts the partnership based on the principle of returning loan funds in cash;
- 6. That the applicant accepts the investment and environmental documentation which is owned by RMU Banovići and which is completed so far for the project (at the level of the Preliminary Design with an Investment Program and an Environmental Impact Study) as the basis for the further realization of the project;
- 7. That he accepts the principles of the strategic partnership from Article II of this Public Invitation:
- 8. During the project realization the applicant is required to use the resources from Bosnia and Herzegovina at maximum (labour force and commercial companies).

The proof for the fulfilment of the mentioned qualifying criteria – conditions for participation is given in the pre-qualification document which is available from the moment of publication of this Public Invitation at the following address:

Rudnici mrkog uglja "Banovići", d.d. Banovići
Služba za praćenje investicija izgradnje
termoelektrane i tvornice cementa (Department for Monitoring Construction
Investments of the Thermal Power Plant and the Cement Factory)
Armije BiH, 52
75290 Banovići
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The pre-qualification document can be taken at the given address, received at the address specified in the application or downloaded from the website RMU Banovići at: www.rmub.ba.

This public invitation was published in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in means of mass communication and in at least one daily newspaper in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tenders Electronic Daily (TED), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FIPA) and on the website of RMU Banovići.

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The deadline for submission of applications drafted in accordance with the prequalification document is until 12.00 local time, on 10<sup>th</sup> april, 2014, at the following address:

Rudnici mrkog uglja "Banovići" d.d. Banovići, Armije BiH 52, 75290 Banovići, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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The delivered applications will be publicly opened by the Expert Commission appointed by RMU Banovići, on the same day at 1.00 p.m. on the premises of RMU Banovići (address Armije BiH 52, hall 34 - Directorate of RMU Banovići 75290 Banovići), in line with the pre-qualification documentation.

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The delivered applications will be evaluated by the Expert Commission in accordance with the procedures and criteria defined in the pre-qualification documents. Pre-qualification participants who meet the qualification criteria (hereinafter referred to as: **Candidate - Qualified Applicant**) will be called to the phase II of partner selection. An Agreement on Confidentiality will be signed with them and the tender documentation will be delivered to them.

#### IX

This invitation does not in any way put the RMU Banovići under obligation to qualify, select and accept any interested party who participates in the pre-qualification procedure.

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RMU Banovići retains the exclusive right to deliver a decision on amendment, cancellation, termination or suspension of the pre-qualification process and / or the second, third and fourth phase in the partner selection process by its own sole discretion and at any given time.

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All additional information on this Public Invitation can be obtained at: Brown Coal Mines "Banovići", joint-stock company Banovići,

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All communication and exchange of information between applicants and RMU Banovići should be done in writing, sent by post, e-mail or personally at the address indicated above. All amendments and supplements to this Public Invitation, as well as the answers to the asked questions and clarifications of pre-qualification documents will be delivered to all registered applicants and published on the website Brown Coal Mines "Banovići", joint-stock company Banovići at: www.rmub.ba

#### XII

Pre-qualification documentation is available exclusively to applicants for the use in the preparation and submission process of applications for the pre-qualification of the partner selection.

### XIII

Brown Coal Mines "Banovići" shall not be liable to reimburse or compensate any costs or expenses incurred to the applicant in preparing and submitting the application, including its own evaluation of the project or the use of the pre-qualification documentation or otherwise in connection with the project, as specified herein.

MANAGER	

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