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THE GENERAL MANAGER OF MONOMEROS COLOMBO VENEZOLANOS S.A.

CONSIDERING

That the company Monómeros Colombo Venezolanos S.A., is a commercial company with 56 years in the petrochemical industry, a subsidiary of the Venezuelan state-owned company, *Petroquímica de Venezuela S.A.* (Pequiven), located near the mouth of the Magdalena River in the city of Barranquilla, Colombia, being a producer of various products such as simple and complex fertilizers, tricalcium phosphate for cattle feed and other industrial products, such as nitric acid. In 2018 it received the award for "Best Company in Social Responsibility Simon Bolivar", and the second agro-industrial company in Colombia producer of fertilizers covering 40% of the domestic market.

That Monómeros has a nitric acid plant with a production capacity of 280 MTPD, which is an important product for the agrochemical industry, as it is used for the production of nitrogen-based inorganic fertilizers. However, the nitric acid manufacturing process emits N_2O , which is a greenhouse gas with a global warming potential 273 times greater than that of carbon dioxide (CO_2)¹.

That Monómeros has a budget authorized by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), which it will use to finance the eventual Contract for which this International Open Tender is issued, whose subsidy is framed in the context of the NACAG initiative (Nitric Acid Climate Action Group), which is a project financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and for whose implementation at a global level the GIZ has been designated.

The NACAG initiative aims to phase out global N_2O emissions from nitric acid production and provides all governments and plant operators with assistance on technological and regulatory issues related to the mitigation of N_2O emissions produced in this industry. NACAG also offers financial support for the purchase and installation of emission reduction technology and monitoring equipment in those plants that are eligible under certain criteria defined by the initiative. Thus, within the framework of the NACAG initiative, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is providing financial support to the company Monómeros for the purchase of N_2O abatement technology.

¹ <https://www.nitricacidaction.org/>

That in consideration of the above, the company Monómeros is interested in contracting the supply of a secondary nitrous oxide (N₂O) abatement system for its nitric acid production plant located in the city of Barranquilla - Colombia, according to the details and technical specifications listed in Annex 1A, which will be carried out under the International Open Bidding modality, according to the parameters and requirements indicated in the Definitive Bidding Terms and Conditions.

The present process will be governed by the principles and norms contained in the General Statute of Colombian Public Contracting and in that which is not applicable due to the private nature of the company, it will be developed according to the internal administrative procedures, civil code and commercial code, by virtue of which, the selection of the supplier will be made under the principles of good faith, objectivity, transparency, effectiveness, efficiency, economy, responsibility and reduction of legal risk, in order to award the most favorable proposal for the interests of the company Monómeros and the fulfillment of the purposes that the contracting is intended to achieve.

That the Major Contracting Committee of Monómeros S.A. met on April 26, 2024 in order to verify, in accordance with its competence and internal regulations, compliance with the requirements established to initiate the open bidding process for the supply of a secondary nitrous oxide (N₂O) abatement system for the nitric acid plant of Monómeros located in the Special, Industrial and Port District of Barranquilla, Department of Atlántico, Colombia, in the context of the Nitric Acid Climate Action Group (NACAG) initiative.

Having verified the above, the Major Contracting Committee recommended the General Manager to initiate and open Process No. CMA-24-01-CA-TEC-010 entitled "SUPPLY OF NITROUS OXIDE (N₂O) SECONDARY ABATEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE NITROUS ACID PRODUCTION PLANT" through the International Open Bidding modality Monómeros 001-2024.

In view of the above:

1. The General Manager accepts the recommendation and approves the initiation and opening of process N° CMA-24-01-CA-TEC-010, CMA-24-01-CA-TEC-010 called "SUPPLY OF A SECONDARY BATTERY SYSTEM FOR NITROUS OXIDE (N₂O) FOR THE NITROUS ACID PRODUCTION PLANT" through the modality of International Open Bidding Monomers 001-2024, where it is determined that the most advantageous offer will be the one resulting from the weighting of quality and price elements, supported by scores and the formulas indicated in the bidding documents and other documents that are part of the bidding process.
2. The schedule to carry out the selection process by means of International Open Bidding and which must be followed by the interested suppliers, corresponds to the following:

ACTIVITY	DATE	RESPONSIBLE OF THE ACTIVITY
Issuance of the administrative act of opening of the bidding process and publication of the Definitive Bidding Terms and Conditions and its Annexes.	29/04/2024	Monómeros
Manifestation of Interest of the Bidders interested in participating in the International Tender.	7/05/2024	Interested Bidder
Date established for the on-site visit to the Nitric Acid Plant by the interested bidders. (Schedule: From 7:00 a.m. - 11: a.m.)	22/05/2024	Interested Bidder
Presentation of observations to the Definitive Bidding Documents.	29/05/2024	Interested Bidder
Response to observations to the Final Bidding Documents.	5/06/2024	Monómeros
Risk Assignment Hearing.	11/06/2024	Interested Bidder
Deadline for Expedition of Addenda.	18/06/2024	Monómeros
Presentation of Offers (Closing of the bidding process).	25/06/2024	Interested Bidder
Publication of the preliminary evaluation report of the Offers.	11/07/2024	Monómeros
Presentation of observations to the evaluation report of the offers and term to correct the qualifying requirements.	19/07/2024	Bidder/Proponent
Termination of the GIZ audit.	2/09/2024	Independent third part
Publication of the final evaluation report.	6/09/2024	Monómeros
Award Hearing.	12/09/2024	Monómeros

3. Only legal entities (national or foreign) considered legally capable in accordance with the provisions in force may participate in the selection process. Consortiums, temporary unions and promises of future partnership may also participate. In any case, the bidder must not be subject to the prohibitions, disqualifications or incompatibilities to contract or conflicts of interest established by the constitution and the Colombian Law, a statement which is understood to be made under oath with the sole filing of the proposal and the subscription of the respective Form.
4. The Bidders or Interested Bidders are informed that the definitive bidding documents, the preliminary studies and other information generated during the development of the selection process may be consulted through the web page: <https://www.monmeros.com.co/open-tender-abatement/>
5. When there are modifications to the bidding documents, including the dates foreseen in the schedule, Monómeros S.A. will communicate it through a document called "ADDENDUMS", which will be published in the Web page, identified above, available for the selection process.



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