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Invitation to apply for petroleum production licence

The Royal Ministry of Petroleum and Energy (the Ministry) hereby announces an invitation to apply for petroleum production licences (the Petroleum Act) on the Norwegian Continental Shelf. In accordance with the Act of 24 May 1972 relating to Petroleum Activities on the Norwegian Continental Shelf, and the Petroleum Act of 29 November 1979, the Ministry, on the occasion of the 18th Licensing Round, hereby invites companies to submit applications to apply for petroleum production licences on the Norwegian Continental Shelf. The 18th Round is an important step in the development of the petroleum activity on the Norwegian Shelf. The announcement shall contribute to revitalising both established companies and newer entrants to the exploration activity on the Norwegian Shelf. The announcement shall also be very concerned with the relationship between the possible resources developed, in a rapid and efficient manner, and the challenges. This should make the round interesting for the frontier areas of the Norwegian Shelf may apply for licences if they have been prequalified as licence holders or joint applicants. The Ministry reserves the right to negotiate terms with the applicant(s) who is/are the selected company for the production licence.

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