 Conditions relating to environmental concerns and fishery interests

The Government sees a continued need to improve the knowledge of marine environments in order to avoid negative operational effects on the environment. Various conditions shall be based on thorough mapping of vulnerable environmental components with regard to the protection of the marine environment in areas of future exploration activities.

The operator shall, for reasons of risk analysis, at his discretion consider the pressures exerted by the environment on the development processes and the production and the ability of the production facilities to cope with the pressures.
Invitation to apply for petroleum production licence

The Royal Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, the Identity hereby announces the following plan for the 20th Licensing Round of petroleum activities on the Norwegian Continental Shelf, to be concluded by the 20th licence round (spring 2009), which is a common batch for the purposes of the Petroleum Act.

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The fee is NOK 100.000 for each application for a production licence, this counts as one application. The fee will be kept confidential by the authorities, regardless of the time limit stipulated in the Petroleum Regulations, Section 6.

The fee shall be paid to the State, c/o the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate, current account No. 7694.05.00326. The payment should be made to the Royal Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, P.O. Box 600, 4001 Stavanger. The fee is paid for each licence application, whether a Norwegian company, in principle, is entitled to obtain a license. The consultant, current account No. 7694.05.00326. The payment should be made to the Royal Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, P.O. Box 600, 4001 Stavanger.

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