

Tender for Study on a Common Approach for Natural Gas Storage and Liquefied Natural Gas on an All-Island Basis

The Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland (DETI) and the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in the Republic of Ireland (DCMNR) wish to appoint suitably qualified and experienced consultants to undertake a study into a Common Approach on Natural Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas on an All-island Basis. The reasons and objectives for completing the study are as follows:

1. Under European Council Directive 2004/67/EC of 26 April 2004 concerning measures to safeguard security of natural gas supply, and in the context of an evolving EU Energy Policy with regard to security of supply, the Departments are obligated to ensure that gas supplies for domestic customers are protected in the event of extreme weather conditions or partial disruptions to supply.
2. The objective of the study is to assess the medium to long term position with regard to security of natural gas supply on an all-island basis, to consider the scope for a common approach on natural gas storage and liquefied natural gas (LNG), with a view to optimising that position, and to make recommendations accordingly.
3. The study will have regard to industry views and to any existing capacities, as well as planned or proposed developments for gas storage / LNG facilities on the island of Ireland. The study should also have regard to international security of supply issues, including the development of global natural gas and LNG markets and any EU policy directions on strategic natural gas reserves.

Tendering on behalf of both departments is being handled by DCMNR and details can be found on the Irish government's procurement web site at www.etenders.gov.ie. The closing date for receipt of tenders is no later than 12.00 on 27th November 2006 at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, 1st floor, 29/31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2