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International Public Bids on Aquaculture

The Portuguese Government recently announced the launch of two international public tenders regarding two concessions for the private use of parcels of the maritime public domain, during the period of 30 years, including the installation authorisation issued by the competent maritime authorities.

The concessions refer to the conception, installation, exploitation and maintenance of biogenetical cultures / marine cultures of bivalve molluscs in two open sea areas: (i) the Aquaculture Production Area of the Centre ("APA Centre"), and (ii) the Aquaculture Production Area of Monte Gordo, in the Algarve ("APA Monte Gordo").

APA Centre is located in the western coast of Portugal, at a distance of 4,212 miles from the shoreline, within the jurisdiction area of Aveiro Port Authorities, nearby the municipalities of Vagos and Ílhavo (Aveiro district), composed by 40 (forty) parcels. The total area of each parcel corresponds to approximately 24ha and the useful production area may only occupy the central zone.

The basis value of the amount payable to the Portuguese State for the concession (during the respective period for each row of 5 parcels is of €15.000,00 (fifteen thousand euros) and classification of the tenders, for awarding purposes, is made upon the following criteria:

1. The highest amount offered for the exploitation of the establishment of biogenetical cultures / marine cultures of bivalve molluscs in open sea: 50%
2. Number of direct job posts to be created (annual work unit –AWU): 30%
3. Time-limit set for the installation of the establishment (number of months) counting from the date of signature of the concession agreement and authorization of installation: 20%

APA Monte Gordo is located in the south coast of Portugal, at a distance of 7,5 and 9,0 miles from the shoreline, nearby the municipality of Vila Real de Santo António, and is composed by 32 (thirty-two) parcels. The total area of each parcel corresponds to approximately 24ha and the useful production area may only occupy the central zone.

The basis value of the amount payable to the Portuguese State for the concession (during the respective period for each row of 4 lots is of €20.000,00 (twenty thousand euros) and classification of the tenders, for awarding purposes, is made upon the following criteria:

1. The highest amount offered for the exploitation of the establishment of biogenetical cultures / marine cultures of bivalve molluscs in open sea: 50%
2. Number of direct job posts to be created (annual work unit –AWU): 30%
3. Time-limit set for the installation of the establishment (number of months) counting from the date of signature of the concession agreement and authorization of installation: 20%

Both tenders aim to attribute the parcels included in APA Centre and APA Monte Gordo under a "turnkey model".

The deadlines for the bids are:

- APA Centre public tender: 24h August 31, 2014 (GMT)
- APA Monte Gordo public tender: 24h September 2, 2014 (GMT)

The tender dossiers (including the tender programme and the terms of reference) may be consulted at the electronic platform available at <https://formularios.apambiente.pt/ccentro/> and <https://formularios.apambiente.pt/cmontegordo/>, where interested parties may also submit their bids.

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