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Hellenic Hydrocarbons and Energy Resources Management Company

Press Release

SLB, Viridien and BGP submitted bids to HEREMA tender for seismic surveys

Athens, 20 November 2026 – The **Hellenic Hydrocarbons and Energy Resources Management Company (HEREMA)** announces that on Thursday, 19 November 2026, the Evaluation Committee convened to assess the bids submitted in the context of the international tender for the granting of prospection authorizations **regarding the acquisition and processing of non-exclusive seismic data, within offshore areas in Western and Southern Greece**.

The Evaluation Committee unsealed a total of three (3) bids submitted by SLB, Viridien and BGP, international companies with extensive experience in the sector.

Specifically, SLB (former Schlumberger) was founded in France in 1926, carrying a century of experience and operational activity in more than 100 countries. As one of the largest energy technology companies worldwide, SLB provides the hydrocarbon industry with services for subsurface exploration and evaluation.

The French geoscience and technology company Viridien started operations in 1931 as CGG (Compagnie Générale de Géophysique), and has a long-standing legacy and internationally renowned expertise in the processing and geophysical assessment of seismic data. Viridien is among Europe's leading companies in the sector and a major international manufacturer and supplier of equipment and technologies for the acquisition of seismic data.

The Chinese company BGP (Bureau of Geophysical Prospecting), member of the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), is one of the world's largest integrated geophysical service providers, with an extensive presence in over 80 countries. BGP offers a wide range of geophysical services, combining significant expertise with operational capabilities.

Commenting on developments, **Aristofanis Stefatos, CEO of HEREMA and President of the Evaluation Committee**, stated: *"We are particularly pleased with the interest expressed by three of the sector's largest companies, each with extensive experience, for the acquisition of non-exclusive seismic data in the offshore areas of Western and Southern Greece. SLB, Viridien and BGP carry outstanding expertise in this complex field, as well as experience from participating at respective projects in other countries across the Eastern Mediterranean."*

In the next stage of the process, the Evaluation Committee will assess the bids in accordance with the terms of the invitation to tender, and submit its report to the HEREMA Board of Directors, which will decide on the selection of the bidders. The decision to grant authorization for the conduct of seismic surveys will then be subject to the approval of the Minister of Environment and Energy.

HEREMA Profile

The Hellenic Hydrocarbons and Energy Resources Management Company (HEREMA) is a State-owned company and the competent authority in Greece for the planning, licensing, and management of key energy resources and technologies that will enable the country's transition to a robust and sustainable energy system. The company's mandate is to build a bridge to a low carbon future that revolves around three strategic pillars: the exploration and production of Hydrocarbons; the development of Offshore Wind Farms (OWF); and the management of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and Underground Gas Storage (UGS) projects. In that capacity, HEREMA embarks on multi-faceted efforts to accelerate Greece's energy transition and security.

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