



**Petroleum Authority of Uganda publishes the National Suppliers'
Database 2017 for the Oil and Gas Sector**

KAMPALA, Uganda, 4th July 2017 – The Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) is established under the Petroleum Exploration Development and Production Act of 2013 (The Act) to monitor and regulate oil and gas activities in the country. The law also requires the PAU to, among other things, establish and publish a central data base of persons involved in petroleum activities in Uganda and prohibits any entity from providing goods, works or services for oil and gas activities unless they are registered on the database.

In fulfilment of these requirements, the PAU commenced the process of developing the database by inviting applications for qualification to the 2017 National Supplier Database for the oil and gas sector in both the print and electronic media at the end of 2016. Applicants were required to provide information regarding their ownership, proof of registration, compliance for tax and National social security requirements, nature of services/goods supplied and contact information including physical address.

A total of 753 entities submitted applications before the closing date which was 15th May, 2017. 501 of the applications received were from companies registered in Uganda and 252 from companies registered in 32 countries outside Uganda. These countries are Australia, Barbados, Canada, China,

Denmark, France, Germany, HongKong, India, Italy, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Poland, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Tanzania, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uruguay.

The Authority has and continues to undertake verification and evaluation of the applications received especially by seeking authenticity of the information submitted. The Authority is working with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) and the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) in verifying applicants registered in Uganda and with the respective Embassies and Missions accredited to Uganda for the applicants registered outside Uganda.

The Petroleum Authority of Uganda is delighted to announce today the National Supplier Database for 2017 comprising of 293 entities which applied before the closing date of 15th May, 2017 and have been successfully verified and qualified to be on the 2017 National Supplier Database for Uganda's oil and gas sector. Verification of the other entities which applied in time is still ongoing and the register will be updated as the information is received. The list of qualified entities is accessible on the PAU website: www.pau.go.ug, which has been launched this morning.

The National Suppliers' Database (NSD) is being developed as an online web-based platform for regulating the procurement of goods and services in the oil and gas sector and will be updated annually. The Authority will subsequently

automate the development of the database by making submissions and responses digital. The database will then be developed to support the putting in place of a Joint Qualification Systems and an E-market for the procurement of goods and services in the country's oil and gas sector.

The NSD will provide an opportunity for a transparent and standardized procurement cycle which will in turn lead to increased competition and efficiency in the supply chain. It is also going to be a very strong tool for encouraging national participation in the country's oil and gas sector and enhancing visibility of the Ugandan companies which have the potential to offer goods and services in the oil and gas sector whether individually or in joint partnership.

The supplier database is required to be published annually and the database being announced today is for the year 2017. The Authority plans to publish the database for the year 2018 by the end of December, 2017 so as to enable its full use during 2018. In this regard, the adverts for application for qualification to the 2018 database will be put out on 1st September, 2017 so that the processes of application, verification and evaluation are completed well before the end of 2017.

The Authority would like to appreciate and thank the entities who responded to the invitation by applying in time and especially those who submitted all the information requested for in the invitation. We would also like to thank the agencies of Government and the Foreign Embassies and Missions, which have

and, continue to work with the Authority in the evaluation and verification of the applications.

The National Supplier Database is one of the very important tools which will contribute to the transparency and efficiency of the supply chain in the country's oil and gas sector. The Petroleum Authority of Uganda therefore looks forward to working with all stakeholders to achieve its successful development and implementation.

Thank you for your attention.

For God and my country.

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