

**REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

**MINISTRY OF FISHERIES**

**Invitation for Expression of Interest**  
**for the leasing of the building and facilities of the Fish Auction Market at**  
**Fort Williams, Les Salines, Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius**

Reference No: MOF/EOI/1/2014

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The Ministry of Fisheries is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from prospective operators/ companies engaged in seafood activities for the leasing of a building and facilities of the Fish Auction Market at Fort Williams, Les Salines, Port Louis, Mauritius on an “*as is where is*” basis.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Fish Auction Market (FAM) was originally set up in line with the Government of Mauritius’ objective to develop the seafood industry. The FAM comprises building facilities that are equipped with associated cold room facilities and related equipment.

2.2 The FAM was designed to provide a platform for the development of a modern and efficient fish marketing system for catches from the industrial, the semi-industrial and the small scale fisheries as well as the fish and by-catch unloaded by calling fishing vessels in compliance with European and international sanitary norms and standards relating to fish and fish products.

**3.0 Infrastructure**

3.1 The FAM covers an extent of 532 m<sup>2</sup> and has been built on land of an extent of 1642 m<sup>2</sup>. The FAM has an installed capacity for the handling of 10 tonnes of fish daily. The particulars of the FAM are as follows:

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Surface Area / Type/ Capacity</b>
1	Preparation hall	138 m <sup>2</sup>
2	Auction sale hall	95 m <sup>2</sup>
3	Customer Reception hall	98.6 m <sup>2</sup>
4	Washing and storage area	24 m <sup>2</sup>
5	Fish storage cold room (+ve temp.) with cooling equipment	27.6 m <sup>2</sup>
6	Fish storage cold room (-ve temp.) with cooling equipment	7.8 m <sup>2</sup>
7	Veterinary office	10 m <sup>2</sup>
8	Planning / finance office	46 m <sup>2</sup>
9	Ice flake stocking cold room	5.6 m <sup>2</sup>
10	Control room	7.8 m <sup>2</sup>
11	Flake ice making machine	Max. 3 tonnes/24 hrs

12	Standby Diesel Generator	4-stroke
13	Fish handling and processing equipment comprises the following: (a) Wash hand units; (b) Central cleaning posts; (c) Disinfectors; (d) Sliding tables with rollers; (e) Stainless steel cabinets; and (f) Air conditioners (with evaporators)	

3.2 Parking space for customers and staff are available. Access to the facility is through the Robert Eduard Hart Garden, Les Salines, Port Louis.

3.3 The site has direct access to the sea and is adjacent to the Bulk Sugar Terminal and to the forthcoming project of the Mauritius Ports Authority for the proposed development and extension of the Fishing Port.

#### 4. Scope of the Expression of Interest (EOI)

4.1 The Ministry of Fisheries is inviting EOIs for the leasing of the Fish Auction Market building on an “*as is where is*” basis.

4.2 Prospective operators can use the FAM as per its original purpose or may convert the facilities into any of the following, in line with their business strategies:

- (i). a cold storage facility;
- (ii). a processing plant;
- (iii). a warehouse; or
- (iv). any other seafood related facility.

4.3 The EOI should contain:

- (i) a brief describing the operator/company (including the name, registration details, field(s) of activity, experience and financial details); and
- (ii) a description of how the operator/company proposes to use the building and facilities of the FAM (in relation to paragraph 4.2 above), including any modification/ renovation works that this may entail.

4.4 As a result of the invitation of the EOI, the Ministry of Fisheries will proceed with the selection from the list of operators/companies that have submitted an EOI and will draw up a shortlist of qualified operators/ companies for a Request for Proposal.

#### 5. Submission of the Expression of Interest

5.1 Interested operators/ companies who wish to be considered for selection are requested to submit their EOI in three (3) copies in a sealed envelope clearly marked ‘**Expression of Interest for leasing of Fish Auction Market – reference No: MOF/EOI/1/2014**’ and addressed to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, 4th Floor, LIC Building, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius and to

deposit same in the **Tender box** at the Ministry of Fisheries on the above address **on or before 20 June 2014 up to 13.30hrs** (local time). Electronic submission shall **not** be accepted.

5.2 Any late submission of EOI shall be rejected. The EOI will be opened at the address given above at **13.45 hrs** on the same day in the presence of representatives of interested operators/ companies who wish to attend. EOIs are not transferable.

5.3 The Ministry of Fisheries reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and annul the Expression of Interest exercise without thereby incurring any liability whatsoever to any interested operator/ company.

5.4 Requests for clarification or additional information on the EOI for the leasing of the Fish Auction Market should be addressed to the Ministry of Fisheries at the address below or at the following e-mail address: **fishadmin@mail.gov.mu.** at latest **15 days** before the closing date for the submission of the EOI.

## **6. Site Visit**

6.1 A common site visit will be organised on **27 May 2014**. Operators/ companies interested to effect the site visit should contact Mr. J. Labonté, Office Management Executive, on telephone number (230) 211 2450 or (230) 211 2470 – 75.

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