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**BI-Bujumbura: Búsqueda de un inversor estratégico para la cofinanciación mediante partenariado público-privado (PPP) del Proyecto Hidroeléctrico Ruzizi III - 145 MW, situado en el río Ruzizi entre el lago Kivu y el lago Tanganyika, y la gestión coordinada de la Cascada (BEI)**

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**Communauté Économique des Pays des Grands Lacs  
Énergie des Grands Lacs**

**INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TENDER**

**Request for Prequalification**

**For Developers/Sponsors**

**Of a 145 MW Hydro Independent Power Producer ("IPP")**

**Project at Ruzizi III and Management of the Ruzizi Cascade**

Energie des Grands Lacs (EGL) intends to invite on February 25, 2011 interested qualified firms and consortia to submit qualification information for the right to tender as Developer/Investor for the development of the 145 MW Ruzizi III regional Hydro Power Plant and for the management of the Ruzizi river cascade on a Concession basis. The plant will provide electricity to Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for an initial period of no less than 20 years under suitable long term Power Purchase Agreements.

**The Project**

The project is a run-of-river plant located on the Ruzizi river between Lake Kivu and Lake Tanganyika, bordering Rwanda and DRC supported by European Union (EU) and European Investment Bank (EIB) financing for the preparation of the full feasibility study, Environmental Impact Assessment and project development strategy. The technical studies have been carried out by Fichtner (Germany) and SOFRECO (France) has assisted EGL on the institutional and financial structure. The project estimated cost, based on full feasibility study is USD 450 000 000. A Project Developer/Investor will be selected through an international competitive bidding process from a pool of Pre-Qualified Applicants.

No less than half of the financing is likely to be obtained from bilateral and multilateral development institutions which have expressed interest and are supporting the project. Credit enhancements, risk mitigation packages and suitable guarantees will be obtained from the Governments involved with suitable backing from international organizations which have been consulted. The Project Developer/Investor will be required to arrange the balance of the financing and provide equity financing.

**Sponsor Qualification**

EGL will seek to pre-qualify Applicants who have the financial capacity and experience in implementing hydro power generation projects, and will invite Applicants to submit Qualification Statements in accordance with the criteria and procedures set out in the Pre-Qualification Document which will be made available on February 23, 2011 at the Project web site: <http://egl-echanges-energetiques.net/ruzizi-iii/>, with EGL at the following address: ENERGIE DES GRANDS LACS, Boulevard de l'UPRONA, BP 1912, Bujumbura, BURUNDI. Tel: +257 22225504. E-mail: [mwanahembe@yahoo.fr](mailto:mwanahembe@yahoo.fr).

For more information about the Project, please refer to the Virtual Data Room that will be available for download from the project website: <http://egl-echanges-energetiques.net/ruzizi-iii/> from February 23, 2011 on.