

INVITATION TO PRE-REGISTER

(Development of mini-grids for electricity supply)

1. The Mozambican government, through the 2020-2024 Five-Year Programme, has chosen as its priorities, among others, (i) increasing the availability of energy, through public and private investment in new generation infrastructure, with an increasing contribution from renewable energies and (ii) continuing to expand access to electricity with a particular focus on rural and peri-urban areas, promoting productive use and contributing to raising the level of access to 64%.
2. More recently, alongside the specific regulatory framework, the government approved the Electrification Plan for Off-Grid Zones, an instrument that has identified potential locations in the provinces of Nampula, Zambézia and Tete for the first private mini-grid projects to be implemented.
3. Taking into account the high level of interest initially expressed both by the private companies currently operating in the Off-Grid Zones where they provide energy services, and by the various Development Programmes supporting the financing of mini-grid project development initiatives, the government has determined that the award of mini-grid concessions will be made through a competitive process. This process will allow for the selection of experienced and qualified investors/developers to develop and operate mini-grid projects in the three provinces previously mentioned. The tender will be structured in two stages (pre-qualification and full proposal stage) and mini-grids will be grouped into lots.
4. As the preparation process for the launch of the tender to award mini-grid concessions is at an advanced stage, the Energy Regulatory Authority (ARENE) invites qualified and experienced private companies with a potential interest in developing mini-grid projects to proceed with preliminary registration by filling the form available on ARENE's website: www.arene.org.mz (see home or press), and providing the following information, among others:
 - Name of the organisation and its representative(s)/contact person
 - A brief profile of the organisation's activities
 - Indicative number of mini-grid projects developed, including dates, locations, installed capacities and number of connections.
5. Interested companies should complete the preliminary registration in ARENE's website no later than January 15th 2024.
6. The tender will be launched during the first quarter of 2024, when more detailed information on the scope, process and pre-qualification documents will be communicated.
7. Clarifications can be obtained at the offices of the Energy Regulatory Authority – ARENE until January 15th 2024, at the following address and through the channels mentioned below:

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