

## LIBERIA PETROLEUM REGULATORY AUTHORITY

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

### EXECUTIVE ALLOCATION – OPERATOR PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

(IOCs, NOCs & Independents | Operator Applicants Partnering with NOCAL)

<b>Issued by:</b>	Liberia Petroleum Regulatory Authority (LPRA)
<b>Process Type:</b>	Executive Allocation
<b>Eligible Operators:</b>	International Oil Companies (IOCs), National Oil Companies (NOCs), Independent E&P Companies
<b>Role of NOCAL:</b>	State Participant (Non-Operator).

## 1. OBJECTIVE OF EXECUTIVE ALLOCATION PRE-QUALIFICATION

Executive Allocation is intended to:

- Empower NOCAL participation to build Liberia's petroleum capacity and portfolio; and
- Ensure offshore petroleum operations are executed only by Operators that can meet minimum technical, HSE, integrity, and performance-security requirements required under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC).

LPRA will therefore evaluate Operators using a PSC-anchored approach emphasizing:

- Work program funding & technical capability; and
- Performance security / guarantee strength.

## 2. CORE PRINCIPLE (NON-NEGOTIABLE)

### NON-NEGOTIABLE REQUIREMENT

The Operator must be capable of executing and financing the minimum offshore exploration program required under the PSC and must provide adequate security for performance.

## 3. APPLICATION FORMAT AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Required Submission Packages (Operators)

Each Operator Applicant shall submit the following packages:

- A. Administrative Package**
- B. Technical Package**
- C. HSE & ESG Package**
- D. Financial Capacity & Funding Package** (Executive Allocation Standard)
- E. Legal, Integrity & Ownership Package**
- F. NOCAL Partnership & Participating Interest Package** (Mandatory for Executive Allocation)

All documents shall be submitted in English and provided as searchable PDFs.

### 3.2 Certification of Completeness

A signed declaration by an authorized officer confirming:

- Accuracy and completeness of information; and

- Consent to LPRA verification.

## 4. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS (OPERATOR STATUS)

### 4.1 Corporate Standing

Provide:

- Certificate of incorporation/registration
- Principal business address
- Corporate structure chart (parent/subsidiaries/affiliates)
- Directors and senior management list

### 4.2 Operator Declaration

A signed statement confirming the Applicant is applying as Operator and will retain day-to-day operational responsibility.

## 5. TECHNICAL PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Operator must demonstrate proven offshore operator competence, including:

- Operated offshore project track record
- Drilling/seismic execution capability
- Qualified key personnel
- Incident/non-performance disclosures

## 6. HSE & ESG REQUIREMENTS

The Operator must demonstrate robust Heath Safety & Environment (HSE) and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) systems, including:

- HSE policy and management systems
- Emergency/spill response readiness
- ESG governance framework

## 7. FINANCIAL CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS (EXECUTIVE ALLOCATION STANDARD)

Under Executive Allocation, LPRA will evaluate whether the Operator can:

- Fund minimum PSC commitments; and
- Provide PSC-compliant performance security instruments in the form of a Parent Company Guarantee (*Where applicable*).

### 7.1 Minimum Work Program Funding Capacity (PSC-Anchored)

The Operator must demonstrate ability to fund the minimum exploration expenditures.

Phase	Minimum Commitment (PSC Reference)	Required Funding Evidence
Phase 1	US\$2,000,000 minimum commitment	Funding Plan by phase & Evidence of funding access (cash, committed lines, parent support)
Phase 2	US\$32,000,000 (US\$2M + US\$30M for 3D seismic + drilling)	
Phase 3	US\$50,000,000 minimum drilling commitment	

### 7.2 Guarantee / Performance Security

The Operator must demonstrate ability to provide:

- Irrevocable Parent Company Financial and Performance Guarantee, or
- Evergreen Standby Letter of Credit (SBLC) issued by a recognized international bank for the minimum duration of the exploration program.

### 7.3 Audited Financial Statements

Submit audited financials for the most recent two (2) fiscal years (and interim accounts if latest audit is older than 12 months).

## 8. NOCAL PARTNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Although NOCAL is not being evaluated as Operator, Executive Allocation requires NOCAL's role to be defined in a manner that supports national capacity-building without weakening Operator accountability.

### 8.1 Mandatory NOCAL Participating Interest (PI)

**(A) Minimum NOCAL PI Requirement:** No less than thirty percent (30%) in the relevant offshore block.

**(B) Structure Disclosure:** Disclose whether PI is Carried, Partially Carried, or Non-Carried across exploration, appraisal, and development costs.

**(C) Governance:** Provide summary of joint operating governance, voting thresholds, and authority.

#### Minimum Submission Requirements:

- Term sheet / draft partnership summary reflecting NOCAL PI  $\geq 30\%$
- Governance framework summary
- Roles and responsibilities matrix confirming Operator accountability

**LPRA Regulatory Position:** NOCAL's Participating Interest does not reduce the Operator's obligation to execute the work program and remain accountable to LPRA for PSC compliance, HSE performance, and operational delivery.

#### 8.2 Capacity Building Commitments (Recommended)

Operator is encouraged to include a structured capacity-building plan linked to NOCAL participation (training, secondments, technical transfer). This may be a scored element in evaluation.

### 9. LEGAL, INTEGRITY & OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Operator must submit:

- Beneficial ownership disclosures
- PEP (Politically Exposed Persons) declaration
- Sanctions/litigation/incidents/non-performance disclosures

### 10. LPRA REVIEW OUTCOMES

LPRA shall issue one of the following decisions:

- **Pre-Qualified** (Executive Allocation Operator – IOC/NOC/Independent)
- **Pre-Qualified (Conditional)**
- **Not Pre-qualified**

## LPRA REVIEW OUTCOMES

### OUTCOME 1 - PRE-QUALIFIED



#### PRE-QUALIFIED (Executive Allocation Operator - IOC/NOC/Independent)

Full approval to proceed with PSC execution.

### OUTCOME 2 - PRE-QUALIFIED (CONDITIONAL)



#### PRE-QUALIFIED (CONDITIONAL)

Additional Requirements Needed

### OUTCOME 3 - NOT PRE-QUALIFIED



#### NOT PRE-QUALIFIED

Does Not Meet PSC Requirements

## 11. OPERATOR SUBMISSION CHECKLIST (EXECUTIVE ALLOCATION)

### A. Administrative

- Incorporation documents
- Corporate structure chart
- Operator Declaration Letter

### B. Technical

- Offshore operator experience record
- Execution capability
- Key personnel structure + CVs

### **C. HSE/ESG**

- HSE management system overview
- Emergency/spill response readiness
- ESG governance framework

### **D. Financial & Security (PSC-Anchored)**

- Funding plan by phase
- Audited financials (2 years)
- PCG or SLBC
  - Security: US\$2,000,000 (Phase 1)
  - Security: US\$32,000,000 (Phase 2)
  - Security: US\$50,000,000 (Phase 3)

### **E. Legal/Integrity/Ownership**

- Litigation and enforcement disclosure
- Major incidents/non-performance disclosure
- Beneficial ownership + PEP declaration

### **F. NOCAL PI**

- NOCAL Participating Interest disclosed ( $\geq 30\%$ )
- Carried / partially carried / non-carried structure described
- Governance and rights summary
- Capacity-building plan (recommended)