MINISTRY OF ENERGY, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

BARBADOS 2026 OFFSHORE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS

Request for Clarification - Document No. 1
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In accordance with the terms of the Barbados 2026 Offshore Direct Negotiations, the Ministry of Energy, Business Development and Consumer Affairs (Ministry) provides the following responses to the requests for clarification submitted by interested parties. These responses are provided for the benefit of all prospective applicants and should be read together with the Barbados 2026 Guidelines for Direct Negotiations and the Barbados 2026 Pre-Qualification Criteria.

1. **Request for Clarification #1 -** Offshore Data Requirements (Section 2.2 - Barbados 2026 Guidelines for Direct Negotiations – Data Licensing)

   Can an applicant satisfy the offshore data purchase requirement through the use of previously licensed Barbados offshore seismic data, or is the purchase of the Barbados 2026 Offshore Data Package mandatory?

   Ministry's Response #1
   Section 2.2 of the Barbados 2026 Guidelines for Direct Negotiations provides that qualified companies must:

   - license the Barbados 2026 Offshore Data Package; or
   - provide proof of licensing previously acquired Barbados data packages; or
   - provide proof of purchasing a minimum total of 500 line-km of multi-client seismic data from one of the approved multi-client vendors.

Accordingly, an applicant that provides satisfactory evidence of having previously licensed Barbados' offshore multi-client seismic data from an approved multi-client vendor shall be deemed to have satisfied the offshore data purchase requirement contained in Section 2.2 of the Guidelines.

2. **Request for Clarification #2** - Sworn Statement: Legal Officer Requirement (Section 3.1(c) – Barbados 2026 Pre-qualification Criteria)

How should an applicant satisfy the requirement for a sworn statement where the applicant does not have an appointed Legal Officer? Would a Secretary's Certificate issued by the Company Secretary (as a duly authorised corporate officer) of the entity seeking qualification as an Operator, satisfy this requirement?

Ministry's Response #2
Section 3.1(c) of the Barbados 2026 Pre-Qualification Criteria requires applicants to submit details, by way of a sworn statement from the company's Legal Officer, confirming whether the company or any of its directors or officers have been found guilty of a criminal offence or are currently under criminal investigation.

Where an applicant does not have an appointed internal Legal Officer, the applicant may engage an Attorney-at-Law to prepare a declaration, duly notarised, confirming that neither the company nor any of its directors or officers has been found guilty of a criminal offence or is currently under criminal investigation. A declaration executed solely by a Company Secretary will not satisfy this requirement.

3. **Request for Clarification #3** - Certificate of Good Standing and Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Compliance (Section 3.1(d) – Barbados 2026 Pre-Qualification Criteria)

What documentation is required to satisfy the requirement for a Certificate of Good Standing and Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Compliance? Would a Secretary's Certificate issued by the Company Secretary of the entity attesting to Good Standing and AML/CFT compliance be acceptable, or does the Ministry require these documents to be evidenced strictly through official certificates issued by specific external regulatory authorities and/or financial institutions?

Ministry's Response

Applicants are required to provide a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Corporate Registry, or other competent authority, in the jurisdiction in which the applicant is incorporated. The certificate should confirm that the applicant is in good standing and is recognised as a valid legal entity authorised to conduct business.

Applicants are also required to provide appropriate documentation, issued by the Corporate Registry, or other competent authority, attesting to Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) compliance.

Designated Authority

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