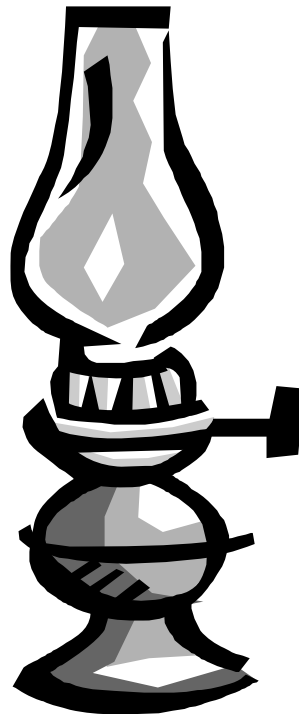


**“INFORMATION TO TENDERERS”**

**CALL FOR TENDERS**

**# 21 BS 01- 06**

**BITUMINOUS SHALE RIGHTS**



**NEW BRUNSWICK**

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**MINERALS & PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT BRANCH**

Closing/Sale Date

April 4, 2006



## DEADLINE

Offers to purchase bituminous shale **licence to search** (including any subsequent amendments) contained in this notice will not be accepted after tender close date **April 4, 2006 at 2:00 pm Fredericton Time** in room 150, Minerals & Petroleum Development Branch, Department of Natural Resources, 1350 Regent St. Fredericton, New Brunswick E3C 2G6.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A licence to search for the area described in Schedule "A", the location shown on Schedule "B" and the grid areas shown in "Schedule C" in this notice will be granted to the person who tenders the largest work expenditure commitment over the initial term of the licence to search (an initial term is 3 years with renewal option for a maximum of two consecutive annual periods). The Minister of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any bid.

## TENDER MUST CONTAIN

1. Deposit in the amount equal to one hundred percent of the tendered value of the work to be performed during the first year of the initial term of the licence to search, such amount which shall be equal to or greater than the \$5.15 per hectare on each hectare covered by the licence to search;
2. An undertaking to perform work on licence area at a rate of the tendered value and not less than the minimum amount of work as follows:
  - i. \$5.15 per hectare of the licence area in the first year;
  - ii. \$15.00 per hectare of the licence area in each of the second and third years; and
  - iii. \$17.00 per hectare of the licence area in each of the fourth and fifth years.
3. The annual rental fee for the first-year of the term in the amount of \$0.25 per hectare for each hectare covered by the licence to search;
4. An undertaking to drill one bituminous shale evaluation well of not less than 460 metres in depth for each nine sections of land covered by the licence to search; and
5. A statement of the work to be done and the expenditures to be made by the tenderer during the term of the licence to search

## FORM OF DEPOSIT

1. Deposit equal to the tendered value can be in the form of (i) cash; (ii) negotiable bearer bonds of the Government of Canada or the Province of New Brunswick, made payable to the Minister of Finance; (iii) term savings certificates or term deposits issued by a Canadian chartered bank and assigned as to principal to the Minister of Finance; (iv) a bond from a surety company licensed to do business in the Province; or (v) at the discretion of the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Finance, a promissory note payable on demand
2. Rental fee shall be made payable to the Minister of Finance by cheque

## METHOD OF SUBMISSION OF TENDER

The following requirements must be met for a tender to be considered as a valid submission of tender:

- (a) Only one tender per person may be submitted. (If more than one tender is submitted by a person then all tenders of that person will be rejected);
- (b) Each tender must be contained in a sealed envelope and incorporate the following on the face thereof:
  - i. "Tender submission for Bituminous Shale Rights # 21 BS 01-06",
  - ii. The "area" applied for; and
  - iii. The full name and address of the tenderer.
- (c) Each tender envelope must contain all documents, the deposit, the fees and any additional information required, and
- (d) Each tender must be deposited in the tender box, handed or mailed to the Manager of Petroleum Tenure on or before the time stipulated as the tender close time.

Tender submissions should be delivered or mailed to the Manager of Petroleum Tenure, at either of the following addresses:

### **Delivery/Shipping**

Department of Natural Resources  
Minerals & Petroleum Development Branch  
1350 Regent Street, HJFFC  
Fredericton, NB  
E3C 2G6

### **Mailing**

Department of Natural Resource  
Minerals & Petroleum Development Branch  
P.O. Box 6000  
Fredericton, NB  
E3B 5H1

## TENDER OPENING AND SALE RESULTS

Tenders will be opened publicly at **2:00 PM Fredericton time** in **Room 150, Minerals and Petroleum Development Branch, Department of Natural Resources, Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex, 1350 Regent St. Fredericton, New Brunswick – April 4, 2006**. A tender opening committee will open each tender and review same for adherence to the rules, terms and conditions of the tender call. In the event a tender fails to meet any requirement it will be rejected forthwith and the tender price not posted. If the tender is accepted as a valid submission of tender the name of the tenderer and price will be posted. The tender opening committee shall proceed to deal with each tender in turn in the same manner.

Companies and individuals, who are successful in submitting a winning bid, will register with the Minister of Natural Resources an address for service. Also, the company or individual may wish to investigate registering as an extra-provincial corporation under section 193 - *Business Corporation Act*.

The Minister may grant a licence to search to the successful tenderer no later than six months after the date of the call for tenders. All agreements are issued in accordance with the *Bituminous Shale Act* and *Regulation 87-14 Licence to Search, Development Permit and Lease*.

## LEGISLATION

For specific legal use reference is to be made to the *Bituminous Shale Act (Act)* and *Regulation 87-14 Licence to Search, Development Permit and Lease (Regulation)*. Copies of the Act and Regulation may be obtained from:

Queen's Printer  
PO Box 6000  
Fredericton, NB  
E3B 5H1  
Telephone (506) 453-2520

The electronic version of New Brunswick public acts may be accessed from:

<http://www.gnb.ca/0062/acts/index-e.asp>

Ron Phillips  
Manager, Petroleum Tenure  
Tel: (506) 444-4193  
Fax: (506) 453-3671  
E-mail: [ron.phillips@gnb.ca](mailto:ron.phillips@gnb.ca)

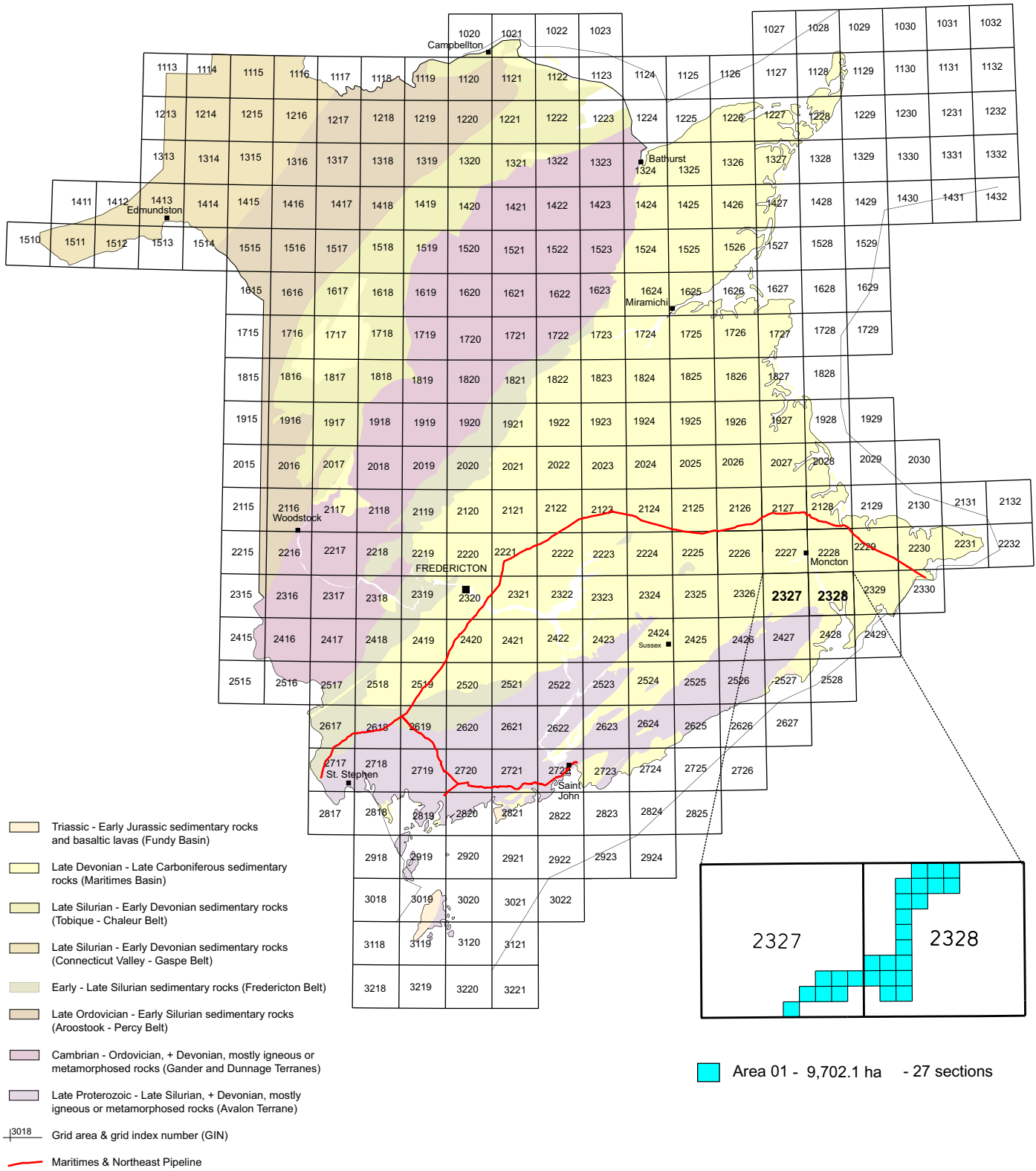
## SCHEDULE "A"

Description of the area designated under Call for Tenders # 21 BS 01-06 for Bituminous Shale licence to search.

Area	Land Description	Hectares	Minimum Work Expenditure
01	Grid Index Number 2327: Sections 3, 12, 13, 22, 23, 32, 41 inclusive for a total of 7 sections with an aggregate area of 2,517.7 ha.; and  Grid Index Number 2328: Sections 49, 50, 59, 60, 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 82, 83,84, 93, 94 inclusive for a total of 20 sections with an aggregate area of 7,184.4 ha.	9,702.1	\$341,028.82

# Schedule "B"

## Location of Area described in Call for Tenders #21 BS 01-06



## Schedule "C"

Grid area 2327 and 2328 showing sections for sale of Bituminous Shale rights in  
Call for Tenders #21 BS 01-06

