REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT

MILOT – MORINE HIGHWAY CONCESSION

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREQUALIFICATION PROCEDURE

The Government of Albania, acting through the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (the "Ministry"), intends to grant a long term concession to upgrade, operate and maintain the Milot – Morine Highway, which links the cities of Durres and Tirana with Kosovo.

The concessionaire, subject to a set of defined performance standards, will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the highway, including the 5.6km twin-bore Thirra tunnel, operation of an open tolling system and collection of toll revenues, dualization of a 26 km long segment of the highway, and construction of several structures.

The Ministry together with its advisors has carried out comprehensive due diligence of the project, reports of which will be made available to prequalified bidders.

In accordance with the Law on Concessions (*Official Gazette of Albania*, No. 150/2006) and Governmental Decree "On the approval of rules for evaluation and granting of Concessions" (*Official Gazette of Albania*, No. 10/2007), the Ministry is hereby inviting companies and consortia with experience in operation, maintenance and upgrading of highways to send prequalification applications for the concession that is the subject matter of this invitation.

Prequalification documents can be downloaded electronically at www.mppt.gov.al, obtained electronically by writing to the email addresses indicated below, or obtained physically at the address indicated below anytime between the date of the publication of this invitation and prequalification submission deadline shown below.

physical address:	Ministry of Public Works and Transport Sheshi "Skenderbej", No. 5, Tirana; Albania; and/or
e-mail address:	manjola.malo@mppt.gov.al okudashov@ifc.org

Prospective bidders shall submit only one offer. Upon submission of the prequalification application, prospective bidders will be bound by the terms specified in this invitation and

in the prequalification documents. Prospective bidders acknowledge and accept all obligations stemming from the award of the concession contract.

Prospective bidders shall bear all costs associated with preparation and submission of prequalification applications.

Prequalification applications must be submitted at the physical address shown above no later than 15:00 local Tirana time on February 15, 2012.

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