

Appel de candidatures

*Pour une licence globale et exclusive relative à une
technologie de cathode efficiente pour la fabrication du
chlorate de sodium (CEC[®])*

Call for Expressions of Interest

*For a worldwide exclusive license
of the Sodium Chlorate Efficient
Cathode Technology (CEC[®])*

Addenda 1

Montréal, February 3rd 2014

ADDENDA N°1
to the Call for Expressions of Interest document
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This addenda is an integral part of the Call for EOI and modifies it as follows :

The following questions were submitted to our attention by a participating organization. The answers that can be provided follow :

1. Is the scope of international patent application WO 2006/072169 (PCT/CA2006/000003) dated July 13th 2006 and made by Hydro-Québec and EKA Chimie, a part of the technology package?

Reply: No this patent with EKA involves alloys based on *Ti*. The new technology is based on alloys which do not contain *Ti*.

2. *In re par. 7.6 of the Call for EOI document* : specifying the amount of \$ that the participating organization is prepared to pay in an upfront payment to acquire the CEC[®] technology will be a wild guess as we have no information on the commercial testing of the technology and the due diligence process will follow at a later date. (As you indicate the \$ amount may be revised after the due diligence process).

Reply: We understand that it is difficult for the companies having no experience with the technology to specify an amount as an upfront payment. This is the reason why we will accept a revision of the \$ amount after the due diligence is done.

During the due diligence process, the participant(s) that will be selected will have the chance to review all patents and will have access to several performance reports which are currently confidential.

3. The same comment is made relating to par.7.7.

Reply: Same as in previous question.

4. The comment is made relating to par.7.8 (a more informed decision/comments can be made after the due diligence process).

Reply: Same as in previous question.

5. Is there any more information on the CEC® technology that can be provided at this time to assist with evaluation of the EOI?

Reply: Besides patents, only two papers concerning the Technology have been published in the open literature :

- *R. Schulz and S. Savoie, "Properties of iron aluminide doped with a catalytic element for the electrosynthesis of sodium chlorate", J. of Alloys and Compounds 504 (2010) S295;*
- *R. Schulz and S. Savoie, "A new family of high performance nanostructured catalyst for the electrosynthesis of sodium chlorate", J. of Alloys and Compounds 483 (2009) 510.*

6. Is it possible to get a sample of the coated substrate prior to making a submission for the Call For Expression of Interest?

Reply: At this time, in view of the short delay of the Call for EOI process, it is not possible to send coated samples. This is a matter that will be easier to approach at the time of the due diligence process with the qualified participant(s).

Effective immediately



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