



## **MINISTRY OF BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES**

### **MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW EXPLORATION AREA OF ZANZIBAR**

On 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries informed the public concerning the status of the petroleum exploration activities in Zanzibar.

The Ministry informed the public that the execution of the Contract between the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar and Schlumberger was progressing as agreed and that the blocks demarcation exercise was expected to be completed by June 2023. The Ministry would like announce that acreage evaluation and block demarcation has been finalized. These blocks are located offshore areas of Zanzibar on the east sides of the Unguja and Pemba Islands.

In accordance with the Section 34 of the Oil and Gas (Upstream) Act, 2016, the Minister responsible for the petroleum activities shall announce the opening of the new areas before the commencement of the exploration activities in Zanzibar.

It is with great pleasure that I, the Minister of Blue Economy and Fisheries, officially announce the opening of a new exploration



phase, to promote oil and gas opportunities through international bid rounds. The areas to be offered form part of a five-year exploration road map, to be launched in the upcoming Zanzibar 1<sup>st</sup> Licensing round in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2023.

The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar invites Exploration and Production companies to participate in the Zanzibar 1<sup>st</sup> Licensing Round. by nominating the most attractive blocks before official bid round opening.

The Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries would like to congratulate His Excellency, the President of Zanzibar and the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, Honourable Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi for this revolutionary and landmark achievement. Under his astute leadership, Zanzibar is continuing to be epicenter of the investments which in turn build strong and resilient economy for the benefit of Zanzibar.

Finally, I would like to assure the Exploration and Production companies and investors that our doors are open for your comments and feedback. We are looking forward for your engagement with our regulator the Zanzibar Petroleum Regulatory Authority (ZPRA) and the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries.

**Thank you.**