REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY (MAFS)

Executing Agency: Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
Project Name: Sierra Leone Rice Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SLERAZ) Project
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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

GPN – SIERRA LEONE – SIERRA LEONE RICE SPECIAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING ZONE (SLERAZ) PROJECT

1. The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone has secured financing totalling US$75 million for the Sierra Leone Rice Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SLERAZ) Project, comprising a US$50 million loan from the OPEC Fund for International Development a US$25 million grant from the African Development Fund (ADF). The Government intends to apply the financing proceeds to eligible works, goods and consulting services under the Project, in accordance with the respective financing agreements

2. The Project aims to increase rice production, productivity and competitiveness, strengthen climate resilience and support processing and commercialization along the rice value chain. It will contribute to food security, import substitution, employment creation and increased incomes, principally in Kambia and Port Loko districts.

3. The Project consists of three components: (i) enhancement of climate-resilient agricultural productivity and production systems; (ii) development of a sustainable agro-industrial hub and agricultural transformation centres; and (iii) programme management, monitoring and evaluation, and coordination.

4. The procurement activities under the Project, as set out in the Procurement Plan, principally comprise:

   Works: Construction and rehabilitation of irrigation schemes for double cropping in rice production; land development involving clearing, stump removal, levelling and drainage; rehabilitation of approximately 120 km of farm tracks; construction of on-farm storage infrastructure and drying platforms; and rehabilitation and construction of jetties;

   Goods: Supply of speed boats, wooden boats and landing craft; tractors and accessories; agricultural equipment; supply and installation of integrated modern rice-processing facilities; project vehicles and motorcycles; and computers and office equipment and Project management and finance software

   Consulting Services: Technical design, supervision and maintenance support for irrigation schemes; establishment and capacity building of water-user associations and irrigation management committees; mid-term and completion evaluations, outcome assessments, market-price studies, technical and environmental and social safeguard studies; construction monitoring; financial, procurement and environmental and social audits; and technical assistance for rice seed systems, agricultural extension, farmer cooperatives, agro-dealers, youth apprenticeships and value-chain development.

   Other Services and Support Activities: Demonstration plots and promotion of climate-smart rice varieties; fertilizer quality assessment and monitoring; land-preparation support including ploughing, levelling and harrowing; support to women-led cooperatives for community-level parboiling; promotion

and branding of locally produced rice, rice and nutrition fairs, and nutrition and food-diversification outreach.

The procurement or implementation arrangements for these activities will be determined by their nature and will be in the approved and published Procurement Plan.

5. Procurement financed by the African Development Fund will be carried out in accordance with the African Development Bank Group Procurement Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations; the relevant financing agreement and the approved Procurement Plan, using the applicable Bank Procurement Methods and Procedures (BPM) and/or Borrower Procurement System (BPS) as agreed. Procurement financed by the OPEC Fund will be conducted in accordance with its applicable financing agreement and agreed procurement requirements. The applicable procurement methods, eligibility conditions, review requirements and publication channels will be stated in the relevant specific notices and procurement documents. Contracts will be subject to the Bank's prior or post review as specified in the Procurement Plan.

6. Bidding documents, requests for expressions of interest and specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, on the Bank's external website and on the Recipient's media platforms, commencing in November 2026.

7. Interested bidders and consultants may obtain further information and register their interest by contacting:

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