INVITATION NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR

MINISTRY OF BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES (MBEF)

TANZANIA FISHERIES CORPORATION (TAFICO)

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NOTICE OF MARKET SOUNDING AND REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

PROJECT: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DEEP-SEA LONGLINE FISHING VESSEL AND FISH PROCESSING PLANT UNDER A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) ARRANGEMENT

1. Background and Objective

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, through their respective commitments to promoting the Blue Economy and strengthening the fisheries sector, are undertaking strategic investments to enhance the country's capacity in deep-sea fishing, fish processing, value addition, and seafood exports.

As part of this initiative, the Governments have procured a modern 42-metre deep-sea longline fishing vessel and are currently constructing a state-of-the-art land-based fish processing plant with a processing capacity of 10 metric tonnes per day.

To ensure the efficient, sustainable, and commercially viable utilization of these government investments, the Governments intend to engage competent and experienced private-sector partners through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement for the operation and maintenance of the facilities.

In this regard, the Governments, through the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries (MBEF) and Tanzania Fisheries Corporation (TAFICO), invite local and international private-sector operators, investors, and other relevant stakeholders to register their interest to participate in a Market Sounding exercise.

The primary objective of this exercise is to showcase the available government-owned assets and investment opportunities to potential private-sector partners, assess market interest and operational capabilities, and obtain commercial, technical and financial input to inform the structuring of the proposed PPP arrangement.

The Governments are open to exploring different partnership options, including:

a) Engagement of a private operator to operate and maintain the deep-sea longline fishing vessel.

b) Engagement of a separate private operator to operate and maintain the land-based fish processing plant.

c) Engagement of a single private-sector partner to operate and maintain both the fishing vessel and the processing plant under an integrated arrangement.

2. Targeted Participants

Participation is particularly encouraged from the following categories of stakeholders:

a) Deep-Sea Fishing Vessel Operators

b) Fish Processing Companies

c) Seafood Exporters and International Traders

d) Financial Institutions and Investment Funds

e) Other Strategic Private-Sector Partners

3. Market Sounding Event Details

- **Date:** 10 December 2026
- **Time:** 8:30 AM East Africa Time (EAT)
- **Venue:** PSSSF Conference Halls, Millennium Tower II, First Floor, Kijitonyama, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- **Travelling and per diem costs will be borne by the participants.**

4. Registration and Confirmation of Attendance

Interested companies and institutions are invited to register for the Market Sounding exercise. Prospective participants are requested to submit their company profiles, contact details and areas of interest (indicating whether their interest is in operating the fishing vessel, the fish processing plant, or both facilities) to the following email addresses:

a) **info@blueeconomysmz.go.tz**

b) **barua@tafico.co.tz**

Please use the email subject line: **“Market Sounding Registration - (Company Name)”**

- **Registration Deadline:** 7 December 2026

Further inquiries regarding attendance at the Market Sounding exercise may be directed to the above email addresses or mobile number +255622886793 for MBEF representative Mr Ibrahim.