1. The Government of State of Eritrea has received a loan from the African Development Bank/African Development Fund/ to finance the Groundwater Assessment, Aquifer Mapping and Well Development.

2. The principal objectives of this project are to establish the available potential of the national water resources and maximize its availability for sustainable use to be realized under an investment project.

   The modes of procurement envisaged so far include open competitive bidding and quality cost based selection of consultants.

3. The project includes the following components:

   1) **Groundwater Assessment and Aquifer Mapping**: This will include detailed desk studies, hydrogeological investigation (geological and hydrological studies) to identify the potential aquifer systems, geophysical surveys to determine the depth and profile the aquifer and production of GIS-based aquifer maps

   2) **Development of Production Wells** from priority aquifers, drilling supervision of the thirteen production wells, supervision of well pumping test, plus sampling and water quality analysis (chemical and biological)

   3) **Project Management**: Support and follow up to ensure the smooth implementation of the project. This will include monitoring by Government of State of Eritrea staff, office operation as well as external audit of the project accounts.

4. Procurement of goods and/or works will be in accordance with the Bank’s Procurement Policy, October, 2015. Bidding documents are expected to be available in (April, 2017).

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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