

Title: Natural Resources Lawyer
Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources
Reports to: Director General
Duty Station: Mogadishu Somalia
Deadline: 31 Jan, 2015

Background

The lawyer will head a team of legal staff who will get engaged in matters related to the Federal Constitution, the Petroleum Law, the Mining Code, Extractive Industry, Revenue Sharing Bill and the Downstream Bill and other legal regime pertinent to oil, gas, minerals and water.

The lawyer will also deal with health and safety of the extraction process: mining, drilling and clearing. Environmental protection has a legal dimension and the department will deal with that. The lawyer will also deal with Federal Member States in matters related to legislations and support them to reconcile differences in terms of looming crisis between the Federal Government and the FMS or between the Federal Member States (FMS).

Responsibilities

The Lawyer will serve as both an advocate and adviser. As an advocate, he/she will speak for the Ministry in court by presenting supportive evidence. As an adviser, the lawyer will counsel the Ministry on their legal rights and obligations. The Lawyer – also called attorneys and counsellors – will interpret laws, apply laws to specific situations, and draft new laws, if required.

The legal expert will participate in negotiating contracts with companies (oil, gas and minerals) and monitor the legal aspects in its implementation. Much of the work involves researching precedents, which are earlier interpretations of laws and the history of judicial decisions based on that law. Lawyers use precedents to support their cases in court. Many resources – from law libraries and public documents to computer databases and the Internet – are available to lawyers for research.

Qualification and Experience

- The legal expert must have a first degree and a Masters degree. A PhD in law is preferable with a focus to the extractive industry.
- The lawyer must have a working experience of more than 10 years and, again it must be focussed to the extractive industry (minerals, oil and gas).
- Knowledge of the legal regime is compulsory, particularly in relation to the existing acts and their monitoring and enforcement.
- Having an experience of the Somali context is an optional requirement.

To apply:

Candidates are requested to submit a covering letter quoting the Position Title and Vacancy Announcement No.MOPETMR/3/2015 along with their current/detailed Curriculum Vitae. Please do not attach education certificates at this stage.

E-mail is the preferred means of receipt and the application should be sent to:

HR@mopetmr.so or laylasom14@gmail.com

Late applications will not be considered. Only short listed candidates meeting all essential qualifications will be contacted.