## UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF)

## **Project**

Russian Federation – Support to the National Programme of Action for the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

We invite all interested parties (individuals, organisations, temporary groups, etc.) to provide consulting services in UNEP/GEF Project for the following Project components in 2006-2007:

## **COMPONENT 1. STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SAP) DEVELOPMENT**

To formulate Russian Arctic SAP for addressing damage and threats associated with land-based activities. SAP is to be consistent with the provisions of the Russian Federal Target Oriented Program "World Ocean" and the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment form Land-based Activities (GPA) and with initiatives and agreements within the Arctic Council.

## **COMPONENT 2: PRE-INVESTMENT STUDIES (PINS)**

Conduct of pre-investment studies to determine the optimal set of investment projects dealing with environmental damage and threats in the Arctic stemming from activities within the Russian Federation. During the PDF-B phase, 147 priority hot spots and impact zones, either anthropogenic sources or damaged environments were found to merit, from scientific perspectives, the highest priority for corrective intervention. The comparative technical assessments carried out at the Project preparatory phase need to be extended into the social, economic and political domains as a means of obtaining a more holistic perspective on priorities.

COMPONENT 3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (EPS)	
The following sub-components are initial steps in the implementation of the SAP for implementation of the NPA-Arctic to address the consequences of land-based activities.	
3.1	<b>Legislative Improvements:</b> To draw up the legislative framework and legal regulations required to facilitate the implementation of the SAP.
3.2	<b>Administrative Improvements:</b> Development of agreed proposals on distribution of responsibility and clarification of the functions of the relevant ministries and authorities for the institutional implementation of the SAP.
3.3	<b>Institutional and Technical Improvements:</b> To assess the technical and human resource requirements for implementation of the SAP and specify what administrative structures, designation of responsibilities, information exchange and assessment procedures are required to fulfil appropriate monitoring and compliance functions.
COMPONENT 4: DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS	
4.1	Indigenous Environmental Co-management (1)
	Creation of conditions for co-management of the environment by the federal and regional executive authorities, resource development companies and indigenous communities of the North.
4.2	Rehabilitation of the Marine Environment by the Use of Brown Algae (2)
	Assessing the potential of the brown alga to act as a cleanup agent in arctic marine areas that could then be used for large-scale remediation in chemically contaminated coastal areas thereby lessening the impacts of Russian activities on Arctic international waters.
4.3	Environmental Remediation of Two Decommissioned Military Bases (3)
	Demonstration of environmental remediation of two decommissioned military bases thereby enabling them to be transferred to public use.

Those who would like participating in above Project components should provide their CV and application with suggestion regarding future works on chosen Project component/s or component parts. Received information will be used in the tender procedure for selecting consultants for 2006-2007 and included in a

database for the Project implementation in the following years. The Project Evaluation Committee will select consultants for each Project components or sub-components. Each nominee will be submitted to Minekonomrasvitiya of Russia and UNEP approval (Executing and Implementing agencies for the Project, accordingly).

Applications should be sent to the Project office: NPA Arctic, ED NPAF, 19 Leninsky prospect, Moscow, 119991 Russia. Ph: (495) 730-4099, fax: (495) 955-3468, e-mail: <a href="mailto:senchenya@npaf.ru">senchenya@npaf.ru</a>.

All applicants will be informed about competition results in due time.

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