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Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 10th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 29th June 2026 for your kind perusal.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

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3/7/26

(Rajiv Kumar)

Joint Director (Admin. & Legal)

To all attendees of PSC Meeting,

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3. Shri N K Panda, Regional Director, Southern Region, Atomic Mineral Exploration and Research Directorate, Nagarbhavi, Bangaluru
4. Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik, Director, NM-II, Geological Survey of India, Nagpur
5. Shri Abhay Agrawal, Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur
6. Shri Alok Kumar, Dy. Secretary, IFD, Ministry of Mines, GPOA3, Zone-5, 4 th Floor, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
7. Shri Ravi Dutt, Cost Accounts Officer, NMEDT, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Shri Gopal Ram, Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan
9. Shri Vivek Nema, Dy. Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
10. Shri S. P. Kaddu, Dy. Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra
11. Smt. Deepa, Joint Director, (Geology and Mining), Govt. of Tamil Nadu

12. Shri Bhagwati Prasad Raturi, Ex -GM (Exploration), MECL, Lane NO-7, New Garhwal Colony Near Malsi Puliya, Balawala, Dehradun
13. Dr. Pankaj Satija, NTH Complex, 4th Floor, A-2 Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.
14. Dr. P Krishnamurthy (Technical Expert, PSC), Flat No. 103, A Block, IGV Apts., Ideal Homes Township, RR Nagar, Bengaluru.
15. Shri Hanuma Prasad Modali, Deccan Gold Mines Limited, No 77, 16th Cross, Sector IV, HSR Layout, Bangalore 560102
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21. Shri. Pradeep Singh, ADG, PSS and Chairman, TCC-2 (Invitee), GSI, CHQ, 27 JLN Road, Kolkata-700016.
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37. JEMCL, JSFC Building, 4th Floor, Near Kadru Petrol Pump, Kadru Main Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand
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Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust
Minutes of the 10th Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT
held on 29.06.2026 at 03:00 PM

The 10th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 29.06.2026 at Conference Hall, 9th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building, New Delhi in hybrid mode. The list of participants is given at Annexure-1.

Director (Projects) & Member Secretary, PSC extended a warm welcome to all members and informed that the project proposals recommended in the 98th and 99th meetings of TCC-1 and 30th and 31st meetings of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

Agenda 10.1: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

TCC-1 has recommended following 07 mineral exploration projects proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 17,62,97,972.43/- for approval of PSC.

Table-1: Details of new exploration projects recommended for approval of PSC

								<i>Amount in Rs.</i>
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Aluminous Laterite, Bauxite and Associated Critical minerals in Garjanbhija Block (14.0 Sq. km.) Pushprajgarh Taluka, Anuppur District, Madhya Pradesh [98th TCC-1]	14	PRB Infraprojects Ltd.	Aluminous Laterite, Bauxite and Associated Critical minerals	G3	10	1,53,66,196.07	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Iron ore in Bhanu block, District- Uttar Bastar Kanker, Chhattisgarh [98th TCC-1]	3.3	Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd.	Iron	G3	12	21,132,375.36	Deferred PSC deferred the project as the agency's accreditation is going to be expired on 9 th July 2026 and its re-accreditation is yet to be completed.
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) for Graphite in Panjabali-Sarigibari Block, District- Rayagada, Odisha [98th TCC-1]	4.85	My World Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite	G3	12	2,09,40,775.00	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G3) of Bauxite in Lasundra Block A (2.21 sq. Km) and Lasundra Block B (1.1 sq.km), District- Kheda , Gujarat [98th TCC-1]	3.31	GEMS Project Pvt. Ltd.	Bauxite	G3	10	1,13,90,528.00	Approved

5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite in Chadranga Block, District-Raygada, Odisha [98th TCC-1]	4.4	Eartnenviro Lab Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite	G3	12	20,226,426.00	Approved
6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite, Vanadium and associated critical minerals in Sundungra Block, District: Champawat, Uttarakhand [98th TCC-1]	2.4	Ocean Drilling Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite, Vanadium and associated critical minerals	G3	12	7,14,46,137	Deferred PSC advised that comments from the Regional Controller of Mines, IBM, Dehradun, North Zone of Indian Bureau of Mines on the feasibility of mining operations in the mentioned area, may be obtained before granting the approval of the project.
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite/Aluminous Laterite and associated Critical Minerals in Rangagre-Dajugre Area, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya [98th TCC-1]	70.97	Mining Associates Pvt. Ltd.	Bauxite/Aluminous Laterite and associated Critical Minerals	G4	12	1,57,95,535.00	Approved
Total Cost							83,719,460.07	

Chairman, PSC, expressed concern regarding delays in the execution of exploration projects by NPEAs, primarily attributable to the time involved in obtaining forest clearances. Further, the Chairman, PSC, instructed all agencies to rigorously follow up with the concerned Forest Departments to ensure timely receipt of forest clearances and to strictly adhere to the stipulated project timelines. Chairman also instructed that Joint TCC in its upcoming meeting may discuss the possibilities for expediting the forest permission.

As regards the project at Sl. No. 6, Dr. Pankaj Satija informed that, since Uttarakhand is a hilly and ecologically sensitive state, mining and related activities are relatively limited. He further emphasized that, considering slope stability concerns, the feasibility of mining in the area should also be assessed.

Dr. P. Krishnamurthy, Technical Member, PSC, also pointed out that occurrences of graphite have been reported from several parts of the country and that exploration can be undertaken in those areas as well. He further stated that, if the concentration of critical

minerals is found to be substantially promising, the area may be considered for exploration. However, considering the rugged terrain, the feasibility of mining vis-à-vis terrain conditions may be assessed prior to approval of the project, particularly in view of the high project cost.

Shri Abhay Agarwal, Indian Bureau of Mines, apprised the house that with the advent of modern technologies, mining in hilly terrain is feasible. However, he emphasized that ecological sensitivity and terrain ruggedness should be duly considered and assessed.

Shri Pradeep Singh, ADG and Chairman, TCC-2, suggested that comments from the Regional Controller of Mines, IBM, Dehradun, North Zone of Indian Bureau of Mines on the feasibility of mining operations in the mentioned area, may be obtained before granting the approval of the project.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 05 exploration projects, as mentioned against the respective NPEAs in Table-1, with a total cost of Rs. 8,37,19,460.07 and deferred 02 project at Sl. No. 2 and Sl. No. 6.

Agenda 10.2: Approval of exploration projects of GSI recommended by TCC-1

The PSC was informed that 08 projects of GSI has been recommended by TCC-1 at its 98th meeting for funding of outsourced components of the projects, such as drilling, surveys, and other similar activities with an estimated cost of Rs. 5,07,56,520.00/-. PSC was also apprised that these projects have already been approved in the CGPB meeting.

Table-2: Details of exploration projects of GSI for approval of PSC						
Amount in Rs.						
Project/Block Name	Region	Commodity	Stage	Date of completion	Cost	Decision of PSC
Preliminary Exploration for Gondwana Coal in Budhuchak Sector, Northern extension of Hura Coalfield, Rajmahal Coalfields, Bhagalpur District, Bihar [98th TCC-1]	ER	Coal	G3	31.03.2027	20,703,100.00	Approved
Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite and associated Critical mineral in Anganewadi Block, Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra [98th TCC-1]	CR	Bauxite and associated Critical minerals	G3	31.03.2027	2,596,000.00	Approved
Preliminary Exploration for glauconitic shale/sandstone and associated REE mineralization in Banskurah-Birbira Block, Mahasamund District, Chhattisgarh [98th TCC-1]	CR	Glauconitic Shale/ Sandstone and associated REE mineralization	G3	31.03.2027	5,841,000.00	Approved
Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite and Associated Critical Minerals in Basni Block, Ratnagiri District, Maharashtra (G3) [98th TCC-1]	CR	Bauxite and associated critical minerals	G3	31.03.2027	3,037,320.00	Approved
Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite and Associated critical mineral in Nandrukh Block, Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra [98th TCC-1]	CR	Bauxite and associated critical minerals	G3	31.03.2027	3,245,000.00	Approved

Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite and Associated Critical Minerals in Salel Block, Sindhudurg, District, Maharashtra [98th TCC-1]	CR	Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite and associated critical minerals	G3	31.03.2027	2,790,700.00	Approved
Preliminary Exploration for Phosphorite and associated mineralization in Tumgaon-Bhoring Block, Mahasamund District, Chhattisgarh (G3) [98th TCC-1]	CR	Phosphorite and associated mineralization	G3	31.03.2027	4,283,400.00	Approved
Preliminary exploration for lithium and associated mineralization in Tukupakhna block, Jashpur District, Chhattisgarh. [98th TCC-1]	CR	Lithium and associated mineralization	G3	31.03.2027	8,260,000.00	Approved
Total					5,07,56,520.00	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 08 exploration projects of GSI, as mentioned in Table-2, with a total cost of Rs. 5,07,56,520.00/-.

Agenda 10.3: Approval for procurement of machinery/equipment/software by GSI from NMEDT Fund for enhancement of exploration activities

Agenda 10.3a: Procurement of Man Portable Diamond Core Drilling Rigs

PSC was apprised that GSI has submitted a proposal for procurement of two (02) nos. Man Portable Diamond Core Drilling Rig machine with an estimated cost of Rs. 450 lakhs (including 01 year warranty, CAMC for 04 years, dedicated service engineer, consumables and 18%GST) for a duration of 8 months. These drill rigs are capable of drilling up to a depth of 250 m and the components of the drilling rigs can be dismantled, easily shifted manually to difficult locations, and can be reassembled at the site. These portable drill rig machines are expected to expedite exploration and drilling activities in remote and Himalayan terrains of the North Eastern Region and Northern Region, dense forest areas with approach constraints, and other areas with limited accessibility.

Table-3: Detailed break-up of the cost of the man portable diamond core drill rigs						
Sl. No.	Details of the item	Qty.	Cost without GST (Rs. in lakhs)	GST (18%) (Rs. in lakhs)	Total Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Comments of PSC
1	Man portable diamond core drilling rig	02	338.98	61.02	400.00	Approved

2	CAMC (1 st Year)	-	10.17	1.83	42.00	Not approved as the cost of CAMC will be borne by GSI.
3	CAMC (2 nd Year)	-	10.17	1.83	42.00	
4	CAMC (3 rd Year)	-	11.02	1.98	43.00	
5	CAMC (4 th Year)	-	11.02	1.98	43.00	
Total Approved Cost					400.00	

Shri. N. K. Panda, Member, PSC, enquired about the size of the core vis a vis depth of drilling. In response, Chief Engineer, GSI informed that these machines can drill upto depth of 250 meter and 400m with HQ core size and NQ core size, respectively.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the proposal of GSI for procurement of two (02) nos. Man Portable Diamond Core Drilling Rig machine with an estimated cost of Rs. 400 lakhs (including 01 year warranty, dedicated service engineer, consumables and 18%GST) for a duration of 8 months, as per table-3.

Agenda 10.3b: Procurement of Crawler Mounted Hydrostatic Coring Drilling Rigs

PSC was apprised that GSI has submitted a proposal for procurement of three (03) nos. Crawler Mounted Hydrostatic Rigs with an estimated cost of Rs. 575 lakhs (including 01 year warranty, CAMC for 4 years along with a dedicated operator, service engineer, consumables and 18% GST) for a duration of 06 months. Three (03) crawler mounted hydrostatic coring drilling rigs will includes two (02) nos. drill rigs with 300m drilling capacity and one (01) no. 600m drilling capacity. These drill rigs will be procured against the replacement of three mechanical rigs for Central Region, GSI, Nagpur, which are more than 25 years old. These rigs will facilitate movement of drilling fleets in areas having agricultural fields and will expedite the drilling activities in exploration work.

Table-4: The detailed break-up of the cost of crawler mounted hydrostatic coring drill rigs						
Sl. No.	Details of the item	Qty.	Cost without GST (Rs. in lakhs)	GST (18%) (Rs. in lakhs)	Total Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Decision of PSC
1	Crawler Mounted Hydrostatic Coring Drilling Rigs	03	387.00	69.66	456.66	Approved
2	CAMC (1 st Year)	-	23.00	4.14	27.14	Not approved as the cost of the CAMC will
3	CAMC (2 nd Year)	-	23.00	4.14	27.14	

4	CAMC (3 rd Year)	-	27.00	4.86	31.86	be borne by GSI
5	CAMC (4 th Year)	-	27.00	4.86	31.86	
Approved Cost					456.66	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the proposal of GSI for procurement of three (03) nos. Crawler Mounted Hydrostatic Rigs (02 nos. drill rigs with 300m capacity and 01 no. drill rig with 600m capacity) with an estimated cost of Rs. 456.66 lakhs (including 01 year warranty along with a dedicated operator, service engineer, consumables and 18% GST) for a duration of 06 months, as per table-4.

Agenda 10.3c: Procurement of Borehole Survey Tools

PSC was apprised that GSI has submitted a proposal for procurement of nine (09) nos. Borehole Survey Tools with an estimated cost of Rs. 531 lakhs (including 01year warranty, 01 year extended warranty, AMC of 05 years and 18% GST) for a duration of 10 months. These tools are used to determine the inclination and azimuth of a drilled borehole with utmost precision. GSI already have five (05) such Borehole Survey Tools and there is a need of more such Borehole Survey Tools, with increase in the exploration programme.

Table-5: Detailed break-up cost of borehole survey tools						
Sl. No.	Details of the item	Qty.	Cost without GST (Rs. in lakhs)	GST (18%) (Rs. in lakhs)	Total Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Decision of PSC
1	Borehole survey tools with 01 year warranty and 01 year extended warranty	09	350.00	63.00	413.00	Approved
2	AMC (1 st Year)	-	20.00	3.60	23.60	Not approved as the cost of the AMC will be borne by GSI
3	AMC (2 nd Year)	-	20.00	3.60	23.60	
4	AMC (3 rd Year)	-	20.00	3.60	23.60	
5	AMC (4 th Year)	-	20.00	3.60	23.60	
6	AMC (5 th Year)	-	20.00	3.60	23.60	
Approved Cost					413.00	

N. K. Panda, Member, PSC, enquired about the type and accuracy of the borehole survey tools proposed for procurement. He further observed that, considering the G4 and G3 stages of exploration, a total of 14 borehole survey tools for 67 drill rigs appeared to be on the higher side.

In response, GSI informed that magnetic-type borehole survey tools are proposed to be procured, with an accuracy of 0.25° for inclination and 0.35° for azimuth. GSI further informed that 67 drill rigs are distributed across six regions, and these 14 borehole survey tools will be distributed among these regions. Considering the above facts, procurement of nine (09) additional borehole survey tools are essential for smooth execution of exploration projects at region level.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the proposal of GSI for procurement of nine (09) nos. Borehole Survey Tools with an estimated cost of Rs. 413 lakhs (including 01year warranty, 01 year extended warranty and 18% GST) for a duration of 10 months, as per table-5.

Agenda 10.4: Approval of change of title and exploration stage of ongoing exploration projects along with timeline extension (if any)

TCC-1 has recommended change of title and exploration stage of 01 ongoing exploration project along with timeline extension (if any), for approval of PSC.

Table-6: Detail of the project recommended for change of title and stage of exploration along with timeline extension								
Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Modified Title	Timeline Extension	Remark	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite in Kalychochra block, Rayagada district, Odisha [98th TCC-1]	DMG Odisha	39 th EC (S.O. issued on 24.02.2025)	12	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite in Kalychochra block, Rayagada district, Odisha	31.07.2026 (Timeline extension required for submission of GR)	Due to local agitation drilling work could not be carried out. Hence, the stage of exploration can be downgraded from G3 to G4.	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the change of title and exploration stage of the project along with timeline extension, as per table 6.

Agenda 10.5 Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-1:

TCC-1 has recommended timeline extension of following 18 mineral exploration/procurement projects, for approval of PSC.

Table-7: Details of projects recommended by TCC-1 for timeline extension							
S. N o.	Block/Project	Agency	Schedul ed date of completi on	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE, Ni, Co and PGE in Podili area, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh [98th TCC-1]	Critical Mineral Trackers	3.07.26	31.08.26	S.O issued on 4.9.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 3.7.26	For submission of GR	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for establishing the occurrence of Lithium and associated minerals in Great Rann of Kachchh, Gujarat. [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	23.08.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 24.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 23.8.25	For submission of GR	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Chhasra Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat. [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	27.08.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 28.02.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 27.8.24	For submission of GR	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Vayor Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	27.08.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 28.02.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 27.8.24	For submission of GR	Approved
5	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Jadvā Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat. [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	27.08.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 28.02.24 Original approved	For submission of GR	Approved

					Scheduled Date of Completion was 27.8.24		
6	Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite in Mothala Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	21.06.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.4.25	For submission of GR	Approved
7	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Lodhva Block, Gir Somanth District, Gujarat [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	31.12.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.4.25	For submission of GR	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Matana Block, Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	31.12.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.4.25	For submission of GR	Approved
9	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Level) for Limestone in Simar Block, Gir Somanth District, Gujarat [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	31.12.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.4.25	For submission of GR	Approved
10	Detailed Exploration (G-3 Level) for Limestone in Bolas Block, Gir Somanth District, Gujarat [98th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	31.12.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.4.25	For submission of GR	Approved
11	Preliminary Exploration, G3 (Phase-I) For Ni, Co, PGE and	GeoExp Ore Pvt. Ltd.	30.06.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 17.04.23	For submission of GR	Approved

	associated minerals in J.C. Pura Mafic-Ultramafic Schist Belt near Rampura and Gollarahatti Block, Hassan District, Karnataka (Block area- 2 sq. km.) [98th TCC-1]				Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 16.2.24		
1 2	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) For Diamond In Part Of A Palaeo-Channel In Krishna Basin Near Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist, Andhra Pradesh. [98th TCC-1]	Geomarine Services Pvt. Ltd.	30.06.26	31.08.26	S.O issued on 30.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 29.12.25	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
1 3	Majhingamali, District-Rayagada & Kalahandi, Odisha. [99th TCC-1]	OMC	30.06.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 12.2.19 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 11.2.20	For submission of GR	Approved
1 4	Keluamali, District-Kalahandi, Odisha. [99th TCC-1]	OMC	30.06.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 12.2.19 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 11.2.20	For submission of GR	Approved
1 5	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Tungsten, REE and Associated minerals in and around Nellie Area (114.96 sq. km), Morigaon and West Karbi Anglong Districts, Assam [99th TCC-1]	MECL	30.06.26	31.10.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.8.25	For completion of work. (The work delayed due to delay in Forest Clearance. Agency received FC on 10.06.2026)	Approved
1 6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE Mineralization in Maravapaliyam Block,	MECL	21.04.26	30.09.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved

	Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu. [99th TCC-1]				Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.10.25		
1 7	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and Associated Minerals in Maddur area, Narayanpet District, Telangana [99th TCC-1]	Critical Mineral Tracker	03.07.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 4.09.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 3.7.26	For submission of GR	Approved
1 8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Iron ore and associated minerals in Amhawa Block, Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh. [99th TCC-1]	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	30.06.26	31.10.26	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.2.26	For submission of GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of the projects, as mentioned in table-7.

Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

Agenda 10.6: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

TCC-2 has recommended following 11 mineral exploration project proposals with estimated cost of Rs. 21,76,55,756.49 for approval of PSC.

Table-8: Details of new exploration projects recommended for approval of PSC								
								<i>Amount in Rs.</i>
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance survey for Bauxite, Titanium and other associated minerals in Maharajpur-Khamtala Area, Satna District, Madhya Pradesh [30th TCC-2]	101	Ocean Drilling and Exploration Private Limited	Bauxite, Titanium and other associated minerals	G4	10	1,08,91,066	Approved
2	Reconnaissance survey for Vanadium, Graphite, Barium and associated minerals in Chamdewal - Madlak Area, Champawat district of Uttarakhand Reconnaissance survey for Graphite, Vanadium, Barium and associated minerals in Chamdewal - Madlak Area, Champawat district of Uttarakhand [30th TCC-2]	51	Ocean Drilling and Exploration Private Limited	Vanadium, Graphite, Barium and associated minerals	G4	10	1,97,58,589	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Limestone in Adividevulapalli Block, Nalgonda District, Telangana [30th TCC-2]	5	GMMCO Technology Services Limited	Limestone	G3	10	96,20,813	Approved
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for REE and associated minerals in Redhakhol Area in parts of Sambalpur and Angul District, Odisha [30th TCC-2]	68	My World Consultancy Services Private Limited	REE and associated minerals	G4	10	1,40,55,546	Approved

5	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Rare Metals in Katekalyan Area, western periphery of the Baster–Koraput Pegmatite Belt, District Dantewada, Chhattisgarh [30th TCC-2]	114	Deepsar Mineral Explorer	Rare Metals	G4	10	79,72,172	Approved
6	Preliminary exploration (G3) of Limestone in Kebang North Block, Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh [30th TCC-2]	5.98	MMPL Private Limited	Limestone	G3	12	1,81,32,231	Approved
7	Preliminary Exploration (G3) of Limestone in Kebang South Block, Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh [31st TCC-2]	5.87	MMPL Private Limited	Limestone	G3	12	1,81,28,445	Approved
8	Preliminary exploration (G3) of Graphite in Bhopali East Block, Betul District, Madhya Pradesh [31st TCC-2]	1.4	MMPL Private Limited	Graphite	G3	12	2,33,94,168.45	Approved
9	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite and associated mineralization in Chiklar Block, Betul District, Madhya Pradesh [31st TCC-2]	1.35	M/s Vardan Environet LLP	Graphite and associated mineralization	G3	12	3,64,80,588.30	Approved
10	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Graphite in Lakshmipur– Sikabarhi- Barha Kachapai, Rayagada District, Odisha [31st TCC-2]	29	United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite	G4	10	1,25,95,223.62	Approved
11	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Vanadium, Scandium, Gallium and associated minerals in and around Satoli Block, Bidar district, Karnataka [31st TCC-2]	9	Geo Marine Solutions Private Limited	Vanadium, Scandium, Gallium and associated minerals	G3	12	4,66,26,914.12	Approved
Total Cost							21,76,55,756.49	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 11 exploration projects, as mentioned against the respective NPEAs in Table-8, with a total cost of Rs. 217655756.49.

Agenda 10.7: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-2

TCC-2 has recommended cost revision with timeline extension of following 03 projects for approval of PSC.

Table-9: Details of projects recommended by TCC-2 for cost revision along with timeline extension								
S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.)	Revised cost (Rs.)	Change in Cost (Rs.)	Timeline extension	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in Sangmania Block, Satna District, Madhya Pradesh [30th TCC-2]	MPSMC	1,12,64,864	88,65,809	(-) 23,99,055	-	Cost reduced due to reduction in the approved quantum of drilling (08 BH against 10 approved BH), pitting, and the corresponding sampling and chemical analysis	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Gold, copper and Associated Minerals in Jamtola-Khandapar block, Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh [30th TCC-2]	MECL	2,39,52,734.45	2,19,32,107.17	(-) 20,20,627.28	11.07.26	Cost reduced due to the reduction in the quantum of borehole deviation survey and chemical analysis. Timeline extension required for submission of GR.	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE and Associated Minerals in Saiyedpar block, District: Kachchh, Gujarat [30th TCC-2]	MECL	1,83,75,654	1,37,02,354	(-) 46,73,300	31.08.26	Cost reduced due to the reduction in the approved drilling quantum and the corresponding changes in the chemical analysis and other project components. Timeline extension required for submission of GR.	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the revised cost of the projects along with timeline extension, as per table-9.

Agenda 10.8: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration/procurement projects along with timeline extension (if any) and cost revision (if any)

TCC-1 has recommended of pre-closure of 02 ongoing exploration projects along with timeline extension (if any) and cost revision (if any) for approval of PSC:

Table-10: Details of projects recommended by TCC-2 for pre-closure of ongoing projects along with timeline extension										
Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Approved cost (Rs.)	Revised cost (Rs.)	Cost change (Rs.)	Timeline extension	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. [30th TCC-2]	DTCI Manipur	27 th EC (SO issued on 18.04.2023)	10	2,45,77,794	87,15,794	(-) 1586200	-	The agency has procured 10 items out of 20 items. Due to unavailability of adequate manpower in the Directorate, procurement of rest of the equipments are not required. Agency to return unspent amount along with interest.	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Phosphorite and associated minerals in Kaphalda Block, Dehradun and Tehri Garhwal Districts, Uttarakhand [31st TCC-2]	MECL	40 th EC (SO issued on 05.03.25)	12	3,18,44,525	-	-	30.9.26 30.08.26	Pre-closure due to insignificant value of phosphate. Timeline extension required to complete trenching, chemical analysis and submission of GR.	Approved. Timeline extension approved till 30.08.26

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the pre-closure of ongoing projects along with timeline extension, as per table-10.

Agenda 10.9: Approval of change of title of ongoing exploration projects along with timeline extension (if any)

TCC-2 has recommended change of title of ongoing exploration projects along with timeline extension (if any), for approval of PSC.

Table-11: Details of projects recommended by TCC-2 for change of title of ongoing exploration projects along with timeline extension							
Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Modified Title	Timeline Extension	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Copper Bearing Minerals around Musabani, Dumriya, and Maheshpur areas in West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand [30th TCC-2]	Natural Resources Division-Tata Steel Limited	37 th EC (S.O. issued on 30.10.2024)	10	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Copper Bearing Minerals around Musabani, Dumriya, and Maheshpur areas in East Singhbhum District, Jharkhand	31.08.2026 (Timeline extension required for submission of GR.)	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the change of title of the exploration project along with timeline extension, as per table-11.

Agenda 10.10: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-2:

TCC-2 has recommended timeline extension of following 12 mineral exploration/procurement projects, for approval of PSC.

Table-12: Details of project recommended by TCC-2 for timeline extension							
S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for REE in Jasai-Para area, District: Barmer, Rajasthan [30th TCC-2]	FAGMIL	31.5.26	30.6.26	S.O issued on 23.06.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 22.4.26	For submission of GR	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Basemetal in Pastalaimal Basemetal Block, Betul District, Madhya Pradesh [30th TCC-2]	MPSMC	11.11.25	30.11.26	S.O issued on 12.3.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 11.03.25	For completion of project, preparation and submission of GR. (Project delayed due to local agitation)	Approved
3	Reconnaissance (G4) for Gold in Jojobera-Ulihurang Block, Arki, Block, Khunti District, Jharkhand [31st TCC-2]	JEMCL	23.12.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 24.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 23.12.25	For submission of GR	Approved
4	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Gold in Hurungdah-Tamar-Ranchi-Arki-Khunti-Kuchai area, Saraikela-Kharsawan District, Jharkhand [31st TCC-2]	JEMCL	18.01.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 19.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.01.26	For submission of GR	Approved
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) in Jhalauthar Phosphorite block for Rock Phosphate, in Bada	Engeltech Consultant	28.06.26	31.5.27	S.O issued on 30.10.24	For obtaining forest permission	Not approved as the accreditation

	Malehra Taluka, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh [31 st TCC-2]				Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 29.10.25	and completion of drilling, submission of GR.	of the agency is going to expire on 9 th July 2026 and re- accreditation is yet to be done.
6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE mineralization in Nauser Bamni Dhani Dandali block District- Barmer, Rajasthan [31 st TCC-2]	MECL	12.02.26	30.6.26	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.02.26	For submissio n of GR	Approved
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE & associated minerals in and around Langmipi Laching Thing Area District: West Karbi Anglong, Assam [31 st TCC-2]	MECL	12.03.26	12.09.26	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.03.26	For completion of work and submissio n of GR	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Magnetite and associated Vanadium mineralization in Khursipar Block, Gondia District, Maharashtra [31 st TCC-2]	MECL	17.06.26	16.12.26	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.03.26	For completion of drilling and submission of GR. (Delay due to local resistance)	Approved
9	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Diamond in adjacent area of Angira-B and Angira-A Block, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh [31 st TCC-2]	MECL	11.6.25	28.02.27 31.01.27	S.O issued on 12.12.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 11.6.25	To complete the drilling and submission of GR (Drilling delayed due to delay in obtaining Forest Permission)	Approved
10	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Diamond in Angira B Block, District: Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh [31 st TCC-2]	MECL	25.05.25	31.01.27 31.12.26	S.O issued on 26.06.23 Original approved Scheduled Date	To complete the drilling and submission of GR	Approved

					of Completion was 25.9.24		
11	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Copper and Associated minerals in Singhana - Bodhan Block (3.36 sq. km), Jhunjhunu District, Rajasthan [31st TCC-2]	MECL	18.06.26	18.12.26	S.O issued on 19.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.6.26	For completion of drilling, associated field work and submission of GR.	Approved
12	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for REE and Associated Minerals in Borana Block, Bhilwara District, Rajasthan [31st TCC-2]	GeoE xpOre Pvt. Ltd.	8.02.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 10.6.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.6.25	For submission of GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of 11 projects, as per table-12.

Annexure-1**List of Participant**

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Position	Mode of joining
1	Shri. Pankaj Garg	Director General, NMEDT	Chairman	Physical
2	Shri. Anshoo Pandey	Director, NCMM	Member, ex officio	Online
3	Shri. N K Panda	Regional Director, SR, AMD	Member, ex officio	Online
4	Shri. Birendra Kr. Thakur	Director Tech., Ministry of Coal	Member, ex officio	Online
5	Smt. Geetika Sharma	Director & HoD, NMEDT	Member Secretary	Online
6	Shri. Alok Kumar	Dy. Secretary, IFD, Mines	Member, ex officio	Online
7	Shri. Jayant Naik	Director, M-II, GSI	Member, ex officio	Online
8	Shri. Abhay Agarwal	Regional Controller of Mines, IBM	Member, ex officio	Online
9	Shri. Ravi Dutt	Cost Accounts Officer	Member, ex officio	Physical
10	Shri. Sohan Baghel	Jt. Director, MRD, MP	Member, ex officio	Online
11	Shri. Gopal Ram	Addl. Director, DGM Rajasthan	Member, ex officio	Online
12	Ms. Deepa	Addl. Director, CGM Tamil Nadu	Member, ex officio	Online
13	Shri. S. P. Kaddu	Dy. Director, DGM Maharashtra	Member, ex officio	Online
14	Shri. B. P. Raturi	Technical Expert		Online
15	Shri. Pankaj Satija	Technical Expert		Online
16	Dr. P Krishnamurthy	Technical Expert		Online
17	Shri. Hanuma Prasad Modalli	Technical Expert		Online
18	Shri. Pradeep Singh	Addl. D. G. and Chairman, TCC-2	Special Invitee	Online
19	Dr. S Ravi	Dy. D. G. and Chairman, TCC-1	Special Invitee	Online
20	Shri. Sanjay Singh	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2	Special Invitee	Online
21	Shri. S Dhanendran	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-1	Special Invitee	Online