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Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 12th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 01st September, 2026 for your kind perusal.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

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(Geetika Sharma)
Director (Projects)

To all attendees of PSC Meeting,

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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
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9. Shri Vivek Nema, Dy. Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
10. Shri Suresh Naitham, Dy. Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra
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National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust
Minutes of 12th Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT
held on 1.09.2026 at 03:00 PM

The 12th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 01.09.2026 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 102nd and 103rd meetings of TCC-1 and 34th and 35th meetings of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

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

Agenda 12.1: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

PSC was informed that TCC-1 has recommended following 08 mineral exploration projects proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 15,94,79,299.40 (Rs. 1594.79 lakhs) for approval of PSC.

Table-1: Details of projects recommended by TCC-1								<i>Amount in Rs.</i>
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE in Vellaturu Area, District- NTR & Eluru, Andhra Pradesh [102 nd TCC-1] [ME/DD/G4/AP/MECL/26-27/009]	88	MECL	REE	G4	10	1,54,34,827.00	Approved
2	Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for Glauconite in Valka Mota block, District- Kachchh, Gujarat [102 nd TCC-1] [ME/DD/G3/GJ/MECL/26-27/015]	7.86	MECL	Glauconite	G3	10	1,01,60,530.99	Approved
3	Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for Glauconite in Valka Nana block,	11.23	MECL	Glauconite	G3	40 12	1,06,78,041.67	Approved

	District- Kachchh, Gujarat [102nd TCC-1] [ME/DD/G3/GJ/ME CL/26-27/016]							
4	Preliminary Exploration for the Vanadium, Graphite and Associated Mineral in Potri Dhek Block, Tehsil-Lohaghat, District - Champawat, Uttarakhand [102nd TCC-1] [ME/IND/G3/UK/P/ 26-27/019]	2.73	Vibrant Techno Lab Private Limited	Vanadium, Graphite and Associated Mineral	G3	12	4,00,80,302	Approved IBM informed that the evaluation on the feasibility of mining can only be carried out after the establishment of any resources in the area. So, the project can be considered for exploration. Based on the availability of the resources, feasibility of the mining can be ascertained.
5	Reconnaissance survey (G-4 stage) of Graphite in Sonagara area, Bankura district, West Bengal [102nd TCC-1] [ME/DD/G4/WB/26 -27/110]	125.43	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite	G4	12	1,67,14,253.35	Approved
6	Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) of Limestone in Dithur Block, Dima Hasao District, Assam [102nd TCC-1] [ME/DD/G3/AS/26 -27/095]	2.81	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	Limestone	G3	40 12	2,24,36,313	Approved
7	Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) for Base Metals and Associated Minerals in Narvakatipalle Block, Y.S.R Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh [102nd TCC-1] [ME/IND/G3/AP/P/ 26-27/011]	4.76	GeoExp Ore Pvt Ltd	Base metals and associated minerals	G3	12	2,63,85,543.00	Approved

8	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE, Graphite and other associated minerals in Gopalapuram-Thotapalle Area, District- Krishna, NTR & Eluru, Andhra Pradesh [103 rd TCC-1] [ME/DD/G4/AP/ME CL/26-27/013]	136	MECL	REE, Graphite and other associated minerals	G4	10	1,75,89,488.39	Approved
Total							15,94,79,299.40	

Discussion: The PSC observed that more than 50% of the projects sanctioned to various agencies during FY 2024-25 are still incomplete and expressed serious concern over the issue. The matter is also being viewed seriously by the Ministry.

Dr. P. Krishnamurthy, Technical Expert, suggested that suitable provisions may be considered for penalising agencies for delayed completion of projects. However, the Committee should take into account the genuineness of the factors responsible for such delays, such as delay in obtaining forest permissions, local agitations, etc.

Prof. T. K. Biswal and Shri B. P. Raturi, Technical Experts, suggested that an agency should demonstrate its capacity to complete the projects already sanctioned to it before being considered for sanction of any new project.

Dr. Pankaj Satija, Technical Expert, suggested that AI/ML-based tools may be utilised to categorise agencies based on parameters such as the number of projects sanctioned, extent of delay in project execution, and timely completion of projects. A qualitative performance index/rating may be developed for each agency, which could subsequently be taken into consideration while allocating/sanctioning new projects to the agency.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 08 exploration projects, as mentioned against respective NPEAs/NEAs in table-1, with a total cost of Rs. 15,94,79,299.40.

Agenda 12.2: Undertaking of Geochemical Analysis of Samples from Quartz, Mica & Feldspar Mines and Other Mineral Commodities by IBM through NMEDT funding

PSC was apprised that IBM has submitted a proposal for carrying out a systematic nationwide program for sampling and comprehensive geochemical analysis of mine samples from Quartz, Mica and Feldspar mines. As per the proposal, about 1500 samples will be collected from 441 mines located across different geological provinces and mineral belts. The program also includes 41 mines of Vermiculite, Kyanite, Magnesite, Diamond, Phosphorite,

Sillimanite, Garnet and Wollastonite which will be analysed for major, trace, critical and strategic elements to generate a comprehensive baseline geochemical database and assess the potential of associated critical minerals. The study will target potential enrichment in mine faces, waste/sub-grade material, mineral rejects, stacks and tailings, wherever available, with particular emphasis on un-utilised materials.

PSC was also apprised that out of the 1500 samples, 60 samples will be analyzed at IBM's in-house laboratories whereas 1440 samples will be outsourced to JNARDDC, Nagpur and MECL, Nagpur.

The break-up of cost is given below in table-2:

Table-2: Summary of Cost Estimates		
S. No.	Item	Total Estimated Cost (Rs.)
1	Geologist man-days sampling and Sample preparations	18,13,320
2	Laboratory studies	1,79,16,480
3	Sub Total (1 to 2)	1,97,29,800
4	GST 18%	35,51,364
	Total	2,32,81,164

Accordingly, TCC-1 at its 103rd meeting evaluated the proposal and recommended the proposal of IBM for Undertaking of Geochemical Analysis of Samples from Quartz, Mica & Feldspar Mines and Other Mineral Commodities with a total cost of Rs. 2,32,81,164 with a duration of 04 months for approval of PSC.

Discussion: Dr. Pankaj Satija, Technical Expert informed that following clarifications may be provided along with the proposal:

- a) Based on the factors on which 60 samples are to be analyzed at IBM;
- b) Factors on which these two laboratories were selected for chemical analysis; and
- c) Whether IBM is charging any amount for carrying out chemical analysis of 60 samples.

Shri S. K. Adhikary, Chief Mining Geologist [CMG], IBM, informed the House that the primary work of IBM is to carry out beneficiation studies and that IBM's laboratories primarily undertake sample analysis related to such beneficiation studies. Accordingly, the in-house laboratories of IBM have the capacity to undertake only 20 samples per month for regular analysis. Therefore, only 60 samples can be analysed over a period of three months. It was further informed that the cost of analysis of these 60 samples has not been included in the cost sheet.

It was further informed that JNARDDC, Nagpur and MECL, Nagpur are Government laboratories and were selected to maintain uniformity in standards during chemical analysis. Further, as the concentration of critical minerals is measured at ppm and ppb levels, the responsibility for carrying out such analysis would lie with the Government laboratories.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the project of IBM titled Undertaking of Geochemical Analysis of Samples from Quartz, Mica & Feldspar Mines and Other Mineral Commodities with a total cost of Rs. 2,32,81,164 with a duration of 04 months.

Agenda 12.3: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects recommended by TCC-1

TCC-1 has recommended cost revision of following 12 projects for approval of PSC.

Table-3: Details of projects recommended by TCC-1 for cost revision							
S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.)	Revised cost (Rs.)	Change in Cost (Rs.)	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite and associated Critical Minerals in Golardih area, Khairagarh Chhuikhadan - Gandai districts, Chhattisgarh [102nd TCC-1]	DGM Chhattisgarh	75,84,977	1,28,08,777	(+) 5,223,800	On the basis of encouraging values of bauxite along with associated critical minerals and REE, drilling quantum has been increased from 75m to 300m. Additionally, pitting of 30m ³ has been suggested along with additional sample analysis.	Approved Component added/modified Pitting: 30m ³ Drilling: 75m to 300m Drill core preservation: 75m to 300m Sample Analysis: 355 to 500 nos. Sampler days: 76 to 125 nos. Labor for sampling: 304 to 500 nos. Road making: 10km to 15km
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) For Diamond in Part of a Palaeo-Channel in Krishna Basin near Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist, Andhra Pradesh [102nd TCC-1]	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	2,01,83,731.54	2,01,75,306.34	(-) 8,425.2	XRD analysis has been removed, and EPMA study has been carried out.	Approved

3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Chhasra Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat [102 nd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	1,74,04,577	34,11,422	(-) 1,39,93,155	Due to local agitation work drilling could not be executed and target reduced from 900m to 176m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	Deferred PSC observed that the agency never came for review also. CGM Gujarat
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Vayor Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat [102 nd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	94,28,274	60,33,653	(-) 33,94,621	Due to local agitation work drilling could not be executed and target reduced from 450m to 310m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	to provide a reply on why they did not come for review during the execution phase of the project. Proposals are deferred till the receipt of reply.
5	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Jadvha Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat [102 nd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	60,97,512	47,31,394	(-) 13,66,118	Due to forest issue, the quantum of drilling reduced from 280m to 229m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	
6	Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite in Mothala Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat [102 nd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	2,25,60,284.00	90,37,996.00	(-) 1,35,22,288	Due to local agitation work drilling could not be executed and target reduced from 1100m to 398m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	
7	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Lodhva Block, Gir Somanth District, Gujarat [102 nd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	46,63,578.00	37,65,511.00	(-) 8,98,067	Due to limited mineralized zone drilling quantum reduced from 140m to 103m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Matana Block,	CGM Gujarat	57,46,896.00	23,49,583.00	(-) 33,97,313	Due to limited mineralized zone drilling quantum reduced from 200m to 40m.	Approved

	Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [102nd TCC-1]					Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	
9	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Level) for Limestone in Simar Block, Gir Somanth District, Gujarat [102nd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	29,52,153.00	21,84,761	(-) 7,67,392	Due to limited mineralized zone drilling quantum reduced from 60m to 35.25. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	Approved
10	Detailed Exploration (G-3 Level) for Limestone in Bolas Block, Gir Somanth District, Gujarat [102nd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	39,97,365	30,02,938	(-) 9,94,427	Due to limited mineralized zone drilling quantum reduced from 100m to 68m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	Approved
11	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and Associated Minerals in Maddur area, Narayanpet District, Telangana [102nd TCC-1]	Critical Mineral Trackers	1,31,12,292	57,99,626	(-) 73,12,666	Cost reduced as drilling component has been removed. Further, the agency has carried out SEM study in place of EPMA study as time slot for EPMA study was not available. Further, the costing of SEM study has been done as per the revised SOC.	Approved The cost involved in SEM study is not approved and shall be excluded from the final cost sheet
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Ni, Co, PGE and REE/ Associated Minerals in JC Pura Mafic Ultramafic Schist Belt Near Rampura and Gollarahatti (R-G) Block, Hassan District, Karnataka [103rd TCC-1]	M/s GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd.	82,87,108	18,97,652	(-) 6,389,456	Due to local agitation project has been pre-closed. Pre-closure was approved in 9 th PSC meeting.	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the cost revision of 08 projects and deferred the cost revision of 04 projects (Sl. No. 3 to 6), as per table-3.

Agenda 12.4: Approval of change of stage of ongoing exploration project along with timeline extension and cost revision

TCC-1 has recommended change of stage of 02 ongoing exploration projects for approval of PSC.

Table-4: Details of projects recommended by TCC-1 for change of stage of exploration						
Sl. No	Title of the project	Agency	Changed title of the project with stage of exploration	Timeline extension	Remark	Comments of PSC
1	Keluamali (G3), District-Kalahandi, Odisha	OMC	Keluamali (G4), District-Kalahandi, Odisha	30.09.2026	The project was pre-closed due to local agitation and the agency is advised to submit the report under G4 category. Pre-closure was approved in 9 th PSC. Cost revision is yet to be carried out.	Deferred The request for change of stage should be presented along with revised cost.
2	Majhingamali (G3), District-Rayagada & Kalahandi, Odisha	OMC	Majhingamali (G4), District-Rayagada & Kalahandi, Odisha	30.09.2026	The project was pre-closed due to local agitation and the agency is advised to submit the report under G4 category. Pre-closure was approved in 9 th PSC. Cost revision is yet to be carried out.	Deferred The request for change of stage should be presented along with revised cost.

Decision of PSC: PSC defer the proposal of change of stage of exploration, as per table-4, and advised TCC to recommend such proposal along with revised cost, for consideration of PSC.

Agenda 12.5: Approval of exploration project with revised title and revised timeline

TCC-1 at its 102nd meeting has recommended the proposal of Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd. with modified title and cost (as per revised SoC), for approval of PSC.

Table-5: Details of projects recommended by TCC-1 for revised title and revised timeline

Sl. No.	Title of the project	Agency	Changed title of the project with stage of exploration	Approved Cost (Amount in Rs.)	Duration/Revised timeline	Remark	Comments of PSC
1	Detailed Exploration (G2) for Bauxite and Aluminous Laterite in Byndoor Block, Udupi District, Karnataka	Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd.	Preliminary (G3) Exploration for Bauxite/Aluminous Laterite mineralization in Byndoor Block, Udupi District, Karnataka	97,39,332 (Initial cost of the project was Rs. 2,25,47,386 and was sanctioned on 1.07.25)	10 months	Initially the project was allotted to the agency in the name of Ecomen Lab. Pvt. Ltd. After the expiry of its initial notification, the agency got re-notified in the name of Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd. As the work in the project was not initiated prior to de-notification, the TCC recommended the proposal with revised cost as per revised SoC along with the issuance of new sanction order in the name of Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd.	Deferred

Decision of PSC: PSC deferred the project, mentioned in table-5, as the representatives of the agency was not present during the meeting. PSC further instructed NMEDT that henceforth, email to be sent to all the related agencies to attend PSC meeting and justify their projects (if required), failing which the proposal may be deferred or rejected.

Agenda 12.6: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-1

TCC-1 has recommended timeline extension of following 12 ongoing mineral exploration projects, for approval of PSC.

Table-6: Details of projects recommended by TCC-1 for timeline extension

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Comments of PSC
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1	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Iron and Manganese mineralization in Ramghad Block, Bellari District, Karnataka [102nd TCC-1]	Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd.	9.12.25	28.02.27	Sanction Order was issued on 10.06.24 Original date of completion was 09.06.25	For completion of work (work delayed as the notification of agency was expired)	Deferred
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Nickel, Chromium & Rare Metals in Vemula Block, YSR (Kadapa) District, Andhra Pradesh [102nd TCC-1]	MTCS	31.08.26	28.02.27	Sanction Order was issued on 01.07.25 Original date of completion was 30.06.26	For completion of work. (Work delayed due Forest Clearance)	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Govindpara-Savni Block, Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [103rd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	31.07.26	15.09.26	Sanction Order was issued on 26.06.25 Original date of completion was 25.12.25	GR submission and uploading in NGDR	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Harnasa-Umbri block, Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [103rd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	31.07.26	15.09.26	Sanction Order was issued on 26.06.25 Original date of completion was 25.12.25	GR submission and uploading in NGDR	Approved
5	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Indroi-Mandor block, Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [103rd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	31.07.26	15.09.26	Sanction Order was issued on 26.06.25 Original date of completion was 25.12.25	GR submission and uploading in NGDR	Approved
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for establishing the occurrence of Lithium and associated minerals in Great Rann of Kachchh, Gujarat [103rd TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	31.07.26	15.09.26	Sanction Order was issued on 24.02.25 Original date of completion was 23.12.25	GR submission and uploading in NGDR	Approved
7	Preliminary exploration Survey (G3) for Iron ore in Gidhali Chiklakasa block, Balod district, Chhattisgarh [103rd TCC-1]	M/s Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt Ltd	03.09.26	31.01.27	Sanction Order was issued on 04.09.25 Original date of completion was 03.09.26	For completion of drilling & GR submission	Approved
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Iron ore in Yaparlapadu - Dhone Area, Kurnool	M/s Critical Mineral Trackers	31.08.26	30.11.26	Sanction Order was issued on 01.07.25 Original date of completion was	For completion of drilling, related analysis &	Approved

	& Nandyal Districts, Andhra Pradesh [103rd TCC-1]				30.04.26	GR submission	
9	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE, Ni, Co and PGE in Podili area, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh [103rd TCC-1]	M/s Critical Mineral Trackers	31.08.26	30.11.26	Sanction Order was issued on 04.09.25 Original date of completion was 03.07.26	For completion of remaining drilling & GR submission	Approved
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Iron Ore in Nawagarh Nelsod-Antagarh area, District Uttar Bastar Kanker, Chhattisgarh [103rd TCC-1]	M/s PRB Infraprojects Limited	31.08.26	30.11.26	Sanction Order was issued on 03.03.25 Original date of completion was 02.01.26	For completion of remaining drilling & GR submission	Approved
11	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Molybdenum in Mannadipatti South Block and Ponnaiyar North Block (4.75 sq. km), Uttangarai Sector, Harur-Uttangarai Belt, Dist Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu [103rd TCC-1]	MECL	10.08.26	28.02.27	Sanction Order was issued on 11.08.25 Original date of completion was 10.08.26	For completion of drilling & GR submission	Approved
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Basemetal in Thal Didihat-Askot area, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand [103rd TCC-1]	Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	31.08.26	10.09.26	Sanction Order was issued on 12.03.24 Original date of completion was 11.03.25	GR submission	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of 11 projects and deferred 01 project (Sl. No. 1), as mentioned in table-6.

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

Agenda 12.7: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

TCC-2 has recommended following 07 mineral exploration project proposals with estimated cost of Rs. **8,19,20,657** (~819.21lakhs) for approval of PSC.

Table-7: Details of new exploration projects recommended by TCC-2 for approval								<i>Amount in Rs.</i>
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Ni, Cr, PGE and other critical minerals in Junnar area, District, Pune, Maharashtra. [34th TCC-2] [ME/DD/G4/MH/26-27/098]	100	M/s Wattfin Ventures Private Limited	Ni, Cr, PGE and other critical minerals	G4	10	1,21,31,982	Deferred as the agency is not present in the PSC
2	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite and associated critical minerals in Chapekhol block, District, Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. [34th TCC-2] [ME/DD/G3/MH/26-27/108]	6.76	M/s Wattfin Ventures Private Limited	Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite and associated critical minerals	G3	12	1,21,94,155	Deferred as the agency is not present in the PSC
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Aluminous Laterite, Titanium, Vanadium and Associated Critical Minerals in Hasalli block, District, Sangareddy, Telangana. [34th TCC-2] [ME/IND/G3/TG/P/26-27/017]	3.8	M/s GMMCO Technology Services Ltd	Aluminous Laterite, Titanium, Vanadium and Associated Critical Minerals	G3	12	87,10,520	Approved
4	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Bauxite in Sokrahatu block, District, Gumla, Jharkhand. [34th TCC-2] [ME/DD/G3/JH/26-27/166]	6.71	M/s GEMS Project Pvt Ltd	Bauxite	G3	12	1,09,86,635	Approved

5	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium, Scandium, Gallium and associated minerals in and around Chatnalli Block, Bidar district, Karnataka. [34th TCC-2] [ME/DD/G3/KA/26-27/103]	5.88	M/s Geo Marine Solutions Private Limited	Vanadium, Scandium, Gallium and associated minerals	G3	12	1,25,51,918	Approved
6	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Ionic – Rare Earth Element (i-REE) in Rapur Block, SPSR Nellore & Tirupati Districts, Andhra Pradesh [35th TCC-2] [ME/IND/G4/AP/P/26-27/020]	25	M/S Midwest Limited	REE	G4	10	1,13,58,895	Approved
7	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Aluminous Laterite, Titanium, Vanadium, Gallium and associated minerals in Saraswahi Block, District, Katni, Madhya Pradesh [35th TCC-2] [ME/DD/G3/MP/MECL/26-27/010]	6.38	MECL	Aluminous Laterite, Titanium, Vanadium, Gallium and associated minerals	G3	12	1,39,86,552	Approved
Total Cost							5,75,94,520	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the 05 exploration projects with a total cost of Rs. 5,75,94,520 and deferred 02 exploration projects (Sl. No. 1 and 2), as mentioned in table-7.

Agenda 12.8: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects, recommended by TCC-2

TCC-2 has recommended cost revision with timeline extension of following 01 projects for approval of PSC.

Tabel-8: Details of projects recommended by TCC-2 for approval of Cost revision							
S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.)	Revised cost (Rs.)	Change in Cost (Rs.)	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE & Associated Minerals in and around Langmipi-Laching Thing Area,	MECL	4,57,15,562	1,05,85,121	(-) 3,51,30,441	Due to absence of any defined zone of mineralization based on occurrence of isolated REE values, the drilling and its	Approved

	West Karbi Anglong district, Assam [35 th TCC-2]					associated components have been dropped.	
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Decision of PSC: PSC approved the cost revision of the project, as mentioned in table-8.

Agenda 12.9: Approval of surrender of ongoing exploration project with cost revision

TCC-2 has recommended surrender of 01 ongoing exploration project along with cost revision, for approval of PSC.

Table-9: Details of the project recommended by TCC-2 for surrender

Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved in	Duration (in months)	Approved cost (Rs.)	Revised cost (Rs.)	Cost change (Rs.)	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Iron and Manganese ore in Silpunji Block, Jamda-Koira Valley Iron Ore Belt, District-West Singhbhum, Jharkhand [35 th TCC-2]	MECL	33 rd EC held on 19.02.24	10	1,62,42,997	00	(-) 1,62,42,997	Due to prolonged forest clearance constraints and unresolved boundary discrepancies prevented commencement of exploration.	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the surrender of the project, as mentioned in table-9.

Agenda 12.10: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration projects along with change in title and cost revision

TCC-2 has recommended pre-closure of 02 ongoing exploration project along with change of title (if any) and cost revision, for approval of PSC.

Table-10: Details of projects recommended by TCC-2 for pre-closure

Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Modified Title	Approved cost (Rs.)	Revised cost (Rs.)	Change in cost (Rs.)	Remark	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite and associated Minerals, Mahadevbera block, Seraikela-Kharsawan District, Jharkhand	NRD Tata Steel Ltd.	-	4,12,59,032.76	34,80,900.97	(-) 3,77,28,131.79	Pre-closure of the project as surface sample analysis results are not encouraging	Approved

	[34th TCC-2]							
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and Phosphorite in Sumarsar area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [35th TCC-2]	MECL	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and associated minerals in Sumarsar area, Kachchh District, Gujarat	1,77,60,058	65,27,624	(-) 1,12,32,434	Pre-closure of the project as surface sample analysis results are not encouraging	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the cost revision of the projects, as mentioned in table-10.

[This is for approval of PSC]

Agenda 12.11: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-2:

TCC-2 has recommended timeline extension of following 08 mineral exploration/procurement projects, for approval of PSC.

Table-11: Details of projects recommended by TCC-2 for approval of PSC

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Gold in Hurungdah-Tamar Ranchi-Arki-Khunti-Kuchai area, Saraikela-Kharsawan District, Jharkhand [34th TCC-2]	JEMCL	31.07.26	31.08.26	S.O issued on 19.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.01.26	For submission of GR	Approved
2	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [35th TCC-2]	DGM, UP	30.04.26	31.03.27	S.O issued on 03.04.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 02.04.24	For completion of procurement Out of 4 items, only 01 item has been procured and 03 items are not procured.	Approved No further timeline extension will be provided after 31.03.27
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Bhari Block, Chandrapur district, Maharashtra [35th TCC-2]	DGM Maharashtra	22.04.26	31.03.27	S.O issued on 23.06.25 Original approved Scheduled Date	To complete the drilling and other remaining work. <i>[Initial delay was due to administrative reasons.]</i>	Approved

					of Completion was 22.04.26		
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite and Associated Minerals in Ampali Area, Balangir district, Odisha [35th TCC-2]	MECL	12.09.26	11.03.27 31.01.27	S.O issued on 01.12.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.09.26	To complete the work. <i>[Delay due to movement of elephants and also due to intermittent local objections]</i>	Approved
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and Associated Minerals in Saiyedpar area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [35th TCC-2]	MECL	31.08.26	30.09.26	S.O issued on 19.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.01.26	Submission of GR	Approved
6	Reconnaissance (G-4) Survey for Limestone in Dikurumetron area, Upper Deopani, Karbi Anglong District, Assam. [35th TCC-2]	DGM Assam	31.03.26	30.09.26	S.O issued on 29.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 28.08.25	Submission of GR	Approved
7	Reconnaissance (G-4) Survey for Limestone in Sheelveta area, Karbi Anglong District, Assam [35th TCC-2]	DGM Assam	28.08.25	30.10.26	S.O issued on 29.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 28.08.25	Completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
8	Reconnaissance (G-4) Survey for Limestone in Longplaidisa area, Dima Hasao District, Assam [35th TCC-2]	DGM Assam	31.03.26	30.09.26	S.O issued on 29.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 28.08.25	Submission of GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of 08 projects, as mentioned in table-11.