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Subject: Circulation of minutes of 1st meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) held on 9th October, 2025

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of 1st meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 9th October, 2025 for your kind perusal.

Encl: As above



[Geetika Sharma]
Director (Projects), NMEDT

To all attendees of PSC Meeting

1. Shri Anshoo Pandey, Director, NCMM, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. Shri Birendra Thakur, Director (Tech.), Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Shri Junaid Ahmad, Scientific Officer-E, Atomic Mineral Exploration and Research Directorate, Begumpet, Hyderabad
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 V C Choudhary, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Kartavya Bhawan - 03, Janpath Road, New Delhi - 110001
7. Shri Alok Kumar, Dy. Secretary, IFD Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Shri Ravi Dutt, Cost Accounts Officer, NMEDT, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
9. Shri Gopal Ram, Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan
10. Shri Vinod Bagdey, Additional Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
11. Shri S. P. Kadoo, Deputy Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra
12. Ms. Deepa, Deputy Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
13. Shri Bhagwati Prasad Raturi, Ex -GM (Exploration), MECL, Lane N0-7, New Garhwal Colony Near Malsi Puliya, Balawala, Dehradun-248019, Uttarakhand

14. Shri Pankaj Satija, NTH Complex, 4th Floor, A-2 Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi
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3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines and Minerals, Government of Assam.
4. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
5. The Principal Secretary (Industry and Mines), Government of Gujarat.
6. The Commissioner Secretary (Industries and Commerce), Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
7. The Secretary (Industries, Mines and Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
8. The Secretary, (Industries and Commerce), Government of Karnataka.
9. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh.
10. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
11. The Commissioner and Secretary, Mining and Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya.
12. The Principal Secretary (Steel and Mines), Government of Odisha.
13. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.
14. The Principal Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Telangana.
15. The Secretary (Mines and Geology), Government of Uttar Pradesh.
16. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Uttarakhand.
17. The Secretary (Industry, Commerce and Enterprises), Government of West Bengal.
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21. Dr. S Ravi, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-1 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad
22. Shri Pradeep Singh, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-2 (Special Invitee, PSC), CHQ, GSI, 27, JLN Road, Kolkata

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Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT)
Minutes of 1st Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT
held on 9.10.2025 at 03:00 PM

The 1st meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 9.10.2025 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi in hybrid mode. The list of participants is given in Annexure-1.

Smt. Geetika Sharma, Director (Projects) & Member Secretary, PSC, extended a warm welcome to all members and informed that the project proposals recommended in the 79th & 80th TCC-1 and 11th & 12th TCC-2 meetings were placed before the Committee for consideration and approval.

At the onset of the meeting, the mandate of the PSC and its Terms of Reference (ToR) were reiterated and apprised to all members for their information.

Agenda 1.1: Approval of Operational requirements for Procurement projects

PSC was apprised that NMEDT has notified a scheme vide OM No.: F. No. 6/9/2015-NMET/294 dt. 23.3.2022 to provide financial assistance to Central Government organizations and State DGMs/DMGs to enhance the mineral exploration activities by strengthening the technical capabilities of the agencies. Under this scheme, 53 projects amounting to ₹576 crore have been sanctioned, of which 12 projects have been completed and 41 are under progress. These projects involve the procurement of advanced instruments such as WD-XRF, ICP-MS, AAS, EPMA, Core Scanner, etc. which typically have a lifespan of 5–7 years and require regular maintenance and operational expenditure.

To ensure their effective utilization and continued contribution towards enhancing exploration activities, it has been decided that henceforth, the procuring agencies shall submit a detailed justification (as per Annexure-2) covering aspects related to maintenance, operation, and utilization of these instruments. This measure will facilitate the justified utilization of public fund proper monitoring and ensure that the intended objectives of the scheme are effectively achieved.

Shri Pankaj Satija, Technical Expert, PSC, suggested that training of personnel for handling such instruments should be made an integral component of the procurement process.

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved the requirement for agencies to submit operational details as per Annexure-2. Additionally, the PSC advised the Technical-cum-Cost Committees to ensure that the component of manpower training is incorporated in the procurement proposals while recommending such cases for approval.

Agenda 1.2: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committees (TCCs)

The Chairman of the PSC were informed the members that project proposals submitted by the agencies are evaluated by the Technical cum Cost Committees (TCCs) in terms of technical viability as well as cost parameters (as per the defined Schedule of Charges of NMEDT). The project proposals recommended by the TCCs are approved by the PSC after detailed deliberations and due diligence.

The PSC members were further informed that TCC-1 at its 79th and 80th meeting and TCC-2 at its 11th and 12th meeting have recommended the following 44 mineral exploration proposals with estimated cost of Rs 122.12 crore for the approval of PSC.

Amount in Rs. Crore

Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (in months)	Cost	Comments of PSC
A. Projects recommended by TCC-1								
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Bhagvati block, Bagalkot District, Karnataka [79 th TCC-1]	15	Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Private Limited	Gold	G3	12	2.74	Deferred The recommendations of the state have been overruled, and comments of AMD are to be verified once again.
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite, Manganese and Associated Minerals around Rengalaberha-Kashira area, Sundargarh District, Odisha. [79 th TCC-1]	3.13	Natural Resources Division, Tata Steel Limited	Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite, Manganese and Associated Minerals	G3	12	2.15	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE & RM in Chatrai-Narasapuram area, Districts- NTR & Eluru, Andhra Pradesh [79 th TCC-1]	157.5	MECL	REE and RM	G4	10	0.86	Deferred Comments of AMD and DMG are awaited.
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE & RM mineralization in Bande Saver area (129 Sq.km), District: Uttar Bastar Kanker District, Chhattisgarh. [79 th TCC-1]	129	Gemcokati Pvt. Ltd	Tin, REE & RM	G4	10	1.81	Approved
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite and associated minerals Barakarli area, Raygada, Odisha [79 th TCC-1]	40.5	Earth-enviro Lab Private Limited	Graphite and associated minerals	G4	9	4.12	Not Approved DMG, Odisha stated that no encouraging values are reported.

6	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Vanadium, Gallium and other Strategic and Critical Minerals associated with Bauxite & Laterite in Golardih area, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai Districts, Chhattisgarh. [80 th TCC-1]	70	DGM Chhattisgarh	Vanadium, Gallium and other Strategic and Critical Minerals	G4	10	0.76	Approved
7	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium, Gallium and other Strategic and Critical Minerals associated with Bauxite & Laterite in Khara East Block, Kabirdham District, Chhattisgarh. [80 th TCC-1]	2	DGM Chhattisgarh	Vanadium, Gallium and other Strategic and Critical Minerals	G3	10	1.12	Approved
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Glauconite Sandstone in Magarlod area, Dhamtari District, Chhattisgarh [80 th TCC-1]	100	DGM Chhattisgarh	REE and RM	G4	10	0.85	Approved
9	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Iron ore in Parvi Block, Kanker District, Chhattisgarh. [80 th TCC-1]	3.20	Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Private Limited	Iron ore	G3	12	4.87	Deferred The project area falls within one of the most affected LWE districts, as notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly, the project cost may be revised by applying 1.25 times to the field component. The revised proposal may be placed before the PSC in its forthcoming meeting for consideration and approval
10	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Dondapadu Block, Dondapadu Cluster-6, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	8.20	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	1.04	Approved
11	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For Limestone in Raghunathpalem Block,	5.38	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	0.99	Approved

	Raghunathapalem Cluster-3 Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]							
12	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For Limestone in Mattampally Block-1, Mattampally Cluster-2, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	4.52	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	0.95	Approved
13	Preliminary Exploration(G-3) For Limestone in Mattampally Block-2, Mattampally Cluster-2, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	3.85	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	0.86	Approved
14	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Ramapuram Block, Ramapuram Cluster-5, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	3.18	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	0.93	Approved
15	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Mellacheruvu Block, Mellacheruvu Cluster-1, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	3.28	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	0.96	Approved
16	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Mallareddygudem Block, Mellacheruvu Cluster-1, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	4.67	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	0.88	Approved
17	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Yepalamadhavaram Block, Mellacheruvu Cluster-1, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	4.31	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	0.90	Approved

18	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Veerappagudem Block, Damarcherla Cluster-4, Nalgonda District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	4.70	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	10	0.97	Approved
19	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for REE and other Critical minerals in Udaipur – Ramgarh area, Surguja District, Chhattisgarh [80 th TCC-1]	150	MMPL Pvt. Ltd	REE and other Critical minerals	G4	12	1.35	Approved
20	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Graphite in Kodabata Block, Rayagada District, Odisha [80 th TCC-1]	1	MMPL Pvt. Ltd	Graphite	G3	12	3.14	Approved The block has been upgraded by the agency from G4 to G3 stage of investigation. Kanapulisi block has been upgraded.
21	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Graphite in Saharha Block, Rayagada District, Odisha [80 th TCC-1]	2.10	MMPL Pvt. Ltd	Graphite	G3	12	3.38	Approved The block has been upgraded by the agency from G4 to G3 stage of investigation. Darukona block has been upgraded.
22	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and associated minerals in Nakchi Area, Angul District, Odisha [80 th TCC-1]	166.26	MECL	REE and associated minerals	G4	10	1.43	Approved
23	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in West of Yepalamadhavaram Block, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	4.15	MECL	Limestone	G3	08	0.78	Approved
24	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in Revuru Block, Suryapet District, Telangana [80 th TCC-1]	4.25	MECL	Limestone	G3	08	0.71	Approved
25	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for copper ore and associated mineralisation in Bodal area, Mohla	50.35	Hindustan Copper Limited	Copper ore and	G4	10	2.52	Approved

	Manpur Ambagarh Chowki District, Chhattisgarh [80 th TCC-1]			associated mineralization				
Total Cost of 21 nos. Approved Projects (A)							28.48	
B. Projects recommended by TCC-2								
26	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated minerals in Bhimgoda South Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [11 th TCC-2]	6.25	MECL	REE and associated minerals	G3	18	8.97	Approved
27	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for REE and associated minerals in Ludrada South Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [11 th TCC-2]	2.75	MECL	REE and associated minerals	G3	15	6.49	Approved The mining lease area may be excluded during exploration.
28	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for REE and associated minerals in Ludrada North Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [11 th TCC-2]	2	MECL	REE and associated minerals	G3	15	5.62	Approved The mining lease area may be excluded during exploration
29	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE in Jeerawal (W) - Rohua area, district Sirohi, Rajasthan [11 th TCC-2]	48.6	FAGMIL	REE	G4	10	0.59	Approved
30	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Rare Earth Elements and Associated mineralization in North of Kuship Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [11 th TCC-2]	2.3	Ocean Drilling and Exploration Private Limited	REE and associated minerals	G3	12	7.66	Not Approved The projects at Sl. No. 30 and 31 are same with different block name. As per the data provided by the agency, they have 2 geologist with one TAE. The agency has been awarded one project amounting to Rs. 10 Cr. in Punjab for which the work is ongoing.
31	Preliminary exploration for rare earth elements and associated	2.3	Ocean Drilling and Exploration	REE and associated minerals	G3	12	5.98	Not Approved The projects at Sl. No. 30 and 31 are same with different block name.

	mineralization in Ramdev Ji ke Beri Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [11 th TCC-2]		Private Limited					As per the data provided by the agency, they have 2 geologist with one TAE. The agency has been awarded one project amounting to Rs. 10 Cr. in Punjab for which the work is ongoing.
32	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Graphite and associated mineralisation in Phandka-Gatakhera area, Betul district, Madhya Pradesh [11 th TCC-2]	23.17	Vardan Environet LLP	Graphite and associated minerals	G4	10	2.11	Approved
33	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Graphite, Vanadium, and associated minerals in Deed Block, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh [11 th TCC-2]	2.1	Geomarine Solutions Private Limited	Graphite, Vanadium, and associated minerals	G3	18	13.27	Deferred Project cost may be re-evaluated after revision of Schedule of Charges of NMEDT. As per the data provided by the agency, they have 11 geologist with 4 TAE. Considering 2 geologist per project, the maximum number of projects managed by the agency would be 5. The agency already have 8 ongoing projects and presently they don't have sufficient manpower to execute new project.
34	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Graphite, Vanadium, and associated minerals in Ekhataya Block, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh [11 th TCC-2]	2.1	Geomarine Solutions Private Limited	Graphite, Vanadium, and associated minerals	G3	18	13.27	Deferred Project cost may be re-evaluated after revision of Schedule of Charges of NMEDT. As per the data provided by the agency, they have 11 geologist with 4 TAE. Considering 2 geologist per project, the maximum number of projects managed by the agency would be 5. The agency already have 8 ongoing projects and presently they don't have sufficient manpower to execute new project.
35	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for copper and associated mineralization in Salwari-Narsinghpuri-Pachlagi Area, Sikar District, Rajasthan	28.48	Vardan LLP	Copper and associated mineralization	G4	10	3.34	Deferred DMG Rajasthan has provided consent to the proposal excluding partially overlapped area.

	[12 th TCC-2]							The project is referred back to TCC based on the comments of DMG to exclude the area and accordingly revised proposal may be submitted in the forthcoming PSC meeting.
36	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Vanadium-Titanium in Risewada-Lodhiwada Area, Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh [12 th TCC-2]	60	Gemcokati Private Limited	Vanadium, Titanium	G4	8	0.45	Deferred Comments of AMD and MECL are pending.
37	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite in Ran Block, Dev Bhumi Dwarka District, Gujarat [12 th TCC-2]	7.87	Gemcokati Private Limited	Bauxite	G3	12	1.16	Approved
38	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in Choto Lakhindong block, Dima Hasao District, Assam [12 th TCC-2]	3	DGM Assam	Limestone	G3	12	2.48	Deferred Project cost may be re-evaluated after the revision of Schedule of Charges of NMEDT.
39	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in north of Krungming block, Dima Hasao District, Assam [12 th TCC-2]	5.80	DGM Assam	Limestone	G3	12	4.09	Deferred Project cost may be re-evaluated after the revision of Schedule of Charges of NMEDT.
40	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for REE and associated mineralization in Gol-Bagindi-tilwara Area, Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra District, Rajasthan [12 th TCC-2]	82.50	MECL	REE and associated mineralization	G4	10	2.83	Approved
41	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite, Vanadium, Titanium and Associated minerals in Rudni Pat block, Lohardaga District, Jharkhand [12 th TCC-2]	1.10	MECL	Bauxite, Vanadium, Titanium and associated min	G3	15	2.05	Deferred Referred back to TCC for re-evaluation of cost and timeline.
42	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Phosphorite and Siliceous Earth in	36	Envirogreen Consultants (India)	Phosphorite and Siliceous Earth	G4	10	0.99	Not Approved As AMD is already working in this area.

	Mandai Village, District Jaisalmer, Rajasthan [12 th TCC-2]		Private Limited					
43	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Copper, Nickel, Cobalt and associated mineralization in Nare-Devipura Area of Sikar and Jaipur Districts of Rajasthan [12 th TCC-2]	112	Ocean Drilling & Exploration Private Limited	Copper, Nickel, Cobalt and associated mineralization	G4	10	1.59	Not Approved AMD rejected the block as there is some overlap with AMD. Further, As Uranium value is reported and in such case mineral concession shall be granted by the State Govt.
44	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Potash mineralization in Kalu Block, Bikaner District, Rajasthan [12 th TCC-2]	53	FAGMIL	Potash	G3	10	4.17	Approved
Total Cost of 08 nos. Approved Projects (B)							31.94	
Total (A+B)							60.42	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 29 projects amounting to Rs. 60.42 crores. Further, PSC has deferred 10 projects and didn't approved 5 projects.

Agenda 1.3: Approval of additional cost/cost revision of ongoing exploration/ procurement project proposals

TCC-1 and TCC-2 have recommended additional cost/cost revision of following 13 mineral exploration proposals for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (in Rs.)	Revised cost (in Rs.)	Additional Cost (in Rs.)	Remarks	Comments of PSC
A. Revised cost recommended by TCC-1							
1	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Manganese in Rongha block, Bhandara District, Maharashtra [79 th TCC-1]	DGM Maharashtra	90,17,446.72	57,22,312	-32,95,134.71	Drilling target reduced	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Locating Limestone Deposits in Savalhira village, District- Chandrapur, Maharashtra [79 th TCC-1]	DGM Maharashtra	73,72,848	83,77,425	1,004,577	Due to increase in drilling quantum and proportionate increase in chemical analysis and core preservation	Approved
3	G4 level Geophysical and Geological Prospecting for Diamond in part of a palaeo-channel near Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Krishna basin, Andhra Pradesh [79 th TCC-1]	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	2,06,54,529.17	2,01,83,731.54	-4,70,797.63	Due to removal of operational cost and outsourcing charges	Approved The PSC advised TCC to ensure that the concerned agency obtains prior approval before making any changes in the field components

4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Sawalhira East Block(G3), Chandrapur, District: Maharashtra [79 th TCC-1]	Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.	86,70,545	57,22,394	-2,948,151	Due to reduction in sample target and drilling quantum	Approved
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Mundra-Chilai Block (4.38 Sq. km) District- Yavatmal, Maharashtra [80 th TCC-1]	MECL	90,62,708	68,31,982	-2,230,726	Due to reduction in drilling target and no. of boreholes and samples	Approved
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Basemetal, Gold and associate minerals in Nagavanda area Davangere, Haveri and Shimoga District, Karnataka [80 th TCC-1]	KIOCL	1,47,62,526	85,37,622	-6,224,904	Due to change in quantum of work like drilling, DGPS survey, sample processing and analysis	Approved
B. Revised cost recommended by TCC-2							
7	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [11 th TCC-2]	DMR Meghalaya	60,25,000	6,329,440	3,04,440	Cost of microscope enhanced after tendering	Approved
8	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at	DGM Jammu and Kashmir	1,44,56,000	15,874,240	14,18,240	Price of the instruments were reconsidered based on the procurement carried out by	Approved

	enhancing the exploration activities [11 th TCC-2]					Rajasthan, Nagaland, West Bengal and Sikkim	
9	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Level) for Tungsten and Tin ore in Murara-Devendrapura Block (4.16 sq. km), Niwari District, Madhya Pradesh	MECL	3,08,80,588	3,05,61,175	-3,19,413	For outsourced drilling	Approved
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite in Korapara, Bankura, West Bengal [11 th TCC-2]	Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.	1,22,34,382.37	1,53,11,212.31	30,76,829.94	For additional drilling of 150m, trenching of 33m ³ , additional sampling and analysis and RAMAN Spectroscopy	Deferred Details to be provided and should be reproduced in the upcoming PSC.
11	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Glauconite in Dhamni-Piparwasi-Simliya Area, Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh [11 th TCC-2]	Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd	10622030.00	8548621.91	-2073408.09	Reduction in drilling	Approved
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for PGE, Vanadium & associated minerals in Bhursadongari - Murum Block (100 Sq Km), Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh [11 th TCC-2]	Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited	61,01,057	59,39,318	-161739	Exclusion of EPMA study	Approved
13	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Glauconite and Associated Minerals in	GeoExpOre Private Limited	1,95,03,150	1,94,86,452	-16697	XRD analysis and petrographic studies to be	Approved

Pitupura Block, Karauli District, Rajasthan					done on samples with high K2O values	
[11 th TCC-2]						

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the cost revision of 12 projects and deferred the cost revision of 01 project (as Sl. No. 10). Further, PSC advised the TCC to ensure that the concerned agency obtains prior approval before making any changes in the field components

Agenda 1.4: Approval of preclosure/surrender of ongoing projects

TCC-1 and TCC-2 have recommended preclosure/surrender of following 3 mineral exploration proposals for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:

Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (in Rs Cr.)	Duration in months	Expenditure incurred (in Rs Cr.)	Reason	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Manganese ore in Dhavalapur block (2.00 sq. km), Nagpur District, Maharashtra [79 th TCC-1]	MECL	2.32	12	0.93	Geological mapping completed. Drilling and trenching stopped due to forest clearance	Deferred Work and expenditure to be justified by the agency
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Sawalhira (East) Block, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra [79 th TCC-1]	Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.	0.87	10	0.57	Forest clearance issue and non-promising value of CaO	Deferred Work and expenditure to be justified by the agency
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone and Dolomite in and around Menga Area (26 sq. km.) of Upper Subansiri	DGM Arunachal Pradesh	1.76	12	0	The area falls within the reservoir of the Upper Subansiri Hydro	Approved

District of Arunachal Pradesh [11 th TCC-1]					Project by NHPC	
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Decision of PSC: PSC approved the preclosure of 01 project at Sl. No. 3 and deferred the preclosure of 02 projects at Sl. No. 1 & 2. Further, PSC instructed that the concerned agency should submit a detailed report about the work carried out and the corresponding expenditure incurred & advised the TCCs that a proper justification may be sought from the agencies concerned for placing before the PSC at its forthcoming meeting for consideration.

Agenda 1.5: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement project proposals

TCC-1 and TCC-2 have recommended timeline extension of following 31 mineral exploration, procurement proposals for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline extension (up to)	Remarks
A. Timeline extension recommended by TCC-1					
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Manganese ore in Dhavalapur block (2.00 sq. km), Nagpur District, Maharashtra. [79 th TCC-I]	MECL	09.06.2025	30.09.2025 (3.5 months)	For closure of project and submission of GR
2	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Manganese in Rongha block, Bhandara District, Maharashtra [79 th TCC-I]	DGM Maharashtra	26.10.2023	30.09.2025	For GR submission
3	Preliminary exploration for Limestone in Savalhira block (4.04 sq. km), Chandrapur District, Maharashtra [79 th TCC-I]	DGM Maharashtra	20.10.2023	30.09.2025	For GR submission
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Alda Block Raipur	DGM Chhattisgarh	27.12.2024	31.07.2025	For GR submission

	& Balodabazar-Bhatapara Districts, Chhattisgarh [79 th TCC-I]			(1 month)	
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite in Nawadih Block, Balrampur District, Chhattisgarh [79 th TCC-I]	UEIPL	5.12.2023	15.09.2025 (2.5 months)	For GR submission
6	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals in Govindagudde & Sedigudde Block, Udipi District, Karnataka [79 th TCC-I]	CMT	09.08.2025	31.10.2025 (2.5 months)	For completion of project
7	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Sawalhira (East) Block, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra [79 th TCC-I]	Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.]	09.04.2025	31.08.2025 (4.5 months)	For GR submission
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Copper and Associated minerals in Govindpur Block, Chandrapur district, Maharashtra [80 th TCC-I]	Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Private Limited	20.04.2025	31.10.2025 (6 months)	For GR submission
9	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium, Titanium and associated minerals in beach and dune sands of Talashil Block in Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra. [80 th TCC-I]	GeoMarine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	11.01.2025	31.03.2025 (2 months)	Delay in uploading report in NGDR
B. Timeline extension recommended by TCC-2					
10	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities	DGM Arunachal Pradesh	30.3.2025	30.9.2025 (6 months)	For preparation tender document and completion of procurement

	[11 th TCC-2]				
11	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [11 th TCC-2]	DMR Meghalaya	30.6.2025	31.10.2025 (4 months)	To complete the procurement
12	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [11 th TCC-2]	DGM Jammu and Kashmir	30.6.2025	31.10.2025 (4 months)	Delayed due to administrative issue and specification finalization
13	Preliminary Exploration (G3) of Ion-Adsorption Clay and Laterite Hosted Supergene Enriched REE Deposits in Sung Valley Block, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya [11 th TCC-2]	DMR Meghalaya	9.6.2025	9.11.2025 (5 months)	To carry out chemical analysis of 15 additional samples for PGE
14	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Level) for copper and associated minerals in Sitapur Block (3.5 sq. km), Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh [11 th TCC-2]	MECL	11.6.2025	30.9.2025 (3.5 months)	GR submission
15	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Level) for Iron and Bauxite ore in Amoch-Chhapra Block (4.86 sq. km), Jabalpur & Katni Districts, Madhya Pradesh. [11 th TCC-2]	MECL	28.6.2025	31.12.2025 (6 months)	GR submission
16	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Glauconite in Mudhan Khatiya Block (129.00 sq. km), Kachchh District, Gujarat [11 th TCC-2]	MECL	21.8.2025	28.2.2026 (6 months)	GR submission

17	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Level) for Tungsten and Tin ore in Murara-Devendrapura Block (4.16 sq. km), Niwari District, Madhya Pradesh [11 th TCC-2]	MECL	21.8.2025	31.1.2026 (5 months)	To carry out drilling by outsourcing and completion of projects
18	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Level) for Copper, Lead, Zinc and Associated metals in Salaiya Phatak Block (1.50 sq. km), Katni District, Madhya Pradesh [11 th TCC-2]	MECL	28.8.2025	30.11.2025 (3 months)	GR submission
19	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Copper bearing minerals around Musabani, Dumriya, Maheshpur area in East Singhbhum District, Jharkhand [11 th TCC-2]	NRD Tata	29.8.2025	28.2.2026 (6 months)	GR submission
20	Reconnaissance (G4) survey for Limestone in Dillai area, Karbi Anglong districts, Assam [11 th TCC-2]	DGM Assam	9.6.2025	28.2.2026 (8 months)	GR submission
21	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for limestone in Longplaidisa area (25 sq.km.), Dima Hasao district, Assam [11 th TCC-2]	DGM Assam	29.7.2025	31.3.2026 (8 months)	For preparation of interpreted map, analysis of pit samples and GR submission
22	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for limestone in Dikurumetron area (20 sq.km.), Upper Deopani of Karbi Anglong district, Assam [11 th TCC-2]	DGM Assam	28.8.2025	31.3.2026 (7 months)	To carry out in-house drilling in 3 bore holes and GR submission
23	Preliminary Exploration (G3) in Jhalauthar Phosphorite Block for Rock Phosphate, Bada Malehra Taluka, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh	Engeotech Consultant	29.10.2025	28.6.2025 (8 months)	GR submission

	[11 th TCC-2]				
24	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite and Vanadium in Matena-Sirar Area (60 Sq. km.), Almora District, Uttarakhand [11 th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Private Limited	28.8.2025	28.2.2026 (6 months)	GR submission
25	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [11 th TCC-2]	DGM, Uttar Pradesh	31.3.2025	31.12.2025 (9 months)	Completion of procurement of equipments
26	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite and associated Minerals around Sonaghati, Amdol, Jharegaon and Bhayawari, District Betul, Madhya Pradesh. [11 th TCC-2]	GeoExpOre Private Limited	10.6.2025	10.10.2025 (4 months)	GR submission
27	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium and Titanium in Dandi-Onjal-Surwada Block in Navsari and Valsad District, Gujarat [12 th TCC-2]	Geo Marine Solutions Private Limited	11.7.2025	31.8.2025 (1.5 months)	GR submission
28	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Magnetite and associated minerals in Pipradih Block, Giridih District, Jharkhand [12 th TCC-2]	CMPDI	12.8.2025	31.12.2025 (4.5 months)	GR submission
29	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for copper and associated minerals in Kochipur Area, District Siddhi, Madhya Pradesh [12 th TCC-2]	CMPDI	21.8.2025	31.12.2025 (4.5 months)	GR submission
30	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Gold, Copper, Graphite and Associated Minerals in Jamtola	MECL	30.6.2025	11.2.2026 (7.5 months)	Additional drilling and sampling

	Khandapar Area, Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh [12 th TCC-2]				
31	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite in Ranibandh Area, Bankura, West Bengal [12 th TCC-2]	Maheshwari Mining Private Limited	10.7.2025	15.9.2025 (2 months)	GR submission

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of 31 projects.

Annexure-1**List of Participant**

Sl. No	Name of the person	Position	Mode
1	Shri Pankaj Garg	DG, NMEDT and Chairman	Physical
2	Shri Junaid Ahmad	Scientific Officer-E, AMD	Online
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4	Shri Anshoo Pandey	Director, NCMM	Physical
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8	Shri Abhay Agrawal	Controller of Mines, IBM, Udaipur	Online
9	Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik	Director, NM-II, GSI, Nagpur	Online
10	Shri Ravi Dutt	Cost Accounts Officer	Physical
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12	Shri Vinod Bagdey	Addl. Director, MRD, M.P., Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Online
13	Shri S. P. Kadoo and Shri. Amol. R. Thorat	Deputy Directors, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra	Online
14	Ms. Deepa	Dy. Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu	Online
15	Shri Pankaj Satija	Technical Expert	Online
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Annexure-2

Operational Requirements for Procurement

Following details are to be submitted mandatorily by the agencies along with the procurement proposals.

1. What is the justification for procuring this instrument?
2. How will this instrument contribute to enhancing mineral exploration activities over the next five years
3. Whether any older version of proposed instrument is presently available with the agency? If so, how does this new instrument compare with the instrument/technologies currently being used?
4. Which other organizations in the country have this instrument? Whether the possibility of utilizing the instrument available in the other organizations has been considered?
5. What infrastructure and manpower are required to operate this instrument effectively? Does the agency have adequately skilled personnel to handle its operation, and if not, what measures will be taken to ensure its proper functioning?
6. Will this instrument be made available for use by other States/Agencies/Institutions under collaborative arrangements?
7. Are there any ongoing/planned projects where this instrument can be immediately deployed?
8. How will data generated from this instrument be integrated with national databases or exploration programmes?
9. How will the concerned agency (Central agencies/State DGMs/DMGs) ensure running & operational cost, proper maintenance, including AMC/CAMC and regular servicing, of the instrument?

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Corrigendum

Reference is invited to the minutes of the 1st Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting held on 9th October, 2025. The approved minutes were circulated vide letter No.6/2/2015-NMET dt 21.10.2025. The decisions taken by the PSC have been re-visited in the context of expiry of the validity of notification of a few private exploration agencies whose proposals were approved by the PSC at its 1st meeting, on the recommendation of the Technical-cum-Cost Committees of NMEDT.

The MMDR Act, 1957 recognizes Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) for carrying out exploration activities. Therefore, guidelines were issued by NMEDT (previously NMET) in the year 2022 for the engagement of NPEAs in mineral exploration. In view of the legislative mandate emanating from the second proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the MMDR Act, 1957 and the validity of notification of a few private exploration agencies having expired, the decisions w.r.t the following Agenda nos. placed before the PSC at its 1st meeting are to be considered as 'Deferred' :

Sl. No.	Agenda No.	Agenda Title	Project Title	Agency	Decision of PSC	Modified Decision
1	1.3.3	Cost Revision	G4 level Geophysical and Geological Prospecting for Diamond in part of a palaeo-channel near Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Krishna basin, Andhra Pradesh [79 th TCC-1]	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Cost de-escalation of Rs. 4,70,797.63 was approved with following comments, "The PSC advised TCC to ensure that the concerned agency obtains prior	The decision of PSC is deferred since the notification of the agency has expired on 16.8.2025.

					approval before making any changes in the field components".	
2	1.3.13	Cost Revision	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Glauconite and Associated Minerals in Pitupura Block, Karauli District, Rajasthan [11 th TCC-2]	GeoExpOre Private Limited	Cost de-escalation of Rs. 16697 was approved with following comments "XRD analysis and petrographic studies to be done on samples with high K2O values"	The decision of PSC is deferred since the notification of the agency has expired on 22.3.2025.
3	1.5.24	Timeline Extension	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite and Vanadium in Matena-Sirar Area (60 Sq. km.), Almora District, Uttarakhand [11 th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Private Limited	Approved Timeline extended upto 28.02.2026 for submission of GR	The decision of PSC is deferred since the notification of the agency has expired on 22.3.2025.
4	1.5.26	Timeline Extension	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite and associated Minerals around Sonaghati, Amdol, Jharegaon and Bhayawari, District Betul, Madhya Pradesh. [11 th TCC-2]	GeoExpOre Private Limited	Approved Timeline extended upto 10.10.2025 for submission of GR	The decision of PSC is deferred since the notification of the agency has expired on 22.3.2025.

5	1.5.27	Timeline Extension	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium and Titanium in Dandi-Onjal-Surwada Block in Navsari and Valsad District, Gujarat [12 th TCC-2]	Geo Marine Solutions Private Limited	Approved Timeline extended upto 31.08.2025 for submission of GR	The decision of PSC is deferred since the notification of the agency has expired on 16.8.2025.
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This issues with the approval of competent authority. The above agenda items would be taken up for consideration as and when the concerned private exploration agencies are notified by Ministry of Mines.



[Geetika Sharma]

Director (Projects), NMEDT

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