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Subject: Circulation of minutes of 2nd meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) held on 4th November, 2025

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of 2nd meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 4th November, 2025 for your kind perusal.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


[Geetika Sharma]
Director (Project) & HoD, NMEDT

To all Members of PSC

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 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
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4. The Principal Secretary (Industry and Mines), Government of Gujarat.
5. The Secretary (Industries, Mines and Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
6. The Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Union Territory of Ladakh
7. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh.
8. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
9. The Commissioner and Secretary, Mining and Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya.
10. The Principal Secretary (Steel and Mines), Government of Odisha.
11. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.

12. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Uttarakhand.
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Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust
Minutes of 2nd Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT
held on 4.11.2025 at 3:00PM

The 2nd meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 4.11.2025 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi in hybrid mode. The list of participants is given at 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 81st & 82nd meetings of TCC-1 and the 13th & 14th meeting of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

Agenda 2.1: Financial approval of project proposals under S&T PRISM Program recommended by the APEX Committee, Metal – IV, Ministry of Mines (MoM)

PSC was apprised that Ministry of Mines has issued guidelines for “Promotion of Research and Innovation in Startups and MSMEs in Mining, Mineral Processing, Metallurgy and Recycling Sector (S&T PRISM)” for promoting research and innovation by Start-ups and MSMEs. The objective of S&T-PRISM is to promote the ecosystem for research, design, development, proof of concept testing, IPR creation, pilot project and manufacturing i.e., complete value chain in mining, mineral processing, metallurgy and recycling sector by bridging the gap between R&D and commercialization. Consequently, it was decided by the Ministry that NMEDT will fund projects under the S&T PRISM Program through JNARDDC.

The Apex Committee under S&T PRISM Program, Ministry of Mines, at its 4th meeting held on 13.08.2025 recommended 06 proposals amounting to Rs. 758.45 lakhs for execution through JNARDDC, with funding support from NMEDT. Accordingly, Director, JNARDDC requested NMEDT to provide funding support in respect of the 06 projects vide letter no. Met4-14/4/2024-Metal IV dated 15.10.2025 and 3.11.2025.

The details of the 06 projects are summarized as under:-

S. No.	Proposal Title	Startup/MSME Name	Project Cost (in Rs. lakhs)	Duration (in months)
1.	Development of Low-Cost Hyperspectral Camera.	Spectrum Industries, Mangalore, Karnataka	84.75	24

2.	Metal Recovery and Upcycling of Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery Wastes.	K2BJN INDUSTRIES LLP; Srirangam, Tamil Nadu	50	12
3.	Indigenous manufacturing of strategically important Niobium & Tantalum metal powders and master alloy.	FONSMET MATERIALS PRIVATE LIMITED, Raigad, Maharashtra	142.2	20
4.	Extraction of battery critical minerals like Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel etc from used Lithium batteries, for green energy transition.	NiLiCo Green Technologies Pvt Ltd; Bengaluru, Karnataka	172.5	18
5.	Development of and setting up of commercial Magnesium sacrificial anode from magnesium scrap.	Bhagyanagar magnesium Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad, Telangana	200	12
6.	Manufacturing of WC-Co, NiCr, NiCr-CrC, and CoCrAlY Powders for Hard and Wear-Resistant Coatings on Mining Tools.	Aegion Aerospace Private Limited, Sonipat, Haryana	109	18

Shri Anupam Agnihotri, Director, JNARDDC, apprised the PSC on the importance and benefits of these projects in relation to mineral exploration. He added that the projects are monitored quarterly, with payments released based on milestone achievements. He further informed that upon submission of Utilization Certificate (UC) by the implementing agency, JNARDDC conducts physical verification of the instruments.

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved 06 projects of JNARDDC under the S&T PRISM program, totaling Rs. 758.45 lakh for funding through NMEDT. The PSC also advised **JNARDDC to henceforth indicate whether each project is a first-time initiative or an incremental innovation.** Further, PSC advised JNARDDC to quantify the tentative percentage of cost reduction at Sl. no. 1 and the percentage of metal recovery etc. at Sl. no. 2 along with project proposals.

Agenda 2.2: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committees (TCCs)

The PSC members were informed that TCC-1 at its 81st and 82nd meetings and TCC-2 at its 13th and 14th meetings have recommended the following 12 mineral exploration proposals with estimated cost of Rs. 40.31 crore for the approval of PSC:-

Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (in months)	Cost (in Rs.)	Comments of PSC
A. Projects recommended by TCC-1								
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Graphite and associated minerals in Ampali Area, Balangir District, Odisha [81st TCC-1]	80.85	MECL	Graphite and associated minerals	G4	10	13393952	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Manganese in Kawlewada-Sakkardara Block, Bhandara District, Maharashtra [81st TCC-1]	4.05	DGM Maharashtra	Manganese	G3	12	26584857.88	Approved
3	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Ni, Cr and PGE in Charoti Area, Palghar District, Maharashtra [81st TCC-1]	131	Critical Mineral Trackers (Notification valid upto 15-05-2027)	Ni, Cr, PGE	G4	10	13835975	Deferred till the GRs of the previously sanctioned projects are submitted As on date, 10 projects have been sanctioned to Critical Mineral Trackers by NMEDT. As per QCI-Nabet data, they have 7 no. of Geologists. Considering 2 geologists per project, the maximum number of projects that can be managed by the agency would be 4 at a time. The agency already have 10 ongoing projects

								and presently they don't have sufficient manpower to execute a new project.
4	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Iron Ore in Sitapur Block, District- Uttar Bastar Kanker, Chhattisgarh [81st TCC-1]	2.4	Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd (Notification valid upto 09-07-2026)	Iron Ore	G3	12	17752771	Deferred The PSC referred the project back to the TCC to verify the laboratory's accreditation and to provide a clear and definitive recommendation.
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite and associated minerals in Jarapa Block, District: Rayagada, Odisha [81st TCC-1]	3.5	Eartnenviro Lab Private Ltd. (Notification valid upto 22-01-2028)	Graphite and associated minerals	G3	12	30959959	Deferred Referred back to TCC to re-evaluate the cost of the project.
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals in Nakhare area, Ratnagiri District, Maharashtra [81st TCC-1]	76	Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Private Limited (Notification valid upto 15-05-2027)	Aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals	G4	10	10326770.53	Approved
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals in	60	Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Private Limited	Aluminous laterite and associat	G4	10	9262626.00	Deferred The projects at Sl. Nos. 6 and 7 fall within the same geological setting and are located adjacent to each other. The project at Sl. No. 6 will be reviewed after six

	Dhaulvali-Barsu area, Ratnagiri District, Maharashtra [81 st TCC-1]		(Notification valid upto 15-05-2027)	ed critical minerals				months, and based on its outcome, the project at Sl. No. 7 will be considered.
	Total Cost of Approved Projects (A)						50,305,580.41	
B. Projects recommended by TCC-2								
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite and associated Minerals around Mankota Area, West Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. [13 th TCC-2]	50.2	Eartnenviro Lab Private Limited (Notification valid upto 22-01-2028)	Graphite and associated minerals	G4	15	73007953	Deferred Project cost to be re-evaluated after the revision of Schedule of Charges of NMEDT.
9	Preliminary exploration (G3) for PGE, Gold and Basemetal in Timkitola block, Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh. [13 th TCC-2]	6	Gemcokat i Exploratio n Pvt. Ltd. (Re-notification valid upto 06-03-2028)	PGE, Gold and basemet al	G3	12	21260832	Approved The project was approved subject to re-check of drilling plan by the TCC.
10	General exploration (G2) in Thakurdi h Area-1 block for Copper and associated minerals, Singhbhum Copper	4.10	MECL	Copper and associated minerals	G2	16	132722526.65	Approved PSC suggested to carry out chemical analysis of the associated minerals of uranium, gold, silver, cobalt, nickel etc. in the copper ore zone as the project is at G2 stage of investigation.

	Belt, East Singhbhum District, Jharkhand. [13th TCC-2]							
11	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Graphite and associated minerals, Mahadevbera block, Ranchi District, Jharkhand. [13th TCC-2]	3	NRD Tata (Re-notification valid upto 22-11-2027)	Graphite and associated minerals	G3	15	36510540	Deferred Referred back to TCC to seek comments of State DMG
12	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium, Graphite, Barium and other associated minerals in Chaura-Maunkanda block, Champawat district, Uttarakhand. [14th TCC-2]	3.59	M/s Ocean Drilling & Exploration Private Limited (Notification valid upto 22-01-2028)	Vanadium, Graphite, Barium and other associated minerals	G3	18	17391343	Deferred As per the data provided by QCI-Nabet, the agency have 2 geologists with one TAE. Considering 2 geologists per project, the maximum number of projects that can be managed by the agency would be 1 at a time. The agency already have 1 ongoing project and presently don't have sufficient manpower to execute a new project.
Total Cost of Approved Projects (B)							153,983,358.65	
Total Cost of Projects (A+B)							204,288,939.06	~Rs. 20.43 Crore

Decision of PSC: (i) PSC approved 05 mineral exploration projects amounting to Rs. 204,288,939.06 and deferred 07 projects, (ii) PSC advised the TCCs to conduct a proper capacity assessment of the NPEAs before approving any projects including assessment of infrastructure and manpower available with the NPEAs. Further, the TCCs should give a clear

recommendation which should be in consonance with their observations, (iii) NMEDT Secretariat was instructed to provide the complete details of QCI-Nabet observations in respect of the NPEAs to both the TCCs so that the TCCs may take those observations into account.

Agenda 2.3: Approval of additional cost/cost revision of ongoing exploration projects

TCC-1 and TCC-2 have recommended the additional cost/cost revision of following 5 mineral exploration proposals for the consideration of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (in Rs.)	Revised cost (in Rs.)	Additional Cost (in Rs.)	Reasons given by Agency	PSC Comments
A. Revised cost recommended by TCC-1							
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Manganese Ore in Dhavalapur Block (15.00 sq km), District-Nagpur, Maharashtra. [8 ^{1st} TCC-1]	MECL	23,159,625	1,762,797	-21396828	Only geological mapping could be completed along with sample collections. Drilling and associated components could not be executed.	Deferred PSC was informed that 83 rd TCC-1 is further deliberating the issue. Hence, it may be placed in the forthcoming PSC meeting
B. Revised cost recommended by TCC-2							
2	Preliminary Exploration of Ion-Adsorption Clay and Laterite Hosted Supergene Enriched REE Deposits in Sung Valley Block, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya [13 th TCC-2]	DMR Meghalaya	3,00,93,518	3,05,13,815	4,20,297	Analysis of 15 samples for SEM & EPMA studies.	Approved

3	Reconnaissance survey for Graphite in Korapara East Area, Bankura District, West Bengal [13th TCC-2]	MMPL (Re-notification valid upto 07-02-2028)	1,21,89,531.03	1,73,19,065.74	5,129,534.71	Cost enhanced due to addition of area, drilling and related activities.	Deferred Referred back to TCC for further evaluation of cost and also to take a view on the addition of area i.e. whether additional area is permissible or not. Further, agency needs to be re-notified.
4	Reconnaissance survey for Limestone in Sheelveta area, Karbi Anlong District, Assam [13th TCC-2]	DGM Assam	2,67,53,171.53	2,18,18,382.70	- 4,934,788.83	Due to change of drilling from outsourced drilling to in-house drilling	Approved
5	Reconnaissance survey for Limestone in Dikurumetron area, Upper Deopani of Karbi Anglong District, Assam [13th TCC-2]	DGM Assam	22154390.26	17069500.37	- 5,084,889.89	Due to change of drilling from outsourced drilling to in-house drilling	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved cost revision of 03 projects and deferred 02 projects for further evaluation in the upcoming TCC meetings.

Agenda 2.4: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration project

TCC-2 have recommended pre-closure of 01 mineral exploration proposal for the consideration of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (in Rs.)	Duration (in months)	Approved on	Remarks
1	Reconnaissance survey for Nickel, Cobalt and PGE in Botad area, Botad District, Gujarat [13th TCC-2]	M/s Critical Mineral Trackers (Notification valid upto 15-05-2027)	12825109	10	41 st EC (SO Issued on 23.3.2025)	Values of Ni, Co and PGE are not encouraging.

Decision of PSC: PSC referred the proposal back to TCC-2 with instruction to inform PSC at its next meeting about the detailed values of Ni, Co and PGE as well as the expenditure incurred by the agency.

Agenda 2.5: Approval of change of title of ongoing exploration project

TCC-2 have recommended change of title of 01 mineral exploration proposal for the consideration of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

Sl. No.	Title of the project	Agency	Modified Title	Remarks
1	Reconnaissance survey for nickel-cobalt, PGE and Chromium in and around Phangrai area, Kherul District, Manipur [13th TCC-2]	United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd. (Re-notification valid upto 21-11-2027)	Reconnaissance survey for nickel- cobalt, PGE and Chromium in and around Lungher and Sihai area, Ukhrul district, Manipur	Local agitation has arisen due to the name Phangrai.

Decision of PSC: PSC referred the proposal back to TCC-2 with instruction to call comments in the matter from the State Government and place the agenda in the forthcoming PSC meeting.

Agenda 2.6: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects

TCC-1 and TCC-2 have recommended timeline extension of following 21 mineral exploration/procurement proposals, for the consideration of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Remarks	PSC Comments
A. Timeline extension recommended by TCC-1						
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Iron Ore in Khandadhar Sub Block - E (8.797 sq.km), Sundargarh District, Odisha [81st TCC-1]	OMC	30.6.2025	30.11.2025 31.12.2025	For obtaining FC	Approved
2	Khandadhar Sub Block - A (4.03 sq.km), Sundargarh District, Odisha. [81st TCC-1]	OMC	11.4.2020	30.11.2025 31.12.2025	For obtaining FC	Approved
3	Khandadhar Sub Block - C (2.93 sq.km), Sundargarh District, Odisha [81st TCC-1]	OMC	30.12.2019	30.11.2025 31.12.2025	For obtaining FC	Approved
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite in and around Khairmal area (83.34 Sq. Km), Bolangir, District, Odisha [81st TCC-1]	OMC	22.8.2025	31.12.2025 (4.5 months)	Local agitation hinders the field work	Approved
5	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Graphite in Dhourakhaman area (60.0 Sq. Km), District: Bolangir, Odisha [81st TCC-1]	OMC	12.10.2025	31.12.2025 (2.5 months)	For completion of project	Approved
6	Reconnaissance Exploration for Manganese	DGM Odisha	12.10.2025	15.12.2025 (2 months)	For completion of project	Approved

	around the Kandhal area of Rairakhol Tehsil, Sambalpur District, Odisha [81st TCC-1]					
7	Deepseated mineral prognosis by geophysical techniques: Lithospheric structure and relationship with Kimberlite clusters of Kalyandurg-Timmasamudram-Chigicherla, Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh [81st TCC-1]	GSI and CSIR-NGRI	16.02.2025	30.11.2025	For GR submission	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Ponar Block, Adilabad, Telangana [81st TCC-1]	MMPL (Re-notification valid upto 07-02-2028)	9.10.2025	30.11.2025	GR Submission	Deferred. The agency to be renotified
9	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Mangrur Block, Adilabad, Telangana [81st TCC-1]	MMPL (Re-notification valid upto 07-02-2028)	9.10.2025	30.11.2025	GR Submission	Deferred. The agency to be renotified
10	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [82nd TCC-1]	DGM Maharashtra	30.9.2025	30.11.2025	To complete the procurement	Approved

11	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Titanium & REE Minerals in and around Bengpal–Ellingnar-Kumakoleng Block, Sukhma, and Bastar Districts, Chhattisgarh [82nd TCC-1]	UEIPL (Re-notification valid upto 21-11-2027)	20.8.2025	28.2.2026	Field execution delayed due to local agitation	Approved
12	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite, Titanium, and Associated Minerals Harhapat block, Gumla, Jharkhand [82nd TCC-1]	JEMCL	27.8.2025	28.2.2026	For completion of drilling and GR submission	Approved subject to monthly review of progress by the TCC-1 and the MPR of the project to be shared by NMEDT with TCC-1 and State DGM
B. Timeline extension recommended by TCC-2						
13	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing exploration activities [13th TCC-2]	DGM Ladakh	31.7.2025	31.3.2026	Due to technical, administrative and financial constraint.	Approved
14	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery	DMG Rajasthan	19.7.2025	31.3.2026	Administrative Delay in Procurement	Approved

	Laboratory Equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [13th TCC-2]					
15	Reconnaissance survey for nickel-cobalt, PGE and Chromium in and around Lungher and Sihai area, Ukhrul district, Manipur [13th TCC-2]	UEIPL (Re-notification valid upto 21-11-2027)	5.6.2025	5.6.2026	Project execution delayed due to local agitation and submission of GR	Deferred Extension to be considered after receipt of clarification about the location of the project and the district name from the State Government.
16	Reconnaissance survey for Limestone in Bhatiya-Gokalpur area, Devbhumi Dwarka District, Gujarat [13th TCC-2]	PRB Infra (Notification valid upto 17-01-2027)	2.11.2025	2.1.2026	For completion of project	Approved
17	Reconnaissance Survey for mineral-Rock Phosphate in Randha, Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan [13th TCC-2]	FAGMIL	12.9.2025	13.1.2026	For GR submission	Approved
18	Preliminary exploration for Glauconitic Sandstone in Deulha block, Satna District, Madhya Pradesh [13th TCC-2]	MECL	30.9.2025	31.10.2025	For GR submission	Approved

19	Preliminary exploration for Glauconitic Sandstone in Jhari block, Satna District, Madhya Pradesh [13th TCC-2]	MECL	30.9.2025	31.10.2025	For GR submission	Approved
20	Preliminary exploration for Bauxite, Titanium and associated minerals in Anvrapat block, Lohardaga District, Jharkhand [13th TCC-2]	MECL	30.9.2025	20.10.2025	For GR submission	Approved
21	Reconnaissance survey for Iron, Manganese and Associated Minerals in Jauli-Sailwara area, Jabalpur District, Madhya Pradesh [13th TCC-2]	MECL	12.10.2025	12.4.2026	To complete the work and submit the GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: (i) PSC approved the timeline extension of 18 projects and deferred 03 project, (ii) PSC advised the TCCs to check the Monthly Progress Report (MPR) submitted by agencies, considering proposals for timeline extension, (iii) PSC noted that the projects at Sl. Nos. 2 and 3 are old and have remained stalled for over five years. The agency (OMC) has requested timeline extension up to 30th November 2025 for the projects at Sl. Nos. 1–3. However, it appears unlikely that the agency would be able to complete the projects by 30.11.2025. Accordingly, the Committee extended the timeline up to 31.12.2025 for obtaining the required forest clearance with the condition that if the agency fails to secure the forest clearance within this period, no further timeline extension would be considered, and (iv) PSC instructed NMEDT Secretariat to send a copy of all MPRs to respective State DGMs & TCCs for effective monitoring of projects by them.

Annexure-1**List of Participant**

Sl. No.	Name of the person	Position	Mode
1	Shri Pankaj Garg	DG, NMEDT and Chairman	Physical
2	Shri N K Panda	Regional Director (SR), AMD	Online
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4	Smt Geetika Sharma	Director – Projects, NMEDT & Member Secretary	Physical
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10	Shri Vinod Bagdey	Addl. Director, MRD, M.P., Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Online
11	Shri S. P. Kadoo	Deputy Directors, DGM Maharashtra Govt. of Maharashtra	Online
12	Ms Deepa	Dy. Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu	Online
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14	Dr. P Krishnamurthy	Technical Expert	Online
15	Shri Pankaj Satija	Technical Expert	Online
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17	Shri B P Raturi	Technical Expert	Online
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19	Shri Pradeep Singh	Dy. DG and Chairman, TCC-2	Online
20	Shri Anupam Agnihotri	Director, JNARDDC	Online
21	Shri C Parthasarathi	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-1	Online
22	Shri Sanjay Singh	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2	Online