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Subject: Circulation of minutes of 5th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) held on 9th February, 2026

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of 5th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 9th February, 2026 for your kind perusal.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


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

To all attendees of PSC Meeting

1. Shri Anshoo Pandey, Director, NCMM, Ministry of Mines, GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi.
1. Shri Birendra Thakur, Director (Tech.), Ministry of Coal, ShastriBhawan, New Delhi.
2. Shri N K Panda, Regional Director, Southern Region, Atomic Mineral Exploration and Research Directorate, Nagarbhavi, Bangaluru.
3. Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik, Director, NM-II, Geological Survey of India, Nagpur.
4. Shri Bhupinder Kumar, Director, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
5. Shri Abhay Agrawal, Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.
2. Shri Alok Kumar, Dy. Secretary, IFD, Mines, GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi.
6. Shri Ravi Dutt, Cost Accounts Officer, NMEDT, UdyogBhawan, New Delhi.
7. Shri Gopal Ram, Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan.

8. Shri Vinod Bagdey, Additional Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
9. Shri S. P. Kadoo, Deputy Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra.
10. Ms. Deepa, Deputy Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
11. Shri Bhagwati Prasad Raturi, Ex -GM (Exploration), MECL, Lane N0-7, New Garhwal Colony Near MalsiPuliya, Balawala, Dehradun-248019, Uttarakhand
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1. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
2. The Principal Secretary (Industry and Mines), Government of Gujarat.
3. The Secretary (Industries, Mines and Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
4. The Secretary, (Industries and Commerce), Government of Karnataka.
5. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh.
6. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
7. The Principal Secretary (Steel and Mines), Government of Odisha.
8. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.
9. The Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Kesavadasapuram, Pattom Palace P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695004, Kerala, India.

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12. Dr. S Ravi, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-1 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad
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14. Shri S Dhanendran, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-1 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad.
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23. The General Manager (ME), Mineral Exploration Department, KIOCL Limited, Bangalore - 560034.
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25. M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Ltd., Adani Corporate House; Shantigram; Near Vaishno Devi Circle; SG Highway Khodiyar NA; Ahmedabad, Gujarat- 382421.
26. M/s Steiger Geoscience and Engineering Private Ltd.
27. M/s Envirogreen Consultants (India) Pvt. Ltd.

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Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust
Minutes for 5th Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT
held on 09.02.2026

The 5th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 09.02.2026 at Conference Hall, 4th Floor, GPOA 3.0, 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 88th and 89th meetings of TCC-1 and 21st meeting of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

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

Agenda 5.1: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

The PSC members were informed that TCC-1 at its 88th and 89th meetings have recommended the following 13 mineral exploration proposals with an estimated cost of Rs. 43.99 crore for the approval of PSC:

| | | | | | | | | Amount in Rs. Crore |
|---------|---|----------------------------|---|--|-------|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| Sl. No. | Project/Block Name | Area (in km ²) | Agency | Commodity | Stage | Duration (months) | Cost | Decision of PSC |
| 1 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone and Manganese in Hathighat block, District: Adilabad, Telangana [88 th TCC-1] | 11.28 | MECL | Limestone and Manganese | G3 | 12 | 2.09 | Approved |
| 2 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone and Manganese in Tamsi block, District: Adilabad, Telangana [88 th TCC-1] | 6.70 | MECL | Limestone and Manganese | G3 | 10 | 1.25 | Approved |
| 3 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Paradva-Amrapar Blocks A-B-C-D, Jamnagar District, Gujarat [88 th TCC-1] | 9.07 | CGM Gujarat | Limestone | G3 | 8 | 1.32 | Approved |
| 4 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Kanivihalli Block, Davangere District, Karnataka [81 st TCC-1] [88 th TCC-1] | 30 | Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd. | Gold | G3 | 45 6 | 6.0 1.92 | 1 st and 2 nd phases of project approved initially |
| 5 | Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Base metals and Associated Mineralization in Jotri-Peepal Block, Tehsil-Pahadi & Seekri, District-Deeg, State-Rajasthan [88 th TCC-1] | 30 | Steiger Geoscience and Engineering Private Ltd. | Base Metal and associated mineralization | G3 | 45 12 | 4.82 | Approved |
| 6 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Graphite in Kodabata Block, Rayagada District, Odisha [80 th TCC-1] [1 st PSC] [88 th TCC-1] | 1 | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | Graphite | G3 | 12 | 3.05 | Deferred. Project is deferred as the block is being considered for auction |
| 7 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite in Saharha Block, Rayagada District, Odisha [80 th TCC-1] [1 st PSC] [88 th TCC-1] | 2.10 | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | Graphite | G3 | 12 | 3.26 | Approved |

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| 8 | Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE, RM and Other Critical Minerals in Udaipur-Ramgarh area, Sarguja District, Chhattisgarh [80 th TCC-1] [1 st PSC] [88 th TCC-1] | 150 | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | REE, RM and Critical Minerals | G4 | 12 | 1.35 | Approved |
| 9 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) for graphite in Belkurta Block, District: Balrampur, Chhattisgarh [88 th TCC-1] | 1.83 | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | Graphite | G3 | 12 | 2.74 | Rejected |
| 10 | Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Critical & Associated Minerals in Kanore-Bari Sadri area in Udaipur & Chittorgarh districts, Rajasthan [89 th TCC-1] | 120 | Envirogreen Consultants (India) Pvt. Ltd. | Critical & Associated Minerals | G4 | 10 | 2.05 | Approved |
| 11 | Preliminary exploration (G3) for rare earth elements and associated mineralization in North of Kuship Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [11 th TCC-2] [1 st PSC] [89 th TCC-1] | 2.3 | Ocean Drilling and Exploration Pvt. Ltd. | REE and associated minerals | G3 | 12 | 6.82 | Approved |
| 12 | Preliminary exploration for rare earth elements and associated mineralization in Ramdevji ki Beri Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan (UNFC Stage- G3) [11 th TCC-2] [1 st PSC] [89 th TCC-1] | 1.64 | Ocean Drilling and Exploration Pvt. Ltd. | REE and associated minerals | G3 | 12 | 5.31 | Deferred The project mentioned at Sl. 11 is similar and the agency has previously already been allocated a block in Siwana Ring Complex in same area |
| 13 | General Exploration (G-2) for Graphite and Associated Minerals in Nagapuzha-Vadakhol Block, District: Ernakulam, Kerala [76 th TCC-1] [42 nd EC] # | 2.60 | MECL | Graphite and associated minerals | G2 | 12 | 3.93 | Approved |
| Total Projects | | 13 | | Total Cost (A) | | 28.81 | | |

#The project mentioned at Sl. No. 13 was approved during 42nd meeting of EC held on 02.06.2025. The approval was subject to receipt of NoC from State DGM. Till date NoC from DGM Kerala has not been received.

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved 10 mineral exploration projects amounting to Rs. 28.81 Cr., recommended by TCC-1. The project mentioned at Sl. No. 6 is deferred as the block is being considered for auction. The project mentioned at Sl. No. 9 is rejected as the block have been shortlisted for upcoming tranche of auction. The project mentioned at Sl. No. 12 has been deferred as the projects mentioned at Sl. 11 is similar and the agency has previously already been allocated a block in Siwana Ring Complex in same area. Only phase I and Phase II work costing Rs. 1.92 Cr (as per Annexure I) has been approved now for project mentioned at Sl. No. 4.

**Agenda 5.2: Undertaking Geochemical Analysis of mine samples of Iron Ore and Limestone Mines by IBM through NMEDT fund.
(Agency: IBM)**

IBM has informed that they have taken up a project to carry out Geochemical Analysis of Mine samples, drawn from mine faces, mineral stacks, dumps, tailings, process samples and smelter slags across the country to identify critical minerals, through NMEDT fund. During the study, IBM has collected 2383 samples from 311 mines, 32 beneficiation plants and 27 smelter and refineries. The outcome of the study was presented before the Hon'ble Minister of Mines on 02nd December, 2025 and was well received for their scientific outcomes and relevance to national mineral security. During the discussion, the Hon'ble Minister of Mines also enquired about the future action plan, to which IBM proposed to take up similar studies of iron ore and limestone mines in the country.

Subsequently, IBM has submitted a proposal for undertaking geochemical analysis of mine samples of Iron Ore and Limestone Mines through NMEDT funding on 09.01.2026. IBM have informed that iron ore deposits may host critical minerals such as vanadium, titanium, cobalt, and nickel, while limestone deposits particularly dolomitic, phosphatic, and impurity-rich varieties may contain strontium, phosphorus, rare earth elements, and other associated elements. Apart from that, Banded Iron Formation (BIF) hosted iron ore deposits are also known to be associated with gold mineralization, particularly along structurally controlled zones such as shear zones, fractures, and altered horizons within or adjoining BIF sequences. Considering the large volumes of waste generated from iron ore and limestone mining and processing operations, Systematic geochemical assessment of these materials is proposed to evaluate their potential as secondary sources of critical minerals and to promote improved resource utilization and sustainable mining practices.

IBM have further informed that total 1500 samples (including 136 check samples) will be collected from 73 limestone mines and 51 iron ore mines (total 124 mines). Out of 1500 samples,

100 samples will be analyzed at IBM in-house laboratory and rest 1400 samples will be analysed at JNARDDC and MECL.

TCC-1 at its 88th meeting held on 16th and 17th January, 2026 has recommended the proposal titled “Undertaking Geochemical Analysis of mine samples of Iron Ore and Limestone Mines by IBM through NMEDT fund” for approval of PSC with an estimated cost of **INR 426.68 lakh (including GST)** within time schedule of **8 months** along with following suggestions:

- a. The committee suggested to prepare a standard operating protocol for sample analysis through ICPMS in all three labs by taking guidance from experts.
- b. Gold and silver samples to be analyzed in a single lab and 10% of check samples analysis may be done through reputed labs.
- c. The committee suggested to include 10% of check sample for ICPMS analysis.

Discussion: Sh. N.K. Panda, Regional Director, AMD highlighted that out of 1,500 samples, IBM would analyze only 100 samples in its laboratory, while the remaining 1,400 samples would be outsourced to MECL and JNARDDC. He further pointed out that NMEDT had funded IBM to establish an ICP-MS laboratory only in the previous year. IBM clarified that its laboratory was presently engaged in multiple ongoing works, including beneficiation studies, and that a large number of in-house samples were already under analysis.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the special studies project of IBM titled “Undertaking Geochemical Analysis of mine samples of Iron Ore and Limestone Mines by IBM through NMEDT fund” with a cost of Rs. 426.88 Lakh (inclusive of taxes) and a timeline of 8 months

Agenda 5.3: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-1

TCC-1 has recommended additional cost/cost revision of following 2 mineral exploration projects for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee

| S. No. | Block/Project | Agency | Approved cost (Rs.) (in lakh) | Revised cost (Rs.) (in lakh) | Change in Cost (Rs.) (in lakh) | Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details | Time line extension | Remarks | Decision of PSC |
|--------|--|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1 | Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) for Limestone in Mangrur block, Adilabad District, Telangana [81 st TCC-1] [1 st PSC] [88 th TCC-1] | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | 69.74 | 73.06 | (+) 3.32 | S.O issued on 07.03.25 Originally approved SDC was 09.10.25 | 09.10.25 to 31.01.26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional chemical analysis and core preservation. • Project delayed due to notification issue | Approved |
| 2 | Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) of Limestone in Ponar Block, Adilabad District, Telangana [81 st TCC-1] [1 st PSC] [88 th TCC-1] | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | 104.08 | 110.81 | (+) 6.73 | S.O issued on 07.03.25 Originally approved SDC was 09.10.25 | 09.10.25 to 31.01.26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional chemical analysis and core preservation. • Project delayed due to notification issue | Approved |

Decision of PSC: PSC approved cost revision of 2 projects alongwith timeline extension, recommended by TCC-1.

Agenda 5.4: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration projects alongwith cost revision (if any), recommended by TCC-1:

TCC-1 has recommended the pre-closure of 01 mineral exploration project for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

| S. No. | Block/Project | Agency | Approved on | Duration (in months) | Approved cost (Rs. in lakh) | Revised cost (Rs. in lakh) | Cost change (Rs. in lakh) | Remarks | Decision of PSC |
|--------|---|--------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1 | Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Level) for Limestone in Jaharitola (3.34 sq. km) and Mundatola (4.34 sq.km) Blocks, Sundargarh District, Odisha [75 th TCC-1] [43 rd EC] [81 st TCC-1] [88 th TCC-1] | MECL | 37 th EC (SO Issued on 23.10.2024) | 12 | 285.75 | 21.06 | (-) 264.69 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-promising value of CaO. • Analytical values of main constituents like MgO, SiO₂ and insolubles do not meet the stipulated specifications (threshold values) even for dolomite in Jaharitola and Mundatola blocks | Approved |

Decision of PSC: PSC approved pre-closure of 1 project alongwith cost revision, recommended by TCC-1.

Agenda 5.5: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement/ baseline data generation projects, recommended by TCC-1:

TCC-1 has recommended timeline extension of following 17 mineral exploration/procurement/baseline data generation projects, for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

| 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 | Engaging a Technical Supervision and Quality Control (TS-QC) consultant for Monitoring of Quality Assurance/Quality control (QA/QC) of the Multi-sensor Aero-geophysical Surveys over Blocks- 15 under Phase-II of National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP) [88 th TCC-1] | GSI | 18.02.26 | 31.05.26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SO issued on 15.07.22 (for blocks 14 & 15) • SO was issued after cost revision on 12.12.23 (for block 15) • MoA signing date: 19.02.24 Original contract Expiry Date: 18.02.25 | For completion of remaining work. Compilation and Processing of 100% data has been completed | Approved |
| 2 | PIA for Multi-sensor aero-geophysical surveys over blocks 15 in adjoining Obvious Geological Potential (OGP) areas under National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP). [88 th TCC-1] | GSI | 28.02.26 | 30.04.26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SO issued on 08.09.21 (for blocks 13-22) • SO was issued after cost revision on 25.11.22 (for block 15) • MoA signing date: 17.02.23 Original contract Expiry Date: 28.02.25 | For completion of remaining work. Compilation and Processing of 100% data has been completed. | Approved |
| 3 | Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE & RM (Sc, Nb) mineralisation in Samalpatti, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu [88 th TCC-1] | KIOCL | 31.12.25 | 28.02.26 | <p>S.O issued on 13.12.24</p> <p>Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.10.25</p> | For completion of work and GR submission | Approved |
| 4 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite in Nittadgi Block, Uttara Kannada district, Karnataka [88 th TCC-1] | PRB Infraprojects Ltd. | 09.02.26 | 31.03.26 | S.O issued on 10.02.25 | For obtaining forest clearance and | Approved |

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| | | | | | Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.02.26 | execution of work. | |
| 5 | Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Glauconite and associated mineralization in Dhamni-Piparwasi Simliya area, Sheopur district, Madhya Pradesh [88th TCC-1] | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | 20.08.25 | 28.02.26 | S.O issued on 21.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 20.08.25 | For GR submission. Work delayed due to re-notification issue | Approved |
| 6 | Preliminary Exploration Survey (G3) of Iron Ore and associated minerals in Bamuri Block, Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh [88th TCC-1] | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | 05.01.26 | 15.06.26 | S.O issued on 06.01.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 05.01.26 | For completion of work and GR submission. Work delayed due to re-notification issue | Approved |
| 7 | Preliminary exploration (G3) for Iron ore and associated minerals in Amhawa Block, Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh [88th TCC-1] | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | 09.02.26 | 30.06.26 | S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.02.26 | For completion of work and GR submission. Work delayed due to re-notification issue | Approved |
| 8 | Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) of Limestone, Gadeghat -Khatera block, Yavatmal District, Maharashtra [88th TCC-1] | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | 09.12.25 | 28.02.26 | S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.12.25 | For submission of GR | Approved |

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| 9 | Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for limestone in Chokkanathapuram Block, Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts, Tamil Nadu [88th TCC-1] | Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions | 09.10.25 | 31.03.26 | S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.10.25 | For completion of work and GR submission Work delayed due to re-notification issue | Approved ** No further extension to be given |
| 10 | Preliminary exploration (G3 stage) for limestone in Kulumur Block, Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts, Tamil Nadu [88th TCC-1] | Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions | 09.10.25 | 31.03.26 | S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.10.25 | For completion of work and GR submission | Approved ** No further extension to be given |
| 11 | Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite in and around Dumburuneli area, Rayagada District, Odisha [88th TCC-1] | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | 09.12.25 | 31.03.26 | S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.12.25 | For completion of work and GR submission | Approved |
| 12 | Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Mukteswarapuram Block, Suryapet District, Telangana [89th TCC-1] | MECL | 01.02.26 | 28.02.26 | S.O issued on 02.07.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 01.02.26 | For GR submission | Approved |
| 13 | Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu East Block, Suryapet District, Telangana [89th TCC-1] | MECL | 01.02.26 | 28.02.26 | S.O issued on 02.07.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 01.02.26 | For GR submission | Approved |

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| 14 | Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu West Block, Suryapet District, Telangana [89th TCC-1] | MECL | 01.02.26 | 30.04.26 | S.O issued on 02.07.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 01.02.26 | For completion of work and GR submission | Approved |
| 15 | Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Dhunki-Chilai Block District: Yavatmal, Maharashtra [89th TCC-1] | MECL | 31.01.26 | 28.02.26 | S.O issued on 05.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 04.11.25 | For GR submission | Approved |
| 16 | Preliminary Exploration (G3 stage) for aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals in Govindagude & Sudigudde block, Udupi District, Karnataka [89th TCC-1] | Critical Mineral Trackers | 31.01.26 | 31.03.26 | S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.08.25 | For obtaining forest clearance and completion of work | Approved |
| 17 | Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Gold in Chinnikatti Block, Haveri District, Karnataka [89th TCC-1] | Mining Tech & Consultancy Services | 09.02.26 | 09.08.26 09.05.26 | S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.02.26 | For obtaining forest clearance and completion of work | Approved till 09.05.2026 |

Decision of PSC: PSC approved timeline extension of 17 projects, recommended by TCC-1.

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

Agenda 5.6: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

TCC-2 has recommended following 2 mineral exploration proposals with estimated cost of Rs. 21.76 crore for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

| <i>Amount in Rs. Crore</i> | | | | | | | | |
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| Sl. No. | Project/Block Name | Area (in km ²) | Agency | Commodity | Stage | Duration (months) | Cost | Decision of PSC |
| 1 | Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Graphite in Ranibandh Area, Bankura, West Bengal [21 st TCC-2] | 2.5 | MMPL Pvt. Ltd. | Graphite | G3 | 12 | 2.73 | Deferred. Project is deferred as the block is being considered for auction |
| 2 | Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Potash in Choharianwali Area (48.0 sq. km), District-Fazilka, Punjab [21 st TCC-2] | 48.0 | MECL | Potash | G4 | 21 | 19.03 | Approved |
| Total Projects | | | 02 | Total Cost (A) | | | 21.76 | |

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved 01 mineral exploration project amounting to Rs. 19.03 Cr., as mentioned at Sl. No. 2. The project mentioned at Sl. No. 1 is deferred as the block is being considered for auction.

Agenda 5.7: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-2

TCC-2 has recommended cost revision and timeline extension of following 3 mineral exploration project for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

| S. No. | Block/Project | Agency | Approved cost (Rs.) (in lakh) | Revised cost (Rs.) (in lakh) | Change in Cost (Rs.) (in lakh) | Time line extension | Remarks | Decision of PSC |
|--------|--|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Copper, Molybdenum, Tungsten & associated minerals in Hanspur Block, District Jhansi, | MECL | 161.97 | 159.90 | (-) 2.07 | From 19.12.25 to 30.06.26 | Drilling to be outsourced. Timeline extension is recommended for completion of work and submission of GR. | Approved |

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| | Uttar Pradesh [21 st TCC-2] | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Magnetite and associated Vanadium mineralization in Khursipar Block, District: Gondia, Maharashtra [21 st TCC-2] | MECL | 273.10 | 270.40 | (-) 2.70 | From 18.03.26 to 17.06.26 | Drilling to be outsourced. Timeline extension is recommended for completion of work. | Approved |
| 3 | Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Limestone in Dhanokhar Nagod Limestone Block, Panna & Satna District, Madhya Pradesh. [21 st TCC-2] | MPSMCL | 78.74 | 81.44 | (+) 2.70 | -- | Additional quantum of DGPS survey for borehole point fixation | Approved |

Decision of PSC: PSC approved cost revision of 3 projects alongwith timeline extension, if any, recommended by TCC-2.

Agenda 5.8: Preliminary exploration (G3) for PGE, Gold and Basemetal in Timkitola block, Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh by M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.

The project was approved in 2nd PSC meeting with an approved cost of Rs. 2.13 crore with a timeline of 12 months, subject to re-check of drilling plan by the TCC.

TCC-2 at its 19th meeting, evaluated the drilling plan and recommended that drilling in 6 boreholes (3 x 90m Vertical + 3 x 150m inclined) with total drilling meterage of 720m will be decided after first review of detailed mapping and Geophysical survey work after 5 months. The review of the project will be done after 5 & 10 months. Accordingly, the timeline table of the project has been modified.

This is for the information of PSC.

Agenda 5.9: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-2:

TCC-2 has recommended timeline extension of following 4 mineral exploration/procurement/baseline data generation projects, for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

| 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 | Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. [16th TCC-2] [3rd PSC] [21st TCC-2] | DGM Jharkhand | 31.08.25 | (i) 31.03.26 (ii) 31.07.26 (Details in Annexure II) | S.O issued on 18.08.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 17.08.24 | Tender bidding and procurement processes are still pending | Approved |
| 2 | Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Bhatiya Area in the Village Bhatiya-Gokalpur, District-Devbhumi Dwarka, Gujarat [21st TCC-2] | PRB Infra Projects Private Limited | 02.01.26 | 02.03.26 | S.O issued on 03.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 02.11.25 | For completion of project | Approved |
| 3 | Preliminary (G3) Exploration for Iron and Bauxite ore in Amoch Chapra Block, Jabalpur & Katni District, Madhya Pradesh [21st TCC-2] | MECL | 31.12.25 | 31.03.26 | S.O issued on 29.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 28.06.25 | For completion of project and GR submission | Approved |
| 4 | Preliminary exploration (G-3) of Tungsten and Tin ore in Murara-Devendrapura Block, District-Niwari, Madhya Pradesh [21st TCC-2] | MECL | 31.01.26 | 30.04.26 31.03.2026 | S.O issued on 29.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 28.06.25 | For completion of project | Approved till 31.03.2026 |

Decision of PSC: PSC approved timeline extension of 4 projects, recommended by TCC-2.

Annexure I

| Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Kanivihalli Block, Davangere District, Karnataka, Area 30 sq. km (for initial 2 phases; the area will be further reduced to potential zones for preliminary exploration), No. of BH:20, Total drilling: 2500m (For all 3 phases; 500 mscout drilling for 1st phase) Schedule timeline- 15 months; Review: After 4, 6 and 12 months (1st two phases 6 months) | | | | | | | |
|---|---|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| S. No. | Item of Work * | Unit * | Rates as per NMET SoC 2025-26 | Estimated Cost of the Proposal | Total Amount (Rs) (a*b) | Remarks (The actual drilling meterage will be decided after 1st and 2nd phase of work) | |
| | | | SoC-Item No. * | | | | Rates as per SoC * (a) |
| PHASE-1 (including updation of existing Geological map, Pitting, Trenching and Bedrock Sampling in grid pattern in identified mineralised zones) | | | | | | | |
| A | Geological Mapping Other Geological Work | | | | | | |
| | Traverse Mapping (1:12,500 scale), Sampling, Pitting/Trenching | | | | | | |
| i | Charges for Geologist per day (Field) for geological mapping | day | 1.2.1a (b) | 14,500.00 | 60 | 8,70,000 | including sampling |
| ii | Labours Charges; Base rate | day | 5.8 | 541.00 | 120 | 64,920 | |
| iii | Charges for Geologist per day (HQ) | day | 1.2.1a (a) | 10,500.00 | 45 | 4,72,500 | For entire project (including 3 phases) |
| | Trenching/Pitting | | | | | | |
| v | Trenching | per cu.m | 2.1.1 | 4,125.00 | 100 | 4,12,500 | |
| vi | Bed rock sampling | | | - | 100 | - | Only quantification of samples to be collected |

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| | Sub Total- A | | | | | 18,19,920 | |
| B | LABORATORY STUDIES | | | | | | |
| 1 | Chemical Analysis | | | | | | |
| | Geochemical Sampling-Surface samples (Bedrock/Channel /Soil/Stream sediment) | | | | | | |
| i | Au by Fire Assay | Nos | 4.1.5a | 3,500.00 | 200 | 7,00,000 | 100 Trench samples+ 100 BRS |
| iii | Analysis of one rock/ soil sample for quantitative analysis of 14 REE elements + 9 trace element by ICPMS | Nos | 4.1.15 | 7,400.00 | 50 | 3,70,000 | |
| iv | Determination of mercury in rock or soil samples (by Cold Vapour Technique) | Nos | - | - | - | - | This item has been removed in revised SoC |
| | Surface Check samples (10% External) | | | | | | |
| i | Au by Fire Assay | Nos | 4.1.5a | 3,500.00 | 20 | 70,000 | |
| | Analysis of one rock/ soil sample for quantitative analysis of 14 REE elements + 9 trace element by ICPMS | Nos | 4.1.15 | 7,400.00 | 5 | 37,000 | |
| vi | Sampler Man days | | 1.2.1b | 7850 | 34 | 264938 | |
| vii | Labour Man days | | 5.8 | 541 | 135 | 73035 | |
| 2 | Physical & Petrological Studies | | | | | - | |
| i | Preparation of standard polish section | Nos | 4.3.2 | 800 | 10 | 8,000 | |
| ii | study of polished section (along with 5 nos. digital photo micrographs) | Nos | 4.3.4 | 2,800 | 10 | 28,000 | |
| iv | SEM Studies | per hour | 4.4.2 | 3,500 | 10 | 35,000 | |
| v | EPMA studies | per hour | 4.4.1 | 10,500 | 10 | 1,05,000 | |
| | Sub Total- B | | | | | 16,90,973 | |
| | Total Phase I | | | | | 35,10,893 | |
| | Review | | | | | | |
| | PHASE-2 (GP survey in the zones identified in Phase 1 and Trenching) | | | | | | |
| C | Ground Geophysical Survey | | | | | | |

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| ii | Resistivity Profiling (Station interval 200m.) | line km | 3.6a | 58,880.00 | 20 | 11,77,600 | 200m station interval, 500 m line interval |
| | IP(Dipole Dipole) (10-20 km) | line km | 3.4 a | 69,950.00 | 2 | 1,39,900 | |
| v | Geophysicist party days (HQ) | per day | 3.18 a | 10,500.00 | 20 | 2,10,000 | |
| | Sub Total- C | | | | | 15,27,500 | |
| D | Trenching/Pitting | | | | | | |
| | Trenching | per cu.m | 2.1.1 | 4,125.00 | 150 | 6,18,750 | Trench samples 100 |
| | Charges for Geologist per day (Field) for geological mapping | day | 1.2.1 a (b) | 14,500.00 | 45 | 6,52,500 | |
| | Labours Charges; Base rate | day | 5.8 | 541.00 | 90 | 48,690 | |
| | Sub Total- D | | | | | 13,19,940 | |
| E | Scout Drilling (In-house) | | | | | | |
| i | Total Drilling 500 m | m | 2.2.1.1e | 12,650.00 | 500 | 63,25,000 | No. of BHs |
| ii | Land / Crop Compensation (in case the BH falls in agricultural Land) | per BH | 5.6 | 30000 | 5 | 1,50,000 | As per actuals |
| iii | Concrete pillar construction (12"x12"x30") | per BH | 2.2.7 | 2,000 | 5 | 10,000 | As per actuals |
| iv | Other Miscellaneous Charges for drilling (Transportation of Drilling Rig, Accommodation for Drill Camp, Camp setting and winding, construction of Approach road and Drill core preservation | lumpsum | 2.2.9 (2) | Miscellaneous Charges (Transportation of Drilling Rig, Accommodation for Drill Camp, Camp setting and winding, construction of Approach road and Drill core preservation | For Drilling cost more than 50 Lakhs and less than 1 Crore : 20% of the Drilling Cost with a maximum ceiling of | 12,65,000 | |

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| | | | | | ₹ 15 lakh. | | |
| | Sub Total E | | | | | 77,50,000 | |
| F | LABORATORY STUDIES | | | | | | |
| 1 | Chemical Analysis | | | | | | |
| | Geochemical Sampling-BH samples | | | | | | |
| i | Au by Fire Assay | Nos | 4.1.5a | 3,500.00 | 250 | 8,75,000 | 150 Trench + 100 BH |
| ii | XRF / Whole Rock Analysis | Nos | 4.1.17a | 4,200 | 25 | 1,05,000 | Same samples |
| iii | Analysis of one rock/ soil sample for quantitative analysis of 14 REE elements + 9 trace element by ICPMS | Nos | 4.1.15 | 7,400.00 | 25 | 1,85,000 | |
| | Check samples (10% External) | | | | | | |
| i | Au by Fire Assay | Nos | 4.1.5a | 3,500.00 | 25 | 87,500 | |
| ii | XRF / Whole Rock Analysis | Nos | 4.1.17a | 4,200 | 3 | 10,500 | |
| | Analysis of one rock/ soil sample for quantitative analysis of 14 REE elements + 9 trace element by ICPMS | Nos | 4.1.15 | 7,400.00 | 3 | 18,500 | |
| vi | Sampler Man days | | 1.2.1b | 7850 | 41 | 3,21,359 | |
| vii | Labour Man days | | 5.8 | 541 | 164 | 88,589 | |
| 2 | Physical & Petrological Studies | | | | | - | |
| i | Preparation of standard polish section | Nos | 4.3.1 | 800 | 10 | 8,000 | |

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| ii | study of polished section along with digital photographs | Nos | 4.3.4 | 2,800 | 10 | 28,000 | |
| iv | SEM Studies | per hour | 4.4.2 | 3,500 | 10 | 35,000 | |
| v | EPMA studies | per hour | 4.4.1 | 10,500 | 10 | 1,05,000 | |
| | Sub Total F | | | | | 18,67,448 | |
| Review | | | | | | | |
| Total Phase II | | | | | | 1,24,64,888 | |
| Total Phase I + II | | | | | | 1,59,75,781 | |
| F | Total A to E | | | | | 1,59,75,781 | |
| G | Preparation of Exploration Proposal (5 Hard copies with a soft copy) | 5 Hard copies with a soft copy | 5.1 | 2% of approved project cost or 5 lakh whichever is lower | | 3,19,516 | EA will be reimbursed after submission of the Hard Copies and the soft copy of the final proposal along with Maps and Plan as suggested by the TCC-NMET in its meeting while clearing the proposal. |
| H | Geological Report Preparation | 5 Hard copies with a soft copy | 5.2 (ii) | Total cost exceeding ₹50 lakh but less than 150 lakh: ₹2.5 lakh | | | Reimbursement will be made after submission of the final Geological Report in Hard Copies (5 Nos) and the soft copy to NMET. |
| I | Peer review Charges | | As per EC decision | | | | |
| J | Total Estimated Cost without GST | | | | | 1,62,95,296 | |
| K | Provision for GST (18%) | | | | | 29,33,153 | GST will be reimburse as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate |

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| L | Total Estimated Cost with GST | | | | 1,92,28,450 | |
| M | | | | Rs. In Lakhs | 192.28 | |
| Note: | | | | | | |
| 1 | Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21. | | | | | |
| 2 | In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement. | | | | | |
| 3 | If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per Item no. 6 of NMET SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing of any component/project is required. | | | | | |
| 4 | Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities. | | | | | |
| 5 | Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC. | | | | | |
| * | SoC Item No, Unit and Rate for each item of work must be as mentioned in the SoC. | | | | | |

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Annexure II

Details of item to be procured by DGM Jharkhand along with timeline extension

| Sl. No. | Name of Item | Qty. | Estimated Cost per unit (Rs.) | Total Estimated cost (Rs) | Procurement Status | TLE recommended upto |
|---------|--|------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Digital Camera | 10 | 90000 | 900000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 2 | Brunton Compass | 20 | 10000 | 200000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 3 | Geological Hammer | 20 | 10000 | 200000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 4 | Hand-held GPS | 20 | 95000 | 1900000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 5 | Hydraulic Core Splitter | 1 | 200000 | 200000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 6 | Vibratory Cup Mill with accessories | 1 | 600000 | 600000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 7 | ICP- MS (Ultra-Pure Water System) | 1 | 20000000 | 20000000 | Not Procured | 31.07.2026 |
| 8 | XRF | 1 | 16000000 | 16000000 | Not Procured | 31.07.2026 |
| 9 | Fusion Bead Machine | 1 | 2000000 | 2000000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 10 | Press Palette machine | 1 | 390000 | 390000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 11 | Grinding and Polishing Machine and mounting unit | 1 | 7000000 | 7000000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 12 | Transmitted and Reflected light, research Microscope with software attached camera | 1 | 1200000 | 1200000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| 13 | Proximate Analyzer (TGA) | 1 | 2200000 | 2200000 | Not Procured | 31.03.2026 |
| | | | Total | 5,27,90,000 | | |

Annexure III

List of Participants

| Sl. No | Name of the person | Designation | Mode |
|----------------|---------------------------|---|-------------|
| 1 | Shri Pankaj Garg | DG, NMEDT and Chairman | Physical |
| 2 | Shri N. K. Panda | Regional Director (SR), AMD | Online |
| 3 | Sh. Birendra Thakur | Director (Tech.), MoC | Online |
| 4 | Shri Anshoo Pandey | Director, NCMM | Physical |
| 5 | Sh. Bhupinder Kumar | Director, MoPNG | Online |
| 6 | Smt. Geetika Sharma | Director – Projects, NMEDT & Member Secretary | Physical |
| 7 | Shri Alok Kumar | Dy. Secretary, IFD, Mines | Physical |
| 8 | Shri Abhay Agrawal | Controller of Mines, IBM | Online |
| 9 | Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik | Director, NM-II, GSI, Nagpur | Online |
| 10 | Shri Ravi Dutt | Cost Accounts Officer | Physical |
| 11 | Shri Gopal Ram | Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan | Online |
| 12 | Shri Vinod Bagdey | Addl. Director, MRD, M.P., Govt. of Madhya Pradesh | Online |
| 13 | Shri S. P. Kadoo | Deputy Director, DGM Maharashtra Govt. of Maharashtra | Online |
| 14 | Ms. Deepa | Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu | Online |
| 15 | Shri T K Biswal | Technical Expert | Online |
| 16 | Dr. P Krishnamurthy | Technical Expert | Online |
| 17 | Shri Pankaj Satija | Technical Expert | Online |
| Invitee | | | |
| 18 | Dr. S Ravi | Dy. DG and Chairman, TCC-1 | Online |
| 19 | Shri Pradeep Singh | Dy. DG and Chairman, TCC-2 | Online |
| 20 | Shri S Dhanendran | Director and Member Secretary, TCC-1 | Online |
| 21 | Shri Sanjay Singh | Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2 | Online |