# Proposal for Bauxite exploration in Lakhond Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat State

# Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) under NMET.

(Bauxite)

By

**Critical Mineral Trackers** 

Place: Hyderabad Date: 11/12/2024





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### **Summary of the Block for Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage)**

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLOCK

	Features	Details
	Block ID	CMT/NMET/2024/GJ/BLOCK-A
	Exploration Agency	Critical Mineral Trackers, Hyderabad
	Commodity	Bauxite
	Mineral Belt	Deccan Trap
	Completion Period with entire Time schedule to complete the project	4 months
	Objectives	Search and assessment of Bauxite resources in Lakhond Block, Kachchh district, Gujarat
	Whether the work will be carried out by the proposed agency or through outsourcing and details thereof. Components to be outsourced and name of the outsource agency	Primarily, M/S Critical Mineral Trackers will carry out the work. However, CMT will outsource some specialized work like chemical analysis and drilling.
	Name/ Number of Geoscientists	Geo Scientists – 4 ( 2 senior and 2 junior) S.Rama Murthy/Uma Maheswara Rao P. Gandhi Two Junior Geologists
	Expected Field days (Geology) Geological Party Days	Total Field Man Days (Geologist) Approximately 110 Man days Geological Party Days 75 Approximately
1.	Location	
	Latitude (DD) Northern	A-23.2440, B-23.26°, C-23.261°, D-23.264°, E-23.264°, F-23.2440 N
	Longitude(DD) Eastern	A-69.786°, B-69.784°, C-69.811°, D-69.811°, E-69.816°, F-69.816° E
	Villages	Lakhond, Padhar
	Tehsil/ Taluk	Bhuj
	District	Kachchh
	State	Gujarat
2.	Area (hectares/ square kilometres)	
	Block Area	6.12 sq.km
	Forest Area	NA
	Government Land Area	NA
	Private Land Area	NA
3.	Accessibility Nearest Rail Head	Ratnal (12km towards Southeast)



	Road	Well connected by road network. Block area is connected by SH-42 which is 1 km south of the block
	Airport	Bhuj (20 km towards west)
4.	Hydrography	
	Local Surface Drainage Pattern (Channels)	Sub-parallel to dendritic
	Rivers/ Streams	One small tributary of Pur Nadi is passing through the block from east to west
5.	Climate	
	Average Annual Rainfall	Hot and semi-arid climate with Average annual rainfall: 460mm
	Temperatures (January) (Minimum) Temperatures (May) (Maximum)	8°C 47.8°C
6.	Topography	
	Toposheet Number	41E/15 & 41E/16
	Morphology of the Area	Gently undulating to Undulatory
7	Availability of baseline geoscience data	1
	Geological Map (1:50K/ 25K)	Available, source GSI Bhukosh
	Geochemical Map	Available, source GSI Bhukosh
	Geophysical Map (Aeromagnetic, ground geophysical, Regional as well as local scale GP maps)	Ground geophysical data is available, source GSI Bhukosh
8.	Justification for taking up Reconnaissance Survey / Regional Exploration	• The area of the proposed block was previously investigated by CGM by means of trenching, pitting, and drilling which yielded positive results for bauxite. An estimated resource of 27.85 m.t. bauxite had been reported in the area. Chemical analysis of the samples stated about 51.29% of Al2O3 and about 4.78% of SiO2. The area was recommended by CGM for



further investigation and thus, the block is proposed for G4 level of exploration. Based on the No Objection Certificate issued by the CGM, Gujarat on 11.11.2024, the geologists of CMT undertaken have reconnoitary traverses in Lakhond Block area during November,2024 and also collected few random samples from And the samples have Block area. been sent to NABL accredited labs in Hyderabad for analysis. The analytical results are encouraging and prompted us to submit this proposal. Analytical results are attached in the appendix



#### Detailed description on the following titles to be made in the proposal.

#### 1. Block Summary

#### a) Physiography

The Lakhond block—area forms an integral part of Kachchh mainland geomorphic province comprising east-west trending ridges arranged in a "step" like profile from north to south constituting the Deccan lavas. To its north, the ridge complex profile abruptly descends into vast plains underlain by Mesozoic rocks, the southern limit of the Deccan lava ridge profile flattens out where Tertiary rocks overlie the lava flows. The range of elevation in the block area varies from 126 m to 106 m MSL

#### b) Background Geology (Regional Geology, Geology of the Block).

**Regional Geology:** The proposed Lakhond block forms part of the Kachchh basin which has been an important site for the deposition of Mesozoic and Cenozoic sediments.

The Mesozoic sediments are represented by the Chari Formation of Middle to Upper Jurassic, the Katrol Formation of Upper Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous and the Bhuj Formation of Lower to Upper Cretaceous period.

Fine- grained basalt flows belonging to the Deccan volcanics occur as capping at a number of hillocks in the area. A number of east-west trending basic dykes occur as intrusives in the area between Modsar in the east and Lodai in the west. They intrude both the Mesozoic sediments as well as the Deccan lava flows. Three intertrappean beds are recorded near Bhachau beside the Ahmedabad – Bhuj highway. Ash beds of about half meter are found exposed near the highway as well as along the railway pass near the Bhachau railway station, above the basalt lava flows.

Basic dykes and sills are observed intruding Mesozoic rocks and lava flows.

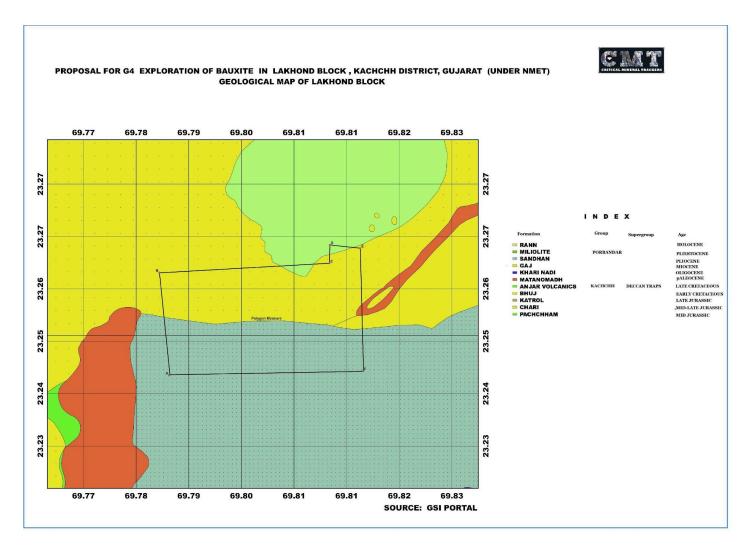
The Tertiary sequence commences with an unconformity marked by a polymictic boulder conglomerate. Gypseous shale, massive grey and mottled calcareous clay, marl, intraformational conglomerate, shale interbedded with thin calcareous sandstone and thick medium-grained grey micaceous sandstone completes the Tertiary sequence, though these are not consistent throughout the area.



Holocene sediments comprise alluvium, aeolian sands, and riverbed deposits.

The study of sedimentary structures in the area indicates repetitive tectonic disturbances. The autoclastic intraformational conglomerate, warping, open folds; faults and sand-dykes provide ample evidence of paleoseismicity in the area.

**Geology of the Lakhond Block:** The geology of the LakhonD block comprises laterite of Matanomadh Formation, conglomerate and sandstone of Sandhan Formation, and feldspathetic limestone of Bhuj Formation. Ferruginous Sandstone, China clay / white clay, laterite / bauxite and alluvium are exposed in this region. The lateritic rocks occur intervening in the Jurassic and Tertiary sediments. The laterite is capped by a thin crust of gray compact bauxite. The bauxite deposit covers an area of 8570 square meters and the average thickness of the bauxite horizon is 1.30 meters.





# c) Mineral potentiality based on geology, geophysics, ground geochemistry etc. Scope for proposed exploration.

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#### d) Observation and Recommendations of previous work.

The area of the proposed block was previously investigated by CGM by means of trenching, pitting, and drilling which yielded positive results for **bauxite**. Based on the field studies the CGM, Gujarat has recommended the Lakhond block for further investigation and thus, the block is proposed for G4 level of exploration.

#### **II. Previous Work**

Ghevariya et al mapped the adjoining area of the Nadapa block and delineated Mesozoic rocks belonging to Chari (Jumara), Katrol (Jhuran) and Bhuj Formations. As per them, Deccan Trap is represented by interstratified volcano sedimentary sequence and lava flows; Tertiary Formations are represented by Madh, Mandaviya and Antarjal Formations and Quaternary is represented by grapestone and Miliolite limestone.

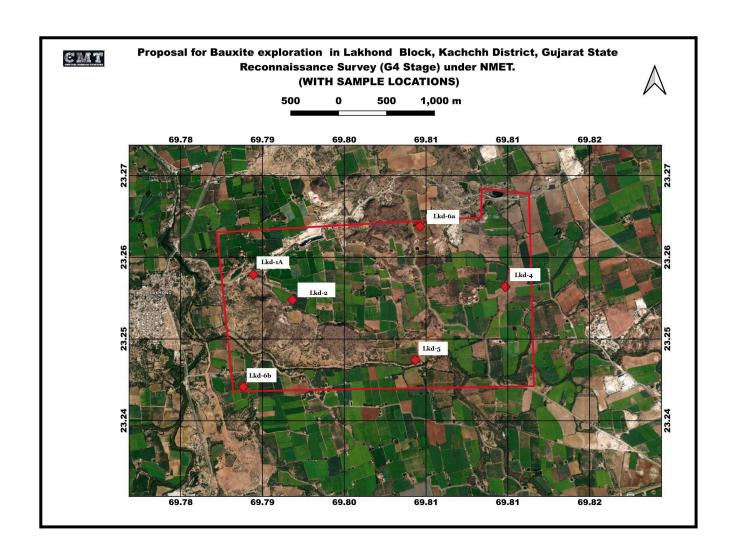
B.K. Sahu et al mapped the area during 2004-2005 to study the structural set up, paleoseismicity and geomorphic changes due to 2001 Bhuj earthquake in the area, strip mapping along KMF with a widh of 5 km was done for 300 sq km on 1:25000 scale

Of late the Commissioner of Geology and Mines, Gujarat, have compiled on Mineral resources of the Gujarat, the proposed block comprises of Deccan traps and the analysis of the satellite imagery of the proposed block indicates the presence of laterite/bauxite deposits.



**Present work:** Based on the No Objection Certificate issued by the CGM, Gujarat on 11.11.2024, the geologists of CMT have undertaken reconnoitary traverses in Lakhond Block area and also collected few random samples from Block area. And the samples have been sent to NABL accredited labs in Hyderabad for analysis. The analytical results are encouraging and prompted us to submit this proposal. Analytical results are attached in the appendix .

### Field Sample locations with description:





Location: LKD-6b: Lat: 23.244211 Long: 69.786911 ele: 113m. Pisolitic bauxite with concretions is found within a fenced land where a small trench was made by the owner. Sample LKD-6 is collected from here and sent for analysis.





Location- LKD-1A: Lat: 23.255648, Long: 69.787946 elev: 124m

There is big elevated area composed of ferruginous sandstone/gritty, clay with laterite on the top followed by white clay. Laterite sample LKD-1A is collected and sent for analysis



Location: LKD-: 6a

It is located in the NE part of the block where basic rocks were shown on the geological map in a small area. But very small scattered pebbles of basic rocks (Deccan traps) found within the agricultural land. The mound composed of variegated clays/white clays with laterite on the top is exposed in the nearby area and the coordinates are given below. Sample LKD-1 is collected and sent for analysis

Lat: 23.260 N, Long: 69.804E, elevation: 107m





Table-1: Analytical results of Samples collected during fieldwork

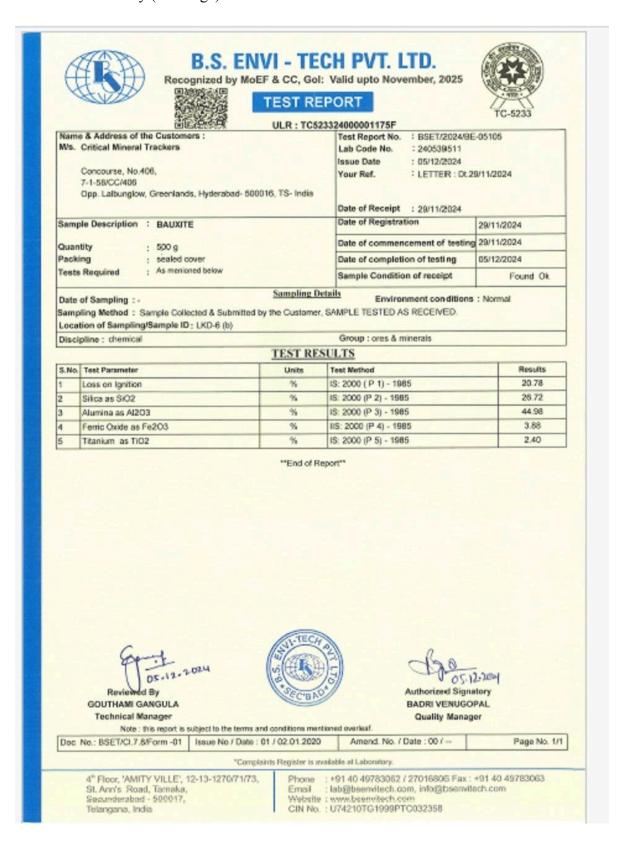
Sl.No	Parameters	Sample id					
		LKD-6b	LKD-6a	LKD-1A			
1	Silica as Sio2	26.72	31.08	4.23			
2	Alumina as Al2O3	44.98	43.78	48.06			
3	Ferric Oxide as Fe2O3	3.88	1.69	17.04			
4	Titanium TiO2	2.40	1.93	3.49			
5	Loss of Ignition	20.78	20.21	26.14			

Analyzed at NABL accredited Lucid laboratories Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad

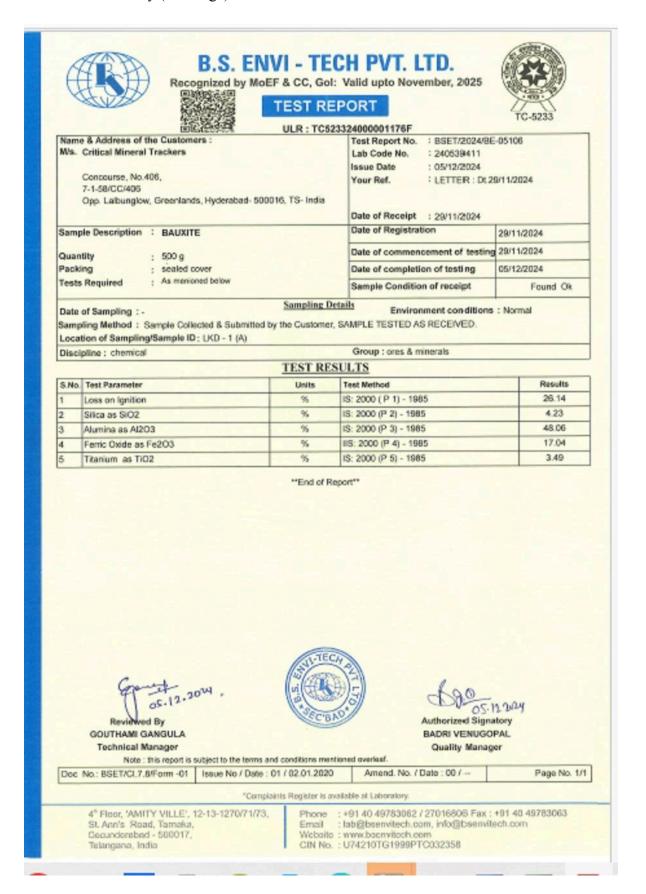
### III. Block description

Block Corner points Cardinal Points	Latitude	Longitude	
A	23.244	69.786	
В	23.26	69.784	
C	23.261	69.811	
D	23.264	69.811	
E	23.264	69.816	
F	23.244	69.816	

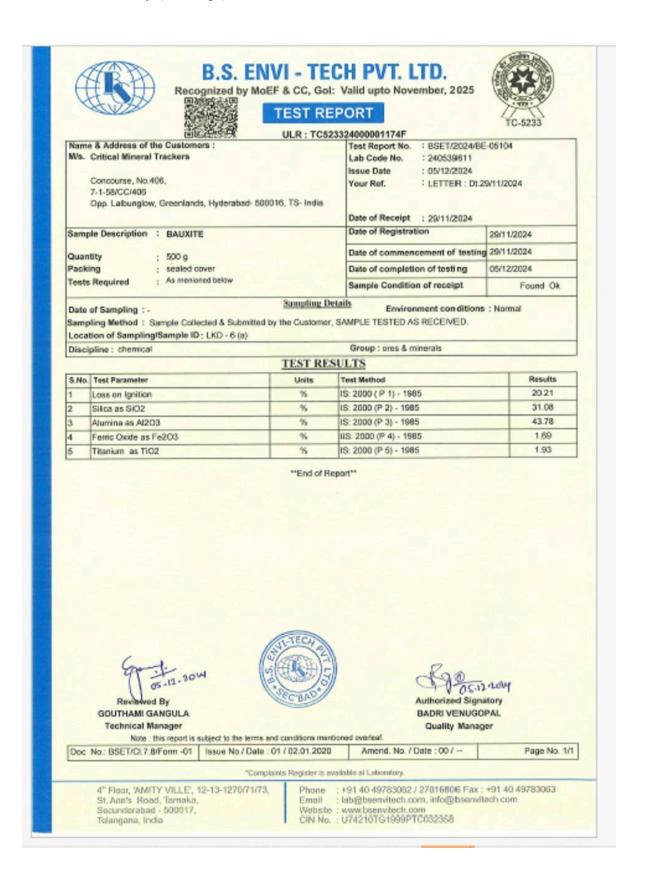




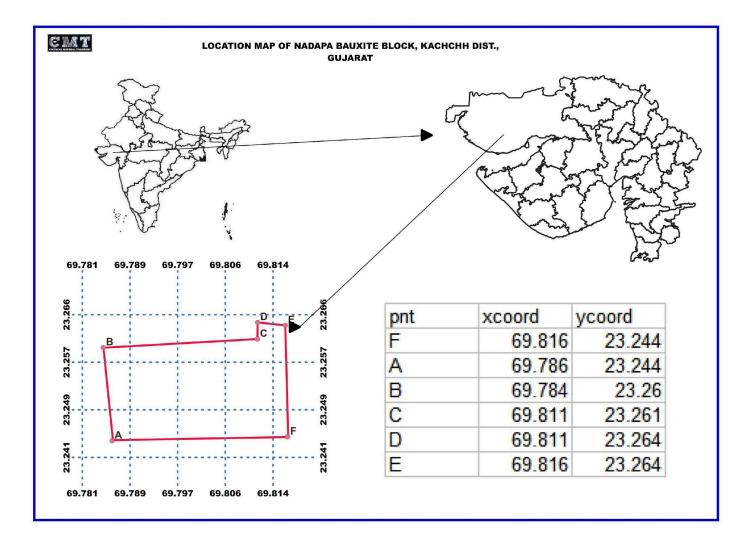




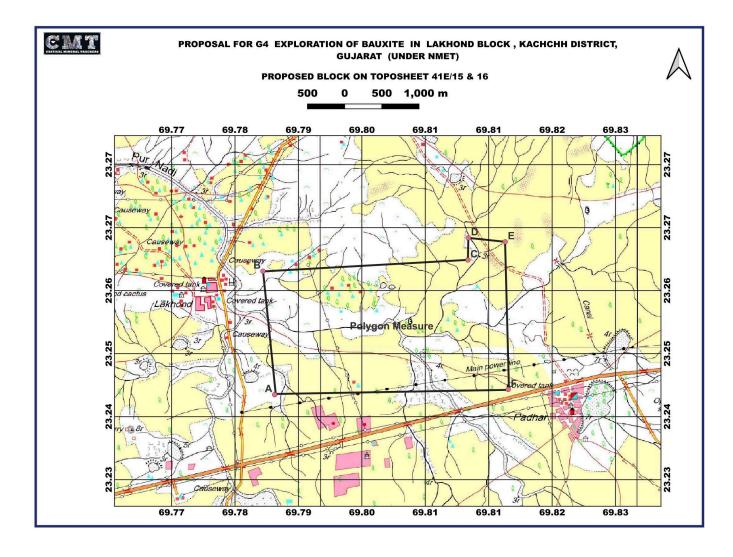




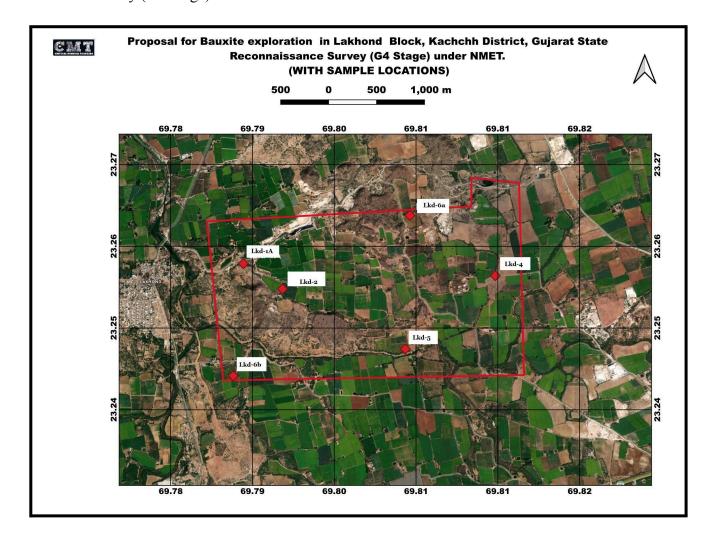














### IV. Planned Methodology

- 1. Collection of the previous data pertaining to Geological, Geochemical and Geophysical etc..
- 2. Reconnoitory traverses to understand major lithologies exposed in the block area.

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Systematic sampling of bedrock samples
Pitting and Trenching would be carried out in a grid pattern in the block area to identify the mineralised zones of Bauxite
Sample Collection in pits will be collected at an interval of 200m
Samples within the trenches will be at one meter interval.
The samples generated in field are sent to chemical, petrological & Ore microscopy studies.
Analysis of the samples in NABL accredited laboratories for REE minerals/elements.
Preparation of elemental contour diagram and variation diagrams for associated elements
Pagayras Estimation

☐ Resource Estimation

#### V. Nature Quantum and Target

Nature and Quantum of work proposed

<b>Geological Survey</b>	i) 1.25K/ 12.5K
	ii) Assessment of lithology, structure, surface mineralization.
Geochemical Survey	i) Regional Grab / chip / Stream Sediment / Soil Sampling
	Recording of broad geomorphology, drainage, etc.
Pitting/ Trenching	Planned 20 Pits and 5 Trenches to expose mineralized
	zone. The location of Pitting and trenching will be
	judiciously planned to cover the entire mineralized body, to
	delineate the strike extension and also for
	planning scout boreholes. Sample length to be specified
Scout drilling /	Four Scout boreholes will be drilled if required along the
Systematic drilling	positive profiles delineated by surface sampling/pitting
	trenching, if necessary
Grab and Chip	A few samples from bed rock (few representative samples
sampling	from all
	the exposed rocks in the area for first-hand information and
	more samples from rocks which host the
	mineralization).
Petrographic and	Principal rock types, mineral assemblage, identification of
mineragraphic studies	minerals of interest
Synthesis of all available	Integration of regional geophysical, geological and
data	Integration of regional geophysical, geological and



### VI. Manpower Deployment:

Two senior Geologists

Two junior geologists

Two labour for each team (4 labour)

One sampler +2 labour for sample collection & preparation.

### VII. Summary of Expenditure:

CO	COST ESTIMATE FOR RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY (G4) OF							
	LOKHAND BLOCK							
	KACHCHH District ,GUJA	RAT State						
S.NO.	ITEM	COST ESTIMATE(in Rupees)						
A.	Geological Work	22,28,740/-						
B.	Survey Work	1,92,000/-						
C.	Core Drilling( 4 Bore Holes ) 40m	9,37,840/-						
	Depth Each							
D.	Laboratory Studies & Petro logical	8,83,417/-						
	Studies							
E.	Preparation of Project Proposal	84,840/-						
F.	Preparation of Final Geological Report	2,21,100/-						
	5 Additional Copies	5,000/-						
	Total(Excluding GST)	45,43,937/-						



## VIII. Breakup of Expenditure:

### Title of Project – PROPOSAL FOR BAUXITE EXPLORATION IN

### "LAKHOND BLOCK" IN PARTS OF

#### KACHCHH DISTRICT,GUJARAT STATE (G4 STUDY)

Name of the Exploration Agency – Critical Mineral Trackers, Hyderabad

Total Area -6.12sq.km: No of Boreholes- 4: Completion Time -4 months

	Total Area -6.12sq.km ; No of Boreholes- 4 ; Completion Time -4 months								
			Rates as pe			ated Cost of	Remarks		
S.N	Item of Work	Unit	SoC Rates		the	Proposal			
0			SoC-Item -SI No.	as per SOC	Qtm	Total Amount(Rs)			
	Geological Work								
	Geological Mapping(1:25,000) & sampling – Geologist field-days	6.12	1.2	11000	110	1,210,000	man days		
2	Geologists(HQ)days, pre & post field interpretation 15 +20 days	One Geologist Per Day	1.2	9000	35	315,000	man days(icluding Remote sensing studies		
3	Pitting-20nos each one size 1*1*1m(1 Cu.m each)	Per Cu.m	2.1.2	3800	20	76,000	20 cu.m		
4	Trenching-5 nos, each one size 10*1*1(10 cu.m each)	Per Cu.m	2.1.1	3300	50	165,000	50 cu.m		
5	sampler	45 days	1.5.2	5100	45	229,500	man days		
6	Labour(2 labour) attached to sampler	90 labour days	1.5.2	476	90	42,840	labour days		
7	Labour (100Field days) per team:2 workers : 100*4 for two geoglist teams	Per Team of 2 Geologists (2*2=4) Labour/Field workers	5.7	476	400	190,400	labour days		
	Sub-Total -A					2,228,740			
В	Survey Work:								
1	Surveyor: Fixation & connection of boundary points(6 nos),4 Bh by Total station/DGPS	One surveyor	1.6.2	19,200	10	192,000	Total 10 points		
	Sub-total-B					192,000			
С	Core Drilling								
1	Scout drilling(coring) :4 points( each 30m deep) 4*30	Per meter	2.2.1.1b	5,242	120	629,040	120m,soft rock		
2	Construction of BH pillar(12"*12"*30")	Per pillar	2.2.2a	2000	4	8,000	4 pillars		



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3	**Mob & demob drilling machine & iner BH shifting	Per shifting	lumpsum			30,000	lumpsum
4	Compensation for 4 Bhs		5.6	20,000	4	80,000	4 BHs
5	Drill core preservation in GI boxes	Per meter	5.3	1590	120	190,800	120m core
	Subtotal-C					937,840	
D	Laboratory Studies						
1	Trench Samples (5*5=25 nos):by AAS method	First five radicals+2	4.1.7a &7b	2841	25	71,025	25 samples
2	Pitting Sample: (20*1=20 nos)-AAS method	First five radicals+2	4.1.7a &7b	2841	20	56,820	20 samples
3	Core drilling Samples-4*60=240 Total depth 30m each, samples will be collected at every 0.5m interval. AAS method	First five radicals+2	4.1.7a &7b	2841	240	681,840	240 samples
4	Analysis for REE(14 elements/radicals) by ICP-MS	14 elements/radical s	4.1.13	5380	4	21,520	4 samples
5	Combined determination of THA,MHA and Reactive silica		4.1.17a	6700	4	26,800	4 samples
6	Preparation of standard thin section	Per sample	4.3.1	2353	4	9,412	4 sections
7	Complete petrographic/oremicroscop ic/mineragraphic studies		Not recom	mended	_		
8	XRD analysis for identification of minerals(random)	Per sample	4.5.1	4000	4	16,000	4 samples
	Subtotal-D					883,417	
E	Surface Geophysical Survey		Not recommended				
1	Electrical resistivity	Per Station					
2	gravity surveys	Per station					
3	Geophysicist Man days (Field Man-days)						
4	Geophysicist Man days (HQ)						
	Subtotal-E						
	TOTAL (A+B+C+D)					4,241,997	



	Preparation of Exploration Proposal		2% of the			
F	(5 Hard copies with a soft copy)	5.1	project cost subject to a maximu m of 5 lakhs	1	84,840	2% of the Project cost.
G	Geological Report (5 Hard copies with a soft copy)	5.2	5% of the Project cost		212,100	5% of the Project Cost.
	Additional Copy		1000	5	5000	
	Project Cost v	4,543,937				
	18% GST					
	Total Proj	5,361,845				



#### IX. Timeline: Four months (120 days)

Sno	Activity	Unit	Months				
			1	2	3	4	
1	Geologist Party Days HQ	Days					35 days
2	Geologist Party Days Field	Days					75 days
3	Sampling (Pitting & Trenching)	Days					40 days
4	Laboratory Studies	Days					90 days
5	Core Drilling	Days					30 days
6	Survey Party Days	Days					15 days
8	Post Field Interpretation	Days					15 days
9	Report Compilation & Submission	Days					10 days

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### X. References:

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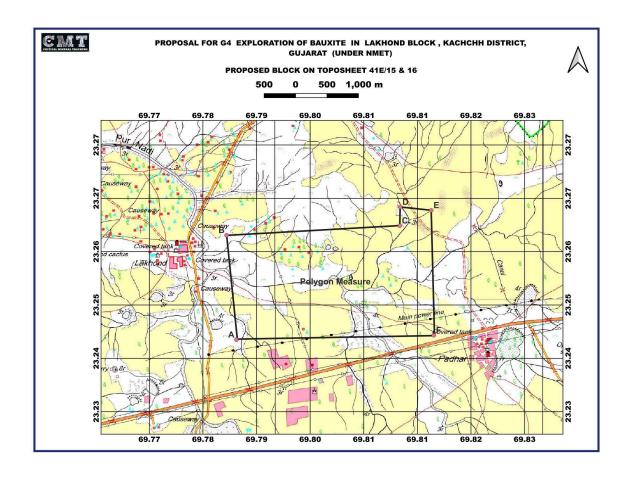


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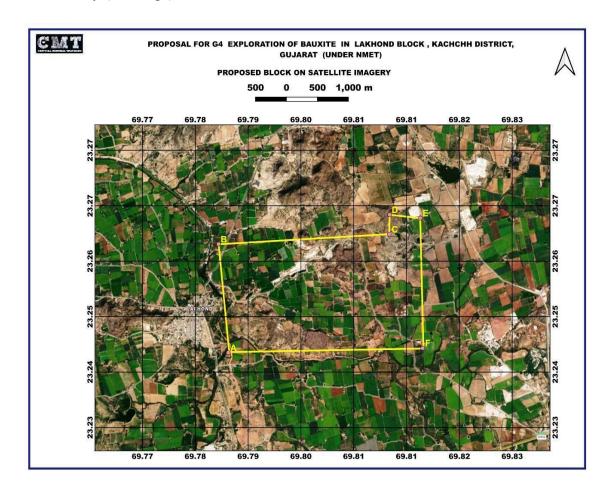
Plate: Location map.

Plate: Proposed block boundary over topographic map. Plate: Proposed block boundary over satellite imagery.

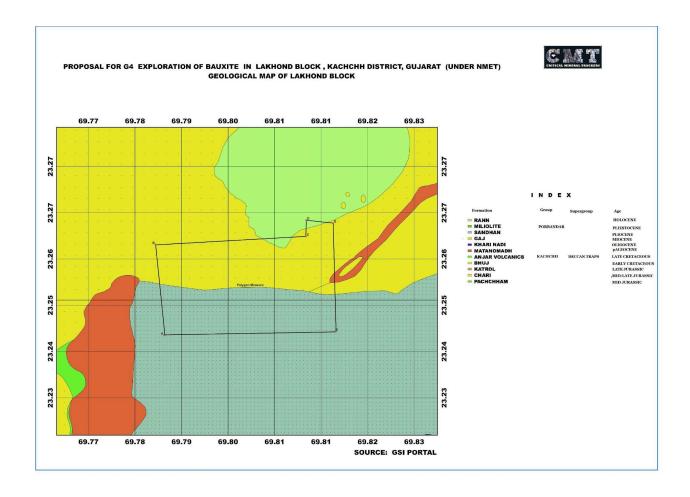
Plate: Proposed block boundary over Geological map.















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#### NOC Approval for interested Exploration Blocks

7 messages

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#### Dear,

The Commissioner of Geology & Mining, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, organized a one-day workshop titled *Gujarat's Mineral Wealth: A Responsible Exploration and Development Paradigm* on 17.08.2024. Based on this workshop, you expressed interest in certain blocks for exploration. We are pleased to inform you that No Objection Certificate has been granted for the following blocks:

- 1. Lakhond Bauxite Block (G4 level)
- Nadapa Bauxite Block (G4 level)
- 3. Botad Picrite Basalt Block (G4 level)
- 4. Reldi Moti Bauxite Block (G4 level)

#### Regards

Additional Director (Exploration)

Commissioner of Geology and Mining

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#### Critical Mineral Trackers

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To,

Additional Director (Exploration) Commissioner of Geology and Mining Gujarat State

Gandhinagar

Greetings for the Day

Respected Sir

Sub: Technical Team Allocation for Gujarat Projects

Ref: 1.Allocation of Projects (NOC Granted) mail received Nov 11,2024 from Additional Director(Exploration) 2. Telephonic Conversation by Director-Operations CMT with the authorities

#### **Gujarat Projects**

1. Lakhond Bauxite Block - 094(G4 level) 2. Nadapa Bauxite Block -104 (G4 level)

3.Reldi Moti Bauxite Block - 110 (G4 level)

4.Botad Picrite Basalt Block - 346 (G4 level) (Ni-Co-

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We Propose to conduct a pre-field investigation & Collection of samples in this week i.e. 18-11-2024 to 25-11-2024.

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