

### Proposal for Evaluation of Placer Xenotime Prospect in the Ujol River Basin, Dahod, Chhota Udaipur and Panchmahal Districts, Gujarat State (G4 stage Reconnaissance Survey) under NMET

(Xenotime (HREE Phosphate), Florencite (LREE Phosphate), Scheelite, Monazite, Ilmenite, Zircon, Tin, Tungsten and Lithium)

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### <u>Summary of the Block for Reconnaissance</u> <u>Survey (G4 Stage)</u>

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLOCK**

| SI.<br>No | Features  | Details  |
|-----------|---|--|
| 1         | Block ID  | GSPL/NMET/GUJARAT/2023/BLOCK-04  |
| 2         | Exploration Agency  | Geovale Services Private Limited   |
| 3         | Block Name  | Ujol Xenotime Prospect Block   |
| 4         | Commodity   | Xenotime (HREE Phosphate), Florencite (LREE Phosphate), Scheelite, Monazite, Ilmenite, Zircon, Tin, Tungsten and Lithium   |
| 5         | Mineral Belt  | Godhra Granite   |
| 6         | Completion Period with entire Time schedule to complete the   | 18 months  |
| 7         | Objectives  | <ol> <li>To assess the exploration target potential for placer deposit of Xenotime / Monazite / Florencite in the Ujol river basin.</li> <li>To find additional target areas for exploration for placer deposits of Xenotime / Monazite / Florencite.</li> </ol>   |
| 8         | 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 | The exploration will be carried out by the proposed agency. Only some elements of the exploration program like sample assay, drilling, etc. will be outsourced under supervision of Geovale's geoscientists. All the sample assays will be performed at GMRDS mineral laboratory under supervision of Geovale's geoscientists. |
| 9         | Name/ Number of Geoscientists   | Max.10 and Min. 5 geologists   |
| 10        | Expected Field days (Geology)<br>Geological Party Days  | Total man-days - 1634 man-days.<br>Man-days for field work- 458 man-days<br>No. of field days - approximately 270 days.  |
| 11.       | Location  | Figure 1   |
| a.        | Latitude  | Between 22.5196° N to 22.7280° N   |
| b.        | Longitude   | Between 73.6901° E to 74.2174° E   |
| C.        | Villages  | Devgadh Baria, Rathva Muvada, Vanskod, Bhut<br>Pagalan, Sadra, Kanjeta, Vav kulli  |
| d.        | Tehsil/ Taluk   | Ghoghamba, Bodeli, Dahod   |



| SI.<br>No | Features  | Details  |
|-----------|---|--|
| e.        | District  | Chhota Udaipur, Dahod and Panchmahal   |
| f.        | State   | Gujarat  |
| 12.       | Area (hectares/ square kilometers)  |  |
| a.        | Block Area  | 570 sq. km   |
| b.        | Forest Area   | Around 230 sq. km. (~40%) as per SOI toposheets and around 200 sq. km. (~35%) as per the LULC map ( <i>Figure 2</i> ). However, actual status of forest boundaries is not known. |
| c.        | Government Land Area  | Not available  |
| d.        | Private Land Area   | Not available  |
| 13.       | Protected area  | Part of the proposed area comes under Ratanmahal Bear Sanctuary.   |
| 14.       | Accessibility   |  |
| a.        | Nearest Rail Head   | Godhra Jn. (approximately 37 km away)  |
| b.        | Road  | State Highway SH-62, SH-150 (Figure 3)   |
| C.        | Airport   | Vadodara (BDQ) airport is approximately 80 km away.  |
| 15.       | Hydrography   | Figure 3   |
| a.        | Local Surface Drainage Pattern (Channels)   | Dendritic to sub-dendritic type  |
| b.        | Rivers/ Streams   | Ujol Nadi, Panam River   |
| 16.       | Climate   |  |
| a.        | Mean Annual Rainfall  | ~800 mm  |
| b.        | Temperatures (December) (Minimum) Temperatures (June) (Maximum)                             | Minimum - 11.9 °C<br>Maximum - 40.1 °C   |
| 17.       | Topography  |  |
| a.        | Toposheet Number  | 46F/10, 46F14, 46J/2 ( <i>Figure 1</i> )   |
| b.        | Morphology of the Area  | Undulating topography with low hills and isolated tors   |
| 18.       | Availability of baseline geoscience data  |  |
| a.        | Geological Map (1:50K/ 25K)   | Available (Figure 5)   |
| b.        | Geochemical Map   | NGCMP data are available (Figure 6-12)   |
| c.        | Geophysical Map (Aeromagnetic, ground geophysical, Regional as well as local scale GP maps) | Not available  |



#### **Block Description**

There are three major streams (Panam river, Ujol river) and their tributaries present flowing through the area (Figure-3). Study of remote sensing data (Google Earth, SRTM, Sentinel, Landsat, Corona satellite image, etc.) reveal substantial presence of river terraces in the area. The thickness of which appears to be highly variable. From the study of the SRTM data, it appears that 324.81 sq. km area out of total 570 sq. km is covered by paleo-channels (alluvial cover) (Figure-4). These terraces constitute substantial alluvial sediments that could be potential exploration targets for REE minerals.

#### **Boundary Coordinates**

Figure 1

| Block<br>Boundary<br>Corner Points | Latitude | Longitude | Block<br>Boundary<br>Corner Points | Latitude | Longitude |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1                                  | 22.6389  | 73.6902   | 14                                 | 22.5512  | 74.075    |
| 2                                  | 22.6846  | 73.7698   | 15                                 | 22.5677  | 74.0412   |
| 3                                  | 22.6637  | 73.8063   | 16                                 | 22.5818  | 74.0035   |
| 4                                  | 22.7174  | 73.8429   | 17                                 | 22.5596  | 73.9861   |
| 5                                  | 22.728   | 73.8676   | 18                                 | 22.5597  | 73.9597   |
| 6                                  | 22.6575  | 73.9932   | 19                                 | 22.5514  | 73.9319   |
| 7                                  | 22.5804  | 74.2172   | 20                                 | 22.5198  | 73.9213   |
| 8                                  | 22.5646  | 74.2101   | 21                                 | 22.5243  | 73.9042   |
| 9                                  | 22.5662  | 74.1832   | 22                                 | 22.5502  | 73.8924   |
| 10                                 | 22.5474  | 74.1708   | 23                                 | 22.5451  | 73.8566   |
| 11                                 | 22.529   | 74.1504   | 24                                 | 22.5898  | 73.7835   |
| 12                                 | 22.5199  | 74.1339   | 25                                 | 22.5902  | 73.7542   |
| 13                                 | 22.5397  | 74.1118   | 26                                 | 22.6161  | 73.697    |



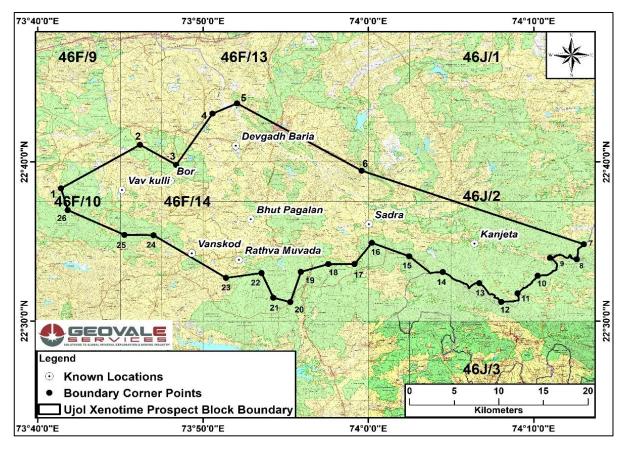


Figure 1 Spatial limit of the Ujol Xenotime Prospect Block.

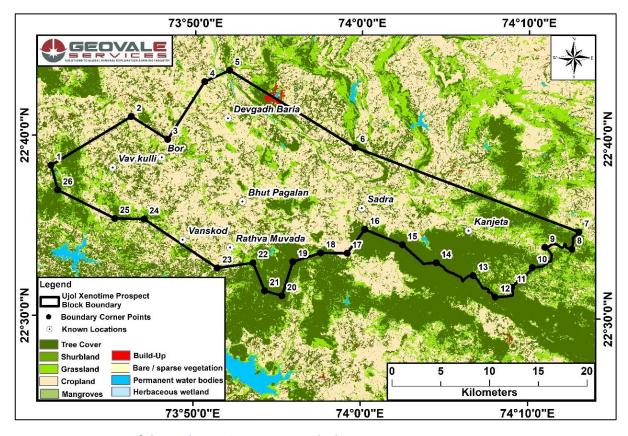


Figure 2 LULC map of the Ujol Xenotime Prospect Block.



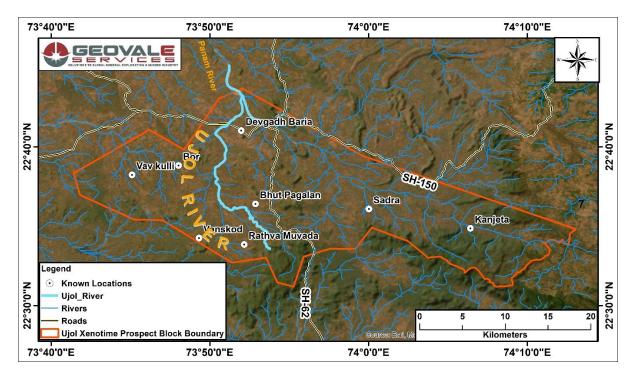


Figure 3 River and road distribution of the Ujol Xenotime Prospect Block.

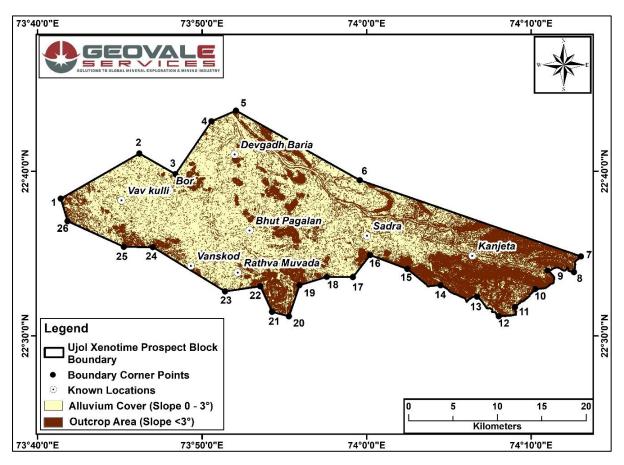


Figure 4 Outcrop and regolith map of the Ujol Xenotime Prospect Block.



#### **DESCRIPTION ON THE UJOL XENOTIME PROSPECT BLOCK**

#### 1. Physiography

The mapped region has a lot of hills and a big valley. On the western side, a series of noticeable hills running NNW-SSE stick out, and on the eastern side, the Jhabu plateau is bordered by a wide raised peneplain with a NW-SE trend. The majority of the granite and granite gneiss that make up these hills, which are located in the south, trend in a WNW orientation. Quartzite hills have almost vertical sides and steep slopes, rarely broken by deep gorges. The primary drainage system is made up of the Panam river, which almost flows E-W through the center of the region. The Mote Alwa River, a major tributary of the Panam flowing NE. The drainage pattern of the region is influenced by a number of small nalas that reach the Panam from the north and south. The Panam and its tributaries appear to indicate that the overall drainage gradient is westward. (Figure 3, 4)

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

The catchment area of the Ujol rivers includes Godhra Granite (~50% of the area), high grade metasediments of Lunavada Group (~30% of the area) and pre-Champaner Granite Gneiss

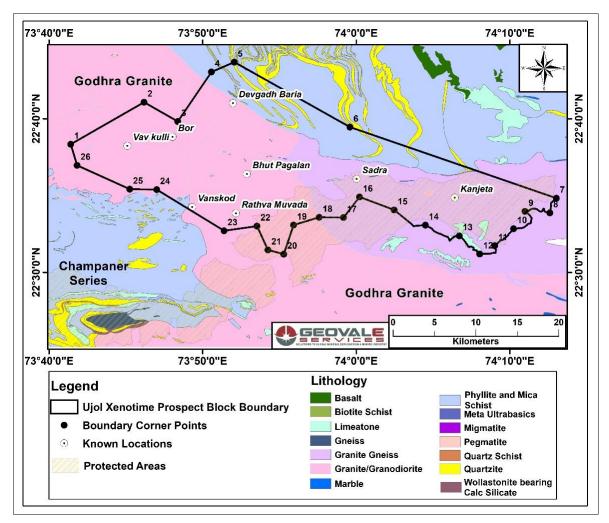


Figure 5 Map showing the Geology of the Ujol Xenotime Prospect Block.



(~20% of the area) (*Figure 5*). Pre-Champaner Group is dominated by granite paragneiss that originated from the partial melting of the Lunavada Group (*Barik and Bhattacheryya*, 2020).

Paragneiss of the Pre-Champaner Group includes a litho-package of granite gneiss, migmatites, pink granite, amphibolites, calcsilicate rocks, impure dolomite, thin quartzite, schists, feldspathised pelites with minor pegmatites and quartz veins.

Lunavada Group is made up of garnet-sillimanite, calc silicate, schists, phyllite and with rare bands of quartzite, calcsilicate and rare amphibolite bands in the basal part.

Godhra Granite includes different phases like massive grey granite, porphyritic grey granite, porphyritic pink granite, massive pink granite, biotite granite and quartz syenites. Grey Granite is composed of plagioclase, microcline, quartz and biotite with tourmaline and epidote occur as accessory mineral. Both porphyritic and massive variety are common with plagioclase feldspar commonly show rapakivi texture. Groundmass is composed of quartz, feldspar, mica and other accessory minerals. Similarly, the porphyritic pink granite has phenocrysts of pink feldspar and the groundmass is composed of quartz, feldspar, mica and other accessory minerals. The pink granites are mostly composed of pink feldspar and quartz. Some amount of sodic plagioclase with minor amount of biotite is also present in the pink granites. The biotite granite is made up of quartz, orthoclase, microcline and perthite with plagioclase, predominantly albite and a little oligoclase.

Godhra Granite is intrusive into both the Lunavada Group and the Pre Champaner-Group (Figure 5).

## 3. Mineral potentiality based on geology, geophysics, ground geochemistry etc.

The Ujol river west of Devgadh Baria area is known for alluvial placer deposits of xenotime, florencite, monazite, ilmenite, zircon, etc. in which xenotime content varies from 1% to 2.5% in the Ujol river (*Goyal and Varughese, 1995; Maithani et. al., 1995*). GSI NGCM survey indicate high HREE (>100 ppm) for about half of the samples for the Ujol river catchment areas (*GSI Bhukosh data, accessed on 10.10.2022*) (*Figure 6*). Heavy minerals content in stream sand varies from 2.94 to 11.29% by weight. Heavy minerals identified in the sand are xenotime, monazite, ilmenite, zircon, garnet and magnetite. Panned concentrates (n-8) have analyzed  $Y_2O_3 - 0.76$  to 1.10%,  $Ce_2O_3 - 6.50$  to 10.49%,  $Nb_2O_5 - 0.11$  to 0.15% and  $Ta_2O_5 - <50$  to 108 ppm (*Goyal and Varughese, 1995*). Xenotime content of these sand varies from 0.78 to 2.53%.

The detailed report of the AMD is not available in the public domain. However, the AMD publication mentions only about 5km stream length area along the Ujol river contain xenotime bearing placers. The publication does not mention how much area was scanned by them. So, the percent overlap of the AMD surveyed area with the proposed project is not possible to determine. The present project is formulated to find extension of xenotime bearing placers in different river terraces in the proposed area.



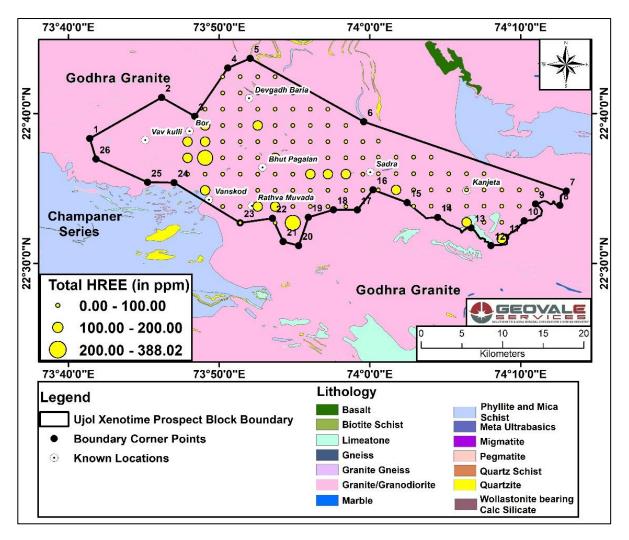


Figure 6 HREE concentration from the NGCM samples of the Ujol Xenotime Prospect Block.

GSI NGCM data include approximately 113 numbers of stream sediment samples within the proposed block. Out of which 15% of the samples has the HREE content more than 100 ppm (maximum is 388.02 ppm) (*Figure-6*) and almost 30% of the data has total REE > 500 ppm (maximum is 4631.07 ppm) (*Figure-7*).

The proposed G4 exploration block covers many isolated outcrops of highly fractionated pink variety of Godhra Granite. *Pathak (2017)* worked in the adjacent Idar area and interpreted the granites there as A-type granites. A-type granites are usually potential source of HREE. It also includes large tract of phosphorus rich meta-sediments. Interaction of HREE enriched granite with phosphorus rich sediments is a potential source of HREE phosphate mineralization (*Nazari-Dehkordi et. al., 2018 and Li et. al., 2019*). Godhra Granite itself as well as its contact zones with meta sediments are thus potential sources of xenotime.



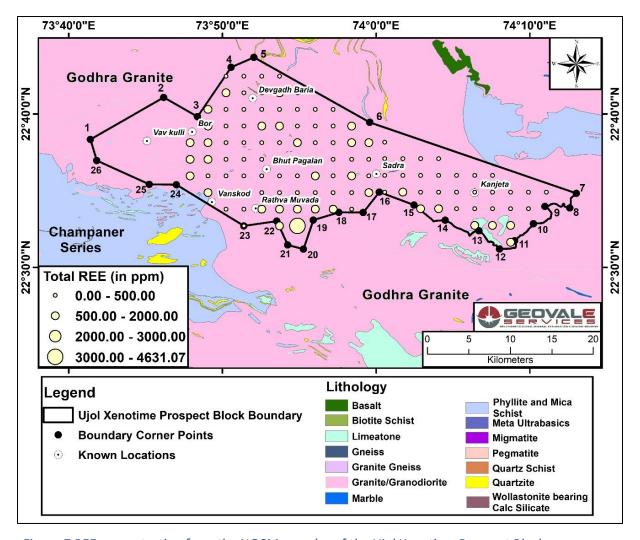


Figure 7 REE concentration from the NGCM samples of the Ujol Xenotime Prospect Block.

Even though placer sediments rich in xenotime (HREE phosphate), florencite (LREE phosphate) and monazite are known from the area, their sources are not known. Two possible sources are as below:

- i) HREE rich A type granite itself is the source. While the low CaO content of these granites is favorable for crystallization of xenotime over apatite, low P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> content of these granites is an uncertain parameter for granite hosted xenotime.
- ii) Xenotime could have originated by interaction of HREE rich hydrothermal / flurithermal fluids with phosphate rich Pre-Champaner Formation. Because of such possibility, source of xenotime could be interaction zones of REE rich granites with phosphate rich metasediments (Nazari-Dehkordi et. al., 2018 and Li et. al., 2019).

The present exploration block includes much of the differentiated Godhra Granite as well as large part of the interaction zone between Godhra Granite and Metasediments. Thus, sources of placer xenotime include both these possible sources.



## 4. Mineral System Analyses (prospectivity analyses) and rationale for block selection:

REE is a strategic commodity for India. Especially HREE has greater criticality. Some previous work indicated placer HREE prospect in the proposed block. Previous work of *Maithani et. al. (1995)* reported very high concentration of xenotime, monazite, florencite as placer minerals in the Ujol river sediments. Xenotime content of the placer sands of the Ujol river basin is reported to be very high (0.78 - 2.53%). They reported that xenotime bearing bromoheavies contain 0.49 to 0.96% of  $Y_2O_3$  that constitute 86% of the total  $Y_2O_3$  in the river sediment. Also, *Goyal and Varughese (1995)* mentioned xenotime content in the Ujol river sand varies from 0.78 to 2.53%.

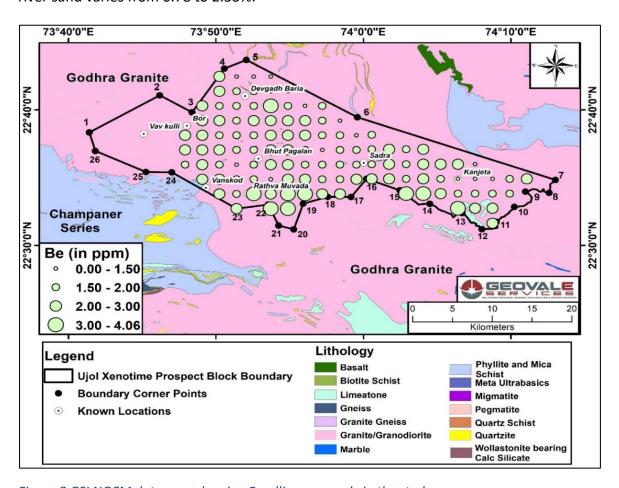


Figure 8 GSI NGCM data map showing Beryllium anomaly in the study area.

Importance of these findings are prominently mentioned in the GSI-AMD vision document on REE (GSI-AMD, 2020). National Geo-Chemical Mapping (NGCM) survey also bought out a high  $\Sigma$ HREE (up to 388 ppm) (Figure-5) and  $\Sigma$ REE (up to 4631 ppm) (Figure-6) concentration in the stream sediment samples of the area. NGCM data also shows in the anomalous high Be, Hf, Li, Zr and W values within the proposed block area. GSI's NGCMdata in the block show anomalous high Be, Hf, Li, W and Zr values (Figure No- 8, 9, 10, 11, 12).



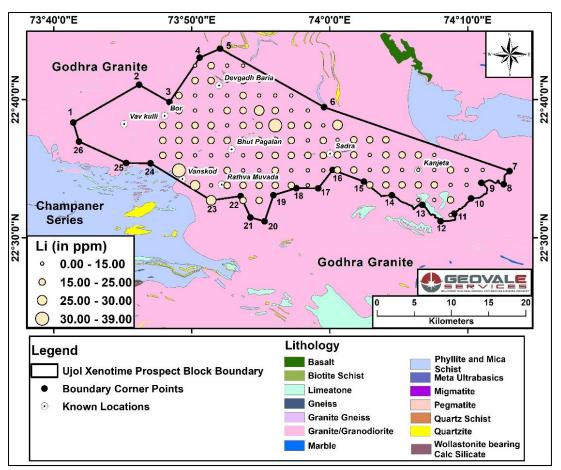


Figure 10 GSI NGCM data map showing Hafnium anomaly in the study area.

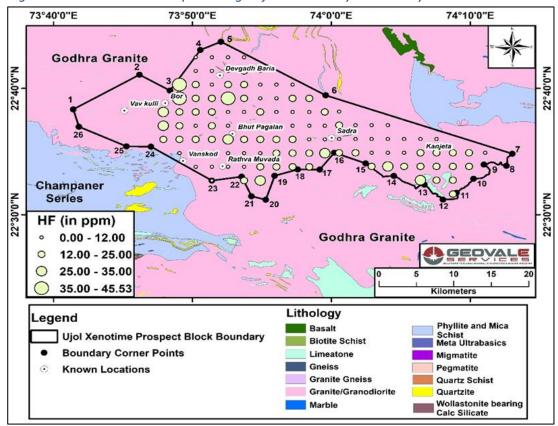


Figure 9 GSI NGCM data map showing Lithium anomaly in the study area.



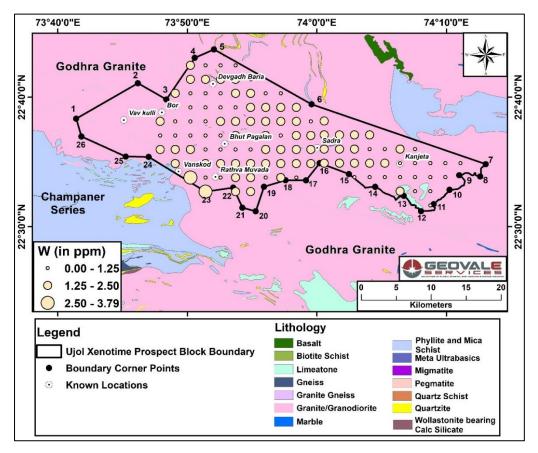


Figure 12 GSI NGCM data Map showing Tungsten anomaly in the study area.

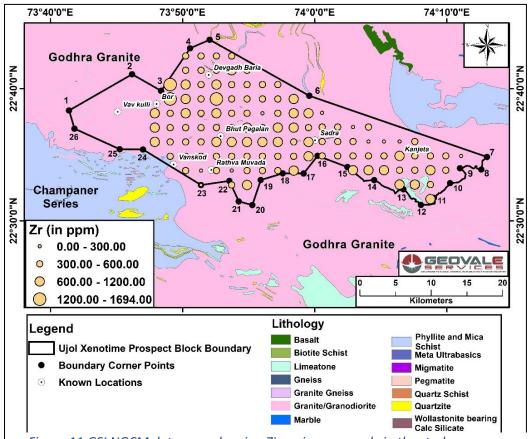


Figure 11 GSI NGCM data map showing Zirconium anomaly in the study area.



#### 5. Previous Work

Maithani et. al. (1995) and Goyal and Varughese (1995) reported very high concentration of xenotime, monazite, etc. as placer minerals in Ujol river basins. The details are already mentioned in the above sections.

i. Previous Exploration in adjoining area (Regional area); All the sample (bed rock/trench/groove/soil), borehole location should be plotted on the geological map and analytical data should be discussed briefly:

This area is mainly explored by AMD, whose highlights are available in public domain, but the full exploration reports are not available.

ii. Previous Exploration in the proposed block area: All the sample (bed rock/trench/ groove/soil), borehole location should be plotted on the geological map and analytical data should be discussed briefly:

This area is mainly explored by AMD, whose highlights are available in public domain, but the full exploration reports are not available.

#### 6. Observation and Recommendations of previous work

Maithani et. al. (1995) had carried out an exploration program in and around the proposed area. They identified some anomalous high values of Xenotime and Monazite as placers in the Ujol river. The details of their reported values are mentioned in the above section. These workers have recommended detailed exploration for placer or primary xenotime in the area.

High xenotime content in alluvial placer sand warrants a systematic exploration for finding exploration target areas for placer xenotime in the alluvial sand in different terraces within the Ujol basin.

#### 7. Scope for proposed exploration

Reports of xenotime, florencite, monazite, ilmenite, zircon by *Maithani et al.* (1995) & Goyal and Varughese (1995) from Ujol river sediments warrants further search for finding exploration targets for placer deposits of xenotime – florencite in the alluvial terraces of both these river basins. The present project would thus address potential for placer exploration targets in the alluvial of Ujol, and some other rivers flowing through the study area.

Geovale would carry out the proposed exploration program through three broad phases. The three phases are mentioned below:

#### Phase I (approximately ten months):

a) Understanding the mineralization control and its characterization along with regional area identification for exploration.



- b) Characterization of the regolith profile of the study area (following RED Residual Erosional and Depositional scheme).
- c) Characterization of the REE bearing minerals within the placer sediments and locate possible sources of placer xenotime / florencite / monazite minerals.

#### Phase II (approximately Four months):

- a) Determine the vertical extension of the regolith horizon and establishment of terrace structure for further exploration.
- b) Identification of the potential mineralized target areas for drilling.

#### **Phase III (approximately six months):**

a) Testing, prioritization and characterization of the mineralized zones and targets to identify blocks for Geological Resource (G3) definition.

The <u>objective of the Phase I</u> activity would be to understand the distribution of placers (vertical and spatial) and characterization of the REE mineral distribution in the river terraces. A 3D regolith modelling following RED (Residual Erosional and Depositional) scheme using geophysics, remote sensing and field validation would be an important part to identify the paleo-channels and vertical extension of the alluvial placers. These would help to identify prospective areas for next phase of exploration.

In <u>Phase II</u>, the identified prospective areas would be subjected to detailed sampling (spatial and vertical) and analyses to identify mineralized zones and targets. The following tools would be used during this phase:

- i) Regolith mapping (1:25,000)
- ii) Vertical Electrical Sounding
- iii) Pitting
- iv) Geochemical analysis

During <u>Phase III</u>, the identified potential targets would be explored in further detail with shallow drilling for 3D distribution of the mineralized targets. Based on this phase of work, the targets would be prioritized for Geological Resource definition and assessment in the next part of the program.

Progressing from one phase to another would be a decision point for the exploration program based on the results of the ongoing phase. Geovale Services would engage the State of Gujarat to collaboratively decide about progressing through different phases of exploration program.



#### 8. Planned Methodology

Even though the primary objective of these exploration program would be to delimitate the REE resource in the alluvium, it may be noted that *Maithani et. al.*, 1995, reported high Ce, Nb, Ta in the placer sediment. They reported that heavy minerals constitute 3 - 11.3% of Ujol

river sediments. Bromoheavies in the sediments contain Ce203 - 6.50 to 10.49%, Nb205 - 0.11 to 0.15% and Ta205 - <50 to 108 ppm. Also, GSI's NGCM data in the block show anomalous high HREE, Be, Hf, Li, W and Zr values (> mean + 2\*std. dev.) (*Figure No. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12*). The project would also look for anomalous distribution of rare metals in the sediments which might be used in targeting primary sources for these rare metals.

Broadly, the following approach would be adopted to assess the possibility of alluvial sediments as REE resource:

- I. Map out the distribution of different regolith types following RED scheme in 1:50,000 and 1: 25,000 scale.
- II. Assess the thickness variation of different types of regolith using scarp sections, Vertical Electrical Sounding, pitting and wide-spaced auger drilling.
- III. Build-up a working model for regolith evolution in the catchment area.
- IV. Assess the spatial and vertical variation in the concentration of different REEbearing minerals in different regolith units.
- V. To assess resource potential of REE-minerals in the catchment area.

Figure 13 summarizes the exploration workflow to assess the possibility of alluvial sediments as REE resource.

#### **Decision points**

The detailed exploration plan has 11 stages and 121 tasks. The detailed exploration plan also incorporates the GO-NO GO milestones to be collaboratively decided between the Geovale Services and the State of Gujarat, based on results of the ongoing phases. The total duration of the work plan is 18 months and consists of two decision points, first at the end of 9th month and second at the end of 13th month.



#### Exploration strategy to assess alluvial sediments in Ujol river catchment as REE resource

1. Study of the geological maps, satellite imagery, DEM, exploration reports, chemical analysis 2. Preparation of high-resolution drainage and terrace map from ASTER / DEM 3. A broad regolith map would be prepared by using RED (Residual, Erosional and Depositional) 4. Finer classification of RED scheme using regolith origin and physical attributes of the regolith like grain size, composition and thickness 5. Widely spaced auger drilling / geoslicer to know the thickness of the regolith, if such data is not available from boreholes drilled for drinking water 6. Preparation of 3D regolith model using existing drill/borehole data, if available 7. Preparation of regolith map 8. Target residual, erosional and depositional regolith horizons for detailed section study and mapping 9. Sample collection for orientation survey 10. Orientation survey to determine the REE bearing minerals and their size distribution so that appropriate methods for heavy mineral separation from the placer sediments can be worked out 11. Collection of samples for heavy minerals by vertical channels in river terraces, pitting, geoslicer and auger drilling 12. Heavy mineral separation: Removal of coarse gravels by hand and pan remaining coarse sand fractions 13. XRF analyses of a small part of the panned segregates to scan for critical metals 14. Heavy liquid and Magnetic splitting of selected samples for heavy mineral characterization 15. Microscopy of the heavies including point counting 16. XRD characterization of each magnetically splitted and non-magnetic parts 17. SEM-EDX of selected samples to estimate and characterize different heavy minerals 18. Collation of all the collected data 19. Preparation of heavy mineral distribution map and collate it with regolith map 20. Report preparation and recommendation Selection of regolith horizon for further detailed exploration and recommendation for next stage of exploration

Figure 13 Summary of planned exploration activity in the Ujol river catchment areas. Yellow ellipses indicate expected output of the exploration program.



### **9. Nature Quantum and Target**

| Phase       | Stages                            | Milestones   | Activities                                   | Nature                             | Quantum                                      | Timeline<br>(in weeks) |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
|             | Stage 1                           | Understanding mineralization control & to identify area for regional exploration   | Literature Survey                            | Analysis of previous data          | Radius= 20 km                                | 3                      |
|             | Stage 2                           | Identify river terraces, outcrops, covered areas & insitu regolith   | Remote Sensing and Geomorphic Analysis       | Aerial<br>Reconnaissance<br>Survey | 570 sq. km.                                  | 5                      |
|             | Stage 3 Camp setup for field work | Infrastructure / Logistics, Camp setup, permissions, SOP-protocol preparation and Stake holder Communication for the complete field season | Desktop + Camp                               |                                    | 5 + Week 5-55<br>for community<br>management |                        |
|             | Stage 4                           | Determining vertical extension of regolith horizon   | Regional Geophysical Survey                  | VES                                | ~324 sq. km,<br>60 soundings                 | 4                      |
| Phase I     |                                   |  | Orientation survey (Field validation of      | Fieldwork<br>(1:50000)             | ~570 sq.km,<br>10 samples<br>(~10 kg)        | 3                      |
| (Fertility  | o                                 | Characterization of the REE hosting  | the geomorphic analysis), sampling,          | XRF                                | 40 samples                                   |                        |
| Assessment) | Stage 5                           | phases   | geochemical analysis and data                | Fluorine Analysis                  | 20 samples                                   | 7                      |
|             |                                   |  | interpretation                               | XRD                                | 20 samples                                   |                        |
|             |                                   |  |  | Petrography                        | 5 samples                                    |                        |
|             |                                   |  |  | SEM-EDX                            | 5 samples                                    |                        |
|             |                                   | District and the second the stiff and the stiff  |  | Fieldwork                          | 570 sq. km/<br>200 samples                   | 11                     |
|             |                                   | District scale target identification for next stage of exploration   |  | Pitting/Trenching                  | 300 cubic m                                  |                        |
|             |                                   | Tiext stage of exploration   | Regional scale mapping, sampling,            | XRF                                | 200 samples                                  |                        |
|             | Stage 6                           |  | geochemical analysis and data interpretation | Fluorine Analysis                  | 60 samples                                   |                        |
|             |                                   |  | interpretation                               | XRD                                | 60 samples                                   | 10                     |
|             |                                   |  |  | Petrography                        | 15 samples                                   |                        |
|             |                                   |  |  | SEM-EDX                            | 15 samples                                   |                        |
|             |                                   | Decision point 1:  | Go - No Go to the next stage (2 w            | reeks)                             |  |                        |

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| Phase   | Stages   | Milestones  | Activities  | Nature                 | Quantum                                    | Timeline<br>(in weeks)                              |  |
|---|----------|---|---|------------------------|--|---|--|
|   | Stage 7  | Determine vertical extension of regolith horizon & establishing terrace structure for further exploration | District scale geophysical survey   | VES                    | ~80 sq. km ,50<br>soundings                | 4   |  |
| Phase II<br>(Identification<br>of the fertile<br>block) |          |   |   | Fieldwork<br>(1:25000) | 80 sq. km/ 160<br>samples<br>200 Cubic     | 7   |  |
|   |          | Identification of the potential   | District scale mapping, sampling,   | Pitting/Trenching XRF  | meters<br>160 samples                      |   |  |
|   | Stage 8  | mineralized target areas for drilling   | geochemical analysis and data interpretation  | Fluorine Analysis      | 40 samples                                 |   |  |
|   |          |   | interpretation  | XRD                    | 80 samples                                 | 11  |  |
|   |          |   |   | Petrography            | 40 samples                                 |   |  |
|   |          |   |   | SEM-EDX                | 20 samples                                 |   |  |
|   |          | Decision point 2:   | Go - No Go to the next stage (2 w   | eeks)                  |  |   |  |
|   |          |   |   | Auger drilling         | 25 BH (250<br>meter)                       | 7   |  |
|   |          | Completion of field work and identification and characterization of                                       | Target testing through test drilling, logging, sampling, geochemical                                    | XRF                    | 200 samples                                |   |  |
|   | Stage 9  |   |   | Fluorine Analysis      | 200 samples                                |   |  |
|   |          | the potential mineralized zone  | analysis and data interpretation  | XRD                    | 200 samples                                | 12  |  |
| Phase III   |          |   |   | Petrography            | 40 samples                                 |   |  |
| (Target   |          |   |   | SEM-EDX                | 25 samples                                 |   |  |
| testing)  | Stage 10 | Preparation of the draft report and submission  | Data analysis, Draft report preparation-<br>submission, Monthly progress report<br>for project duration | Desktop                | 13 monthly progress reports + Draft report | 9 + week 5-56<br>for monthly<br>progress<br>reports |  |
|   | Stage 11 | Final report submission; recommendation for next level of exploration & project conclusion                | Final report preparation-submission & discussion with State authorities                                 | Desktop + Travel       | Final report                               | 3   |  |



#### **Borehole Spacing (As per MEMC, 2015)**

| Type of<br>deposit | Bedded Stratiform and<br>Tabular deposit of regular habit<br>minerals to be identified | Bedded stratiform and tabular deposits of irregular habit (Minerals to be identified)   | Lenticular bodies occurring<br>En-echelon Lenses, pockets.<br>(Different minerals) |
|--------------------|--|---|--|
| G4 Stage           | Not Applicable   | Approximately 50 boreholes (Auger drilling), each approximately 10 m depth planned in geochemically positive profiles (Total drilling = approximately 500.00 m) | Not Applicable   |
| Remarks            |  | Decision on the number of boreholes and depth of drilling may vary depending on the nature and disposition of the ore minerals in the area.                     |  |

(Vertical depth of intersection of mineralized zone should be specified (first level), number of boreholes, approximate borehole spacing, approximate length of boreholes may be specified)

#### 10. Geophysical Studies

Vertical Electrical Sounding with Schlumberger method will be used to determine the thickness of the regolith and alluvium. In phase 1 and phase 2, Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) is incorporated to determine the depth extension of the alluvium. This would help to plan the pits & drill holes. In Phase 1 and Phase 2, a total 110 (Phase 1= 60, Phase 2= 50) no of VES points have been planned to cover the prospecting area.

Other geophysical tools may also be introduced at the later stage based on the reconnaitory studies carried out in the area depending of the outcome of different stages of work.



# 11. Manpower deployment (includes both field and non-field deployment)

Attached in Appendix I.

#### 12. Summary expenditure

|               |           |                 | Summary Cost Sho | ant       |             |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
|               |           |                 | Summary Cost She | eet -     |             |
|               |           | Manpower        | 77,70,806        |           |             |
|               |           | Lab Analysis    |                  |           |             |
|               | Phase     | (Geochemical    |                  |           |             |
|               | - 1       | studies and     |                  |           |             |
|               |           | petrography)    | 24,52,100        |           |             |
|               |           | Drilling        |                  |           |             |
|               | Total p   | roject cost for |                  |           |             |
|               | -         | Phase I         | 1,02,22,906      |           |             |
|               |           |                 | Go-No            | o Go      |             |
| Exploration   |           | Manpower        |                  | 41,59,949 |             |
| for Placer    |           |                 |                  | 12/00/010 |             |
| Xenotime      | Phase     | Lab Analysis    |                  |           |             |
| Prospect      | II        | (Geochemical    |                  |           |             |
| in Ujol River |           | studies and     |                  | 20.45.240 |             |
| Basin         |           | petrography)    |                  | 20,45,240 |             |
|               |           | Drilling        |                  |           |             |
|               | -         | roject cost for |                  |           |             |
|               |           | Phase II        | -                | 62,05,189 |             |
|               |           |                 | Go-N             | 0 G0      |             |
|               |           | Manpower        |                  |           | 6540700     |
|               |           | Lab Analysis    |                  |           |             |
|               | Phase     | (Geochemical    |                  |           |             |
|               | II        | studies and     |                  |           |             |
|               |           | petrography)    |                  |           | 5436520     |
|               |           | Drilling        |                  |           | 1190000     |
|               | Total p   | roject cost for |                  |           |             |
|               | •         | Phase III       |                  |           | 1,31,67,220 |
| Total p       | roject co | ost (INR)       |                  |           | 2,95,95,315 |

#### 13. Lease area

The proposed block includes 48 minor mineral leases (*Figure 14*). The details of the minor mineral leases within the proposed block are listed below.

Table 1: Existing leases of minor minerals in the proposed study area

| SI.<br>No | Mine Name                             | Village | Taluka           | District | Mine Code    | Commodity        | Area<br>(Ha) |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------|------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1         | Shree Dineshbhai<br>Balvantbhai Patel | Baina   | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304003014 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2            |



| SI.<br>No | Mine Name                               | Village     | Taluka           | District | Mine Code    | Commodity        | Area<br>(Ha) |
|-----------|---|-------------|------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2         | Arjunbhai<br>Pratapbhai Baria           | Chenpur     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304011814 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1.32         |
| 3         | Mavsingbhai<br>Pratapbhai Baria         | Chenpur     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304006114 | Ordinary sand    | 1.5          |
| 4         | Punabhai Sanabhai<br>Patel              | Chenpur     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304005914 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1            |
| 5         | Arjunbhai<br>Pratapbhai Baria           | Chenpur     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304006014 | Ordinary sand    | 0.6          |
| 6         | Arvindbhai<br>Mangabhai Patel           | Chenpur     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304005814 | Ordinary<br>sand | 0.6          |
| 7         | Chandrasinh<br>Navalbhai Nayak          | Junabaria   | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304005714 | Ordinary sand    | 3            |
| 8         | Shree Chandubhai<br>Ranchodbhai Koli    | Junabaria   | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304003214 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2            |
| 9         | Chimanbhai<br>Rayjibhai Patel           | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304007614 | Ordinary sand    | 3            |
| 10        | Chimanbhai<br>Rayjibhai Patel           | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304007614 | Ordinary<br>sand | 3            |
| 11        | Raysingbhai<br>Dolabhai Baria           | Singor      | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304007714 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2.5          |
| 12        | Manabhai<br>Somabhai Patel              | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304007814 | Ordinary<br>sand | 9            |
| 13        | Shree<br>Ranchodbhai<br>Mulabhai Guujar | Mendra      | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304003714 | Ordinary<br>sand | 0.7          |
| 14        | Parvatbhai<br>Bhurabhai Nayak           | Virol       | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304011314 | Ordinary<br>sand | 3            |
| 15        | Shree Bhavanbhai<br>Patel               | Uchavan     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304003614 | Ordinary sand    | 2            |
| 16        | Shree Ishwarbhai<br>Mulabhai Bhil       | Uchavan     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304004014 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1            |
| 17        | Raisingbhai<br>Dolabhai Baria           | Singor      | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304007014 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2            |
| 18        | Raysingbhai<br>Dolabhai Baria           | Singor      | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304007714 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2.5          |
| 19        | Chimanbhai<br>Rayjibhai Patel           | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304007614 | Ordinary sand    | 3            |
| 20        | Raysingbhai<br>Dolabhai Baria           | Singor      | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304007714 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2.5          |
| 21        | Rajeshbhai<br>Hirabhai Vankar           | Singor      | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304008214 | Ordinary sand    | 1            |
| 22        | Batukbhai<br>Fatesinhbhai<br>Savaya     | Ratadiya    | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304012614 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2            |
| 23        | Mavsingbhai<br>Pratapbhai Baria         | Ratadiya    | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304011114 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1.05         |
| 24        | Ravindrabhai<br>Parvat Bhai<br>Savaya   | Ratadiya    | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304006714 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1.5          |
| 25        | Ravindrabhai<br>Parvat Bhai<br>Savaya   | Ratadiya    | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod    | QL2304009514 | Ordinary<br>sand | 0.9          |



| SI.<br>No | Mine Name                            | Village     | Taluka           | District   | Mine Code    | Commodity        | Area<br>(Ha)   |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| 26        | Arvindbhai<br>Mangabhai Patel        | Ranipura    | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304010714 | Ordinary<br>sand | 0.39           |
| 27        | Punabhai Sanabhai<br>Patel           | Ranipura    | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304010814 | Ordinary<br>sand | 0.39           |
| 28        | Arvindbhai<br>Mangabhai Patel        | Ranipura    | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304011214 | Ordinary<br>sand | 0.39           |
| 29        | Nilambhai<br>Bharatkumar Sheth       | Nanimangoi  | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304008314 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1.75           |
| 30        | Hemantkumar<br>Omprakash<br>Pandiya  | Nanimangoi  | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304008414 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1.75           |
| 31        | Shree Bhikhabhai<br>Madanbhai Ravat  | Mendra      | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304002114 | Ordinary sand    | 1.2            |
| 32        | Shree Bhupatbhai<br>Bhariabhai Patel | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304002514 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2              |
| 33        | Balvantbhai<br>Dalsukhbhai Patel     | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304006214 | Ordinary sand    | 1              |
| 34        | Shree Rupsinh<br>Somabhai Patel      | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304003314 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1              |
| 35        | Artbhai Somabhai<br>Patel            | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304006414 | Ordinary<br>sand | 0.5            |
| 36        | Ranchodbhai<br>Nagabhai Patel        | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304010114 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1              |
| 37        | Prathambhai<br>Ramsingbhai Patel     | Bhadbha     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304007514 | Ordinary<br>sand | 2.75           |
| 38        | Kalyansinh<br>Kanubhai Patel         | Bhadbha     | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304007914 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1.75           |
| 39        | Batukbhai<br>Fatesinhbhai<br>Savaya  | Ratadiya    | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304012914 |                  | 1.05           |
| 40        | Shree Dineshbhai<br>Somabhai Gohil   | Junabaria   | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304001914 | Ordinary<br>sand | 1              |
| 41        | Maheshbhai<br>Madhubhai Koli         | Kalidungari | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304007414 | Ordinary sand    | 1.75           |
| 42        | Patel Balvantsinh<br>Ramsinh         | Abhlod      | Devgadh<br>Baria | Dahod      | QL2304012714 | Ordinary<br>sand | 0.65           |
| 43        | Abdul Majid Abdul<br>Rahim Bakkar    | Taramkach   | Dhanpur          | Dahod      | ML2306000506 | Quartz           | 4.95           |
| 44        | Govindbhai Kanuji<br>Vanzara         | Padardi     | Ghoghamba        | Panchmahal | QL1407027114 | Ordinary<br>sand | Not applicable |
| 45        | Rajeshkumar<br>Vajesinh Chauhan      | Padardi     | Ghoghamba        | Panchmahal | QL1407026814 | Ordinary sand    | Not applicable |
| 46        | Mehbub Ishak<br>Bakkar               | Sajora      | Ghoghamba        | Panchmahal | QL1407026014 | Ordinary sand    | 1              |
| 47        | Jiyaben<br>Hamidhusain<br>Shikari    | Khanpatla   | Ghoghamba        | Panchmahal | QL1407027014 | Ordinary<br>sand | Not applicable |



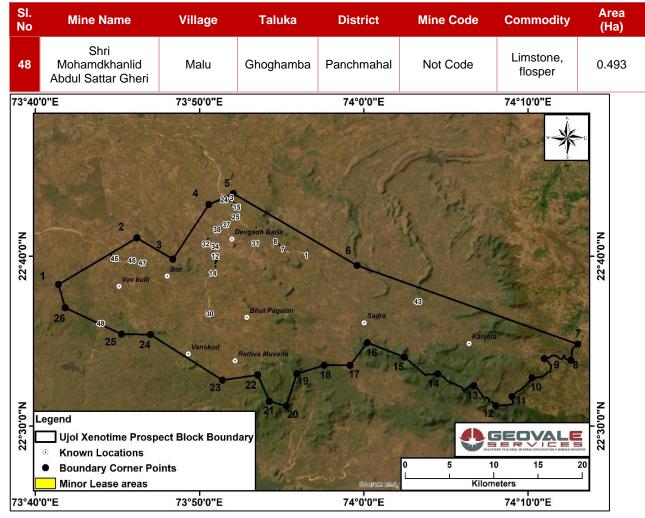


Figure 14 Map showing Existing leases in the proposed block boundary.

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# Appendix I

| Dhoses  | Stages   | A skin iki os  | Total Geologist        | Total Labour               | Total Sampler             |                         |                         |                         | Time Line                    |                     |              |      |  |
|---|--|--|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------|--|
| Phases  | Stages   | Activities   | (Mandays)              | (Mandays)                  | (Mandays)                 | M1 M2 M3                | M4 M5 M6                | M 7 M 8 M 9             | M 10 M 11 M 12 M 1           | 3 M 14 M 15         | M 16 M 17    | M 18 |  |
|   | Stage 1  | Literature Survey: Analysis of previous data   | 29                     | 0                          | 0                         |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Stage 2  | Remote Sensing and Geomorphic Analysis   | 78                     | 0                          | 0                         |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Stage 3  | Infrastructure / Logistics, Camp setup<br>and Stake holder Communication for<br>the complete field season  | 133                    | 12                         | 0                         |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Stage 4  | Regional Geophysical Survey for vertical extension of the regolith horizon   | 72                     | 100                        | 0                         |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
| Phase I (Fertility<br>Assessment)                       | Stage 5A   | Orientation survey & sampling for characterization of the REE hosting phases: Field validation of the geomorphic analysis and sampling   | 41                     | 24                         | 10                        |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Stage 5B   | Orientation survey & sampling for characterization of the REE hosting phases: Geochemical Analysis and data interpretation   | 58                     | 0                          | 2                         |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Stage 6A   | Regional scale exploration for district scale target identification: Mapping and sampling (~570 sq. km)  | 209                    | 204                        | 204                       |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Stage 6B   | Regional scale exploration for district scale target identification: Geochemical analysis and data interpretation  | 101                    | 0                          | 29                        |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Milestone I: Fertility assessment of the proposed area and identify the fertile areas with REE value |  |                        |                            |                           |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
| G   | o-No Go Decision   | Point 1: Proceed for Phase II (Stage 7) in the   | areas with high REE va | lue and close the progra   | am in other areas (Deci   | sion will be taken afte | er discussion and on a  | greement of both NME    | T and Geovale team depending | g on the results of | Phase I)     |      |  |
|   | Stage 7  | District scale geophysical survey to determine the vertical extension of the regolith horizon and establishment of terrace structure for further exploration                   | 61                     | 78                         | 0                         |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
| Phase II<br>(Identification<br>of the fertile<br>block) | Stage 8A   | District scale regolith mapping for identification of the potential mineralized target areas for drilling:  Mapping (including pitting/trenching) and sampling from ~80 sq. km | 136                    | 103                        | 60                        |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
| ·   | Stage 8B   | District scale regolith mapping for identification of the potential mineralized target areas for drilling:  Geochemical analysis and data interpretation                       | 116                    | 0                          | 19                        |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   |  |  | ı                      | Milestone II: Identificati | on of the fertile block v | with high REE value fo  | r target testing        |                         |                              | <u> </u>            |              |      |  |
| Go-No   | o Go Decision Poi  | int 2: Proceed for Phase III (Stage 9) in the are  | as with high REE value | s as potential mineralize  | ed targets and close the  | e program in other are  | eas (Decision will be t | aken after discussion N | IMET and Geovale team depe   | ding on the results | of Phase II) |      |  |
|   | Stage 9A   | Target testing for identification and characterization of the potential mineralized zone: Test drilling, logging, sampling   | 141                    | 100                        | 80                        |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
| Phase III (Target                                       | Stage 9B   | Target testing for identification and characterization of the potential mineralized zone: geochemical analysis, data integration and interpretation                            | 94                     | 0                          | 28                        |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
| testing)  | Stage 10   | Data analysis, Draft report preparation-<br>submission, Monthly progress report for<br>project duration  | 280                    | 0                          | 0                         |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Stage 11   | Final report preparation, submission, recommendation for next level of exploration, discussion with State authorities & project conclusion                                     | 55                     | 0                          | 0                         |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   |  |  | Milestone III: I       | dentification and chara    | cterization of the poter  | ntial mineralized zone  | e for next level of exp | oration                 |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   | Tota   | al (Mandays)   | 1634                   | 621                        | 432                       |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |
|   |  |  |                        |                            |                           |                         |                         |                         |                              |                     |              |      |  |