PROPOSAL FOR PRILIMINARY (G-3) EXPLORATION FOR IRON AND MANGANESE ORE IN SILPUNJI BLOCK OF JAMDA-KOIRA VALLEY IRON ORE BELT, DISTRICT- WEST SINGBHUM, JHARKHAND

COMMODITY: IRON & MANGANESE

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Summary of the Block for G3 Level Exploration GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLOCK

	Features	Details								
	Block ID	SILPUNJI	BLOCK							
	Exploration	Mineral Ex	ploration And Con	sultancy Limited (Mi	ECL)					
	Agency									
	Commodity	Iron & Mar	<u> </u>							
	Mineral Belt		Coira Iron ore belt							
	Completion	12 months	3							
	period with									
	entire Time									
	schedule to									
	complete the									
	Project	1 To obs	al the leteral and	d donth continuity	of Iron and my	anganasa ara bu				
	Objectives		stematic drilling up	d depth continuity	or from and ma	anganese ore by				
		_	• .	mineral resource	(333) and ara	ade for Iron and				
			•	r UNFC and MEMC	` ,	ac for from and				
			•	ernment to auction t		nining lease.				
	Whether the					9				
	work will be	Work will b	e carried out by th	e proposed agency	(MECL).					
	carried out by									
	the proposed									
	agency or									
	through									
	outsourcing									
	Name/Number	Two no. G	eoscientists							
	of Geoscientists									
	Expected Field	•	Party days:180 day	s at field						
	days	120 days a	at HQ							
1.	Location									
	Block boundary	Corner		WGS 8						
	corner points	Point		MS	•	one:45Q)				
			Longitude	Latitude	Easting	Northing				
		Α	85° 25' 50.88" E	22 ⁰ 13' 36.06" N	338270.87	2458756.79				
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	Villages		la, Silpunji, Kantori	a, Lipunga						
	Tehsil/Taluk	Noamundi								

	District	West Singhbhum				
	State	Jharkhand				
2.	Area					
	Block Area	4.92 sq.km				
	Forest Area	Nuiya Protected Forest, Noamundi Range				
	Government	Data not available				
	Land Area					
	Charagaha	Data not available				
	Private Land	Most of the area is forest land				
	Area					
3.	Accessibility					
	Nearest Rail	Barajamda (10 Km)				
	Head					
	Road	The area is connected by the SH-4 & NH-20 with the state capital of Jharkhand				
		and is at a distance of approximately 225 Km from Ranchi.				
	Airport	Ranchi(225 Km)				
4.	Hydrography					
	Local Surface	Karo River is the main drainage which flows from southwest to northeast. The				
	Drainage	major nala is Baitaltanala and other small tributaries of Karo River.				
	Pattern					
5.	(Channels) Climate					
Э.	Mean Annual	The appual average reinfall recorded is about 1420 mm				
	Rainfall	The annual average rainfall recorded is about 1420 mm				
	Temperatures	Minimum temperatures 8°C.				
	(December)	William temperatures o G.				
	(Minimum)	Maximum temperatures up to 42°C.				
	Temperatures	maximam temperatures up to 12 Gr				
	(June)					
	(Maximum)					
6.	Topography					
	Toposheet	73F/8				
	Number					
	Morphology of	The terrain of the block has rugged topography, comprising high undulating flat				
	the Area	topped hillocks, v-shaped valleys, sinuous water bodies. The lowest valley floors				
	at an altitude of 365 metres from the MSL and the highest ridge top has					
		maximum elevation of 495 meters above the MSL.				
7.	Availability of					
	baseline					
	geosciences					
	data	Coological man on 1,50000 cools (Courses Phylicals)				
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	Geological Map (1:50K/25K)	Geological map on 1:50000 scale (Source: Bhukosh)				

	Geochemical	NGCM Map (Source: Bhukosh)
	Мар	
	Geophysical	Gravity and Magnetic Map (Source: Bhukosh)
	Мар	
	(Aeromagnetic,	
	ground	
	geophysical,	
	Regional as well	
	as local scale	
	GP maps)	
8.	Justification	1. In view of MMDR Amendment Act and Mineral Auction Rule 2015, DMG
	for taking up	Jharkhand requested MECL to take up the further exploration in this block.
	G3 level	DMG, Jharkhand has requested MECL to take up exploration work under
	Exploration	NMET fund.
		2. The Phase- I of the G3 level exploration have delineated the iron ore bodies
		and analytical results are very encouraging.
		3. The Phase- II of the G3 level exploration involves drilling of 10 nos. of
		systematic boreholes up to a depth of 100m, which enables to estimate
		resource and grade of iron ore bodies and eventually lead State Government
		to auction the block.

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1.1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 Iron, the metal of common man has its use in every sphere of life. Since the IRON AGE 800 BC and there on it forms the backbone of the industrial growth of a nation. The stage of growth in iron and steel industry of a nation is a measure of its economic status among the world communities. With a total of about 22.487 billion tonnes of Iron ore resource, India is among the few leading iron ore producing countries of the world. India has about one-fourth of the total resources of the world. Haematite and Magnetite are the most important iron ore minerals in India. Haematite ore forms about 83% of the iron ore reserves of the country and rest is the magnetitic& limonitic ores. Odisha alone produces 40% of the total iron ore production of the country (99.61m tonnes in 2016-17) followed by Karnataka (14%) and Jharkhand (11%) respectively as per Indian Minerals Year Book-2017, of IBM.
- 1.1.2 Iron and manganese is an important mineral used in steel making. Steel industry requires a huge quantity of raw materials. Manganese is an essential constituent of majority of steels. It combines the twin benefits of selectively low price with outstanding technical usage. As per NMI database based on UNFC system, the total reserves/resources of haematite as on 1.4.2015 has been estimated at 22,487 million tonnes of which 5,422 million tonnes (24%) are under 'Reserves' category and the balance 17,065 million tonnes (76%) are under 'Remaining Resources' category. The total resources of manganese ore in the country as per UNFC system as on 01.04.2010 (NMI) are placed at 430 million tonnes. Out of these, 142 million tonnes are categorized as reserves and balance belongs to resource category. Due to limited availability of high grade (+44% Mn) manganese ore resources in the country; BF grade (30-35% Mn) manganese ore have to be upgraded to produce high grade concentrate for ferromanganese making. The overall grade of the manganese ore resources in the country is in the range of 30-35% Mn.
- 1.1.3 The National Steel Policy 2017, has proposed a target of 300 million tonnes of steel production by 2030 and increase of per-capita steel consumption to 160 kg by 2030-31. This target has to be achieved amidst other compulsion of export demands, there is little choice but to develop and enhance the new Iron ore deposits by exploration.
- 1.1.4 The Singhbhum-Bonai-Keonjhar Iron Ore Belt of the Eastern India has been extensively studied and investigated by geologists since 1930. The Banded Iron Formation and associated volcano-sedimentary sequence of Iron Ore Group of Bonai-Keonjhar belt, North Odisha, received attention of geoscientists and mining agencies since then. Geological Survey of India has been carrying Iron ore exploration work in this belt since 1980's. In addition, several Iron ore bodies also occur within the synclinal valley. The present proposed exploration of MECL is based on the mineralization identified during

phase-I work which involves Geological Mapping, Surface Geophysical Survey and collection of bed rock samples.

2.1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1.1 The Govt. of India enacted the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 duly introducing the system of auction for allocation of Mineral Concessions. Bauxite, Iron Ore, Manganese and Limestone have been categorized in the Fourth Schedule which needs prospecting and exploration by the State Govt. before auctioning of the Blocks.
- 2.1.2 On enactment of MMDR Amendment Act-2015, Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rule-2015 and Mineral Auction Rule-2015, Govt. of India directed State Governments to speed up the exploration work for different mineral commodities in their respective states.
- 2.1.3 As per the suggestion of Secretory of Mines, Govt. of India, State Government of Jharkhand notified MECL as exploration agency to carry out detailed geological exploration in the state of Jharkhand, considering the low progress of preparedness of blocks for auction. An MOU was signed between Department of Industry, Mines and Geology (DIMG), Government of Jharkhand and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) on 01.11.2017 for exploration of various mineral blocks by MECL in the state of Jharkhand.
- 2.1.4 Geological Survey of India had carried out G-4 level exploration in Silpunji-Kantoria area during F.S.P 2010-2012 and recommended detail mapping and drilling to establish the deposit and its lateral extent. DIMG, Government of Jharkhand requested MECL to take up further exploration work of iron and manganese in two blocks i.e. Bokna and Silpunji in West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand State and provided information required for preparation of exploration proposals pertaining to these blocks vide letter no Bhu-Ni-Anve-70/2017/824 dated 21.06.2018.
- 2.1.5 Accordingly MECL prepared the proposal for G-3 level exploration for iron and manganese in Silpunji Block, West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand and put up for approval for preliminary (G-3 level) exploration for iron and manganese ore in 16th& 18th meeting of Technical cum Cost Committee of NMET (TCC). The committee discussed the proposal and suggested some changes. As per the suggestion, MECL has modified the proposal and submitted the revised proposal for G3 level exploration of Iron & Manganese ore in Silpunji block in the 19th TCC of NMET.
- 2.1.6 The committee of the 19th TCC of NMET has clarified that the present proposal will be treated as Phase- I of the proposed G3 level exploration which includes geophysical survey, pitting/trenching and geological mapping in 1:4000 scale. An interim report has to be submitted after completion of Phase- I work based on which the subsequent drill holes will be planned.

- 2.1.7 Accordingly, the Phase- I of the G3 level exploration work comprising geophysical survey and geological mapping commenced in the month of September 2021. MECL has completed the Phase- I components and submitted the interim report in July 2021. The interim report has been reviewed in the 34th TCC and TCC recognized that the analytical results are encouraging. The committee noted the achievement and advised to submit detailed borehole plan suitable for G2 level exploration.
- 2.1.8 In view of the nature of the deposit, i.e. irregularly shaped lensoidal bodies, proposal was formulated as Phase-II of the G3 level exploration that comprises exploratory drilling which is in accordance with the MMDR and MEMC amended up to 2021 and had been presented before the 51st TCC of NMET. After detailed deliberations, the committee opined that the GM block has been handed over to Government of Jharkhand for auction, hence cannot be considered for G3 level exploration.
- 2.1.9 During the Auction Review meeting held on December 15, 2023, chaired by the Secretary of Mines, Government of India, the focus was directed towards the auction status of the Silpunji block. It was deliberated that the block cannot be successfully auctioned due to inadequate resource availability. To address this, the Secretary of Mines proposed an upgradation for the Silpunji block to G3 level with an emphasis on the drilling component. Subsequently, on 16.12.2023, MECL and DMG, Jharkhand convened a meeting where the State Government recommended MECL to formulate a G3 level exploration proposal encompassing the promising region within the Silpunji block. This proposal would entail 10 exploratory boreholes to elevate the block to G3 level, aligning with the state's goal of auctioning the block within a year.
- 2.1.10 Accordingly, MECL has formulated G3 level exploratory proposal with 10 drill holes in accordance with the MMDR and MEMC amended up to 2021.

3.1.0 LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

3.1.1 Silpunji block falls in the Survey of India Topo-sheet no. 73F/8 and forms the part of the West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand. The nearest railway station is Bara Jamda of South-Eastern Railway which is 140 Km from Jamshedpur and 10 Km from the block. The area is connected by the SH-4 & NH-20 with the state capital of Jharkhand and is at a distance of approximately 225 Km from Ranchi. The famous Noamundi mine is situated 12 km east of Jamda. It is well connected by metalled road with Chaibasa, the district headquarter of West Singhbhum. The interior parts of the area are approachable by a network of Kachcha (unmetalled) road. The location plan of the block is shown in Plate-I.

CARDINAL POINT COORDINATE OF SILPUNJI BLOCK, DISTRICT: WEST SINGHBHUM, JHARKHAND (G-3 LEVEL)

Cornor	WGS 84							
Corner Point	DI	MS	UTM (Zone:45Q)					
Folit	Longitude	Latitude	Easting	Northing				
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4.1.0 PHYSIOGRAPHY, DRAINAGE AND CLIMATE

- 4.1.1 The terrain of the block has rugged topography, comprising high undulating flat topped hillocks, v-shaped valleys, sinuous water bodies. The lowest valley floors at an altitude of 365 metres from the MSL and the highest ridge top has the maximum elevation of 495 meters above the MSL.
- 4.1.2 Karo River is the main drainage which flows from southwest to northeast. The major nala is Baitaltanala and other small tributaries of Karo River. The streams and rivers in the area together form a dendritic to sub-dendritic drainage pattern. The present investigation area is lying in Nuiya Protected forest, Noamundi Range which covers approximately 80% area of the block.
- 4.1.3 The climate of the area is humid to sub-tropical. The area experiences extreme summer and winter with heavy rainfalls during the monsoon season confined to the months from June to August and September with average annual rainfall of 2000 mm. The winter season is reasonably cold with the minimum temperature going down to 3° to 4°C and average temperature of 16°C. During summer the temperature goes up to 38° 40° C with average temperature of 30°-32°C. The Noamundi and its surrounding areas receive the maximum rainfall in Jharkhand and rightly called as "Cherapunji of Jharkhand" with average annual rainfall of 200cm.

5.1.0 PREVIOUS WORK

- 5.1.1 BIF, the host rocks of iron ore deposits of Jharkhand and Odisha were reported and their systematic study was undertaken during late thirties (Jones, 1934; Dunn, 1935). The sedimentological analysis of BIF was, however, initiated by Mukhopadhyay and Chanda (1972). They were either preceded or followed by a large number of workers such as Chakraborty&Taron (1968), Acharya et.al. (1964), Banerjee (1974), Majumdar&Chakraborty (1977 & 1979). The aspects of structure and tectonics were studied by Saha et.al and their findings are presented in the Saha et.al (1984), Saha&Ray (1984) and also in other publications by Sarkar&Saha (1977), Sarkar&Chakraborty (1982), Acharya (1984) and lyengar and Murthy (1982).
- 5.1.2 Iyenger and AnandAlwar (1965), Iyengar and Banerjee (1964), Banerjee (1974), Iyenger and Murthy (1982) and Chakaraborty and Majumdar (1986) opined that BIF-bearing supracrustals belong to two stratigraphic units, the older one typified by the Gorumahisani-Badampahar Group and the younger one typified by the Bonai-Kendujhar sequence (Noamundi Group of Banerji, 1974).

- 5.1.3 Banerji, A. K. (1974) suggested that the Noamundi iron ore basin, Gorumahisani-Badampahar basins and Daiteri-Pala Lahara in the south have evolved in independent cycle of deformation, metamorphism and igneous activity and have been welded to the fabric of the Singhbhum granite platform. Rai et, al. (1980) emphasing on the sedimentological features of the Iron Ore Group have reported numerous short crested, discontinuous sub parallel linear markings which are similar to primary current lineation described by Allen (1968). Scour and fill structures similar to micro-channeling and grooving have been reported both from Tomka-Daiteri (Majumdar and Chakraborty, 1977) and from Jamda-Koira valley (Rai et al, 1980).
- 5.1.4 Recent works by the GSI (Mazumdar, S.K, 1996) alludes to the possibility of distinguishing two horizons in the Iron Ore Group (IOG) one, an iron ore bearing lower horizon prominently developed in the southern part between Singhbhum and Bonai and non-iron ore bearing horizon to its north and well developed west of the Bonai Granite. The eastern boundary of the iron ore basin from Noamundi southwards is faulted. Further NE, the IOG is overlain on the east by the Kolhan rock.
- 5.1.5 Further GSI along with DMG, Jharkhand had carried out G-4 level exploration in Silpunji-Kantoria area during F.S.P 2010-2012 and recommended detail mapping and drilling to establish the deposit and its lateral extent in Silpunji-Kantoria block, West Sighbhum district, Jharkhand.
- 5.1.6 In the year 2020, MECL had carried out detailed geological mapping and geophysical survey in Silpunji block through NMET funding. From the integrated geologicalgeophysical study carried out, it appears that iron ore and associated manganese mineralisation present in the form of irregularly shaped lensoidal bodies and has taken place in the southern and central portion of the study area. During Surface Geophysical Survey by Gravity and Magnetic measurements, the geological continuity, orientation, mode of occurrence & depth continuity of the ore body has been confirmed. Information regarding basement has been established. Basement is shallow at the western part of the study area with some shallower intrusions at north. Regional geological trend is confirmed as NE-SW. Depth of basement is 150m-200m. The analytical signal analysis of Bouquer anomaly clearly indicates that the iron ore mineralization has taken place mostly in the southern and central portion of the block in the form of irregularly shaped lensoidal bodies like pockets/lenses and not as continuous body. Moderate intensity of the RTP of Magnetic anomaly along the mineralized zone indicates the paramagnetic characteristics similar to haematitic iron ore body having depth continuity in range of 60m to 130m. However, the anomaly responding to manganese ore (Pyrolusite and Psilomelane) is similar to those of hematite. Therefore, in the study area if any manganese ore is there it will be associated with iron rich bodies.

6.1.0 GEOLOGY OF THE AREA

6.1.1 The Singhbhumcraton of Precambrian age which comprises the huge iron ore deposits of Jharkhand– Odisha region, eastern India, have preserved several geological cycles

ranging from early archean to neo-proterozoic age (Saha 1994). The three major components of Singhbhumcraton are: 1. Older Metamorphic Group (OMG) and Older Metamorphic Tonalite Group (OMTG) which occurs as supracrustals and enclaves within 2. Singhbhum Granite surrounded by 3. Greenstone belts comprising Iron Ore Group. The Precambrian iron ore of Singhbhum–North Odisha region of eastern India occurs as part of the horse-shoe shaped broad synclinorium known as Iron Ore Group (IOG) of rocks that host most important iron ore deposits of India. The Precambrian IOG largely contains BIF in addition to the other volcano-sedimentary rocks (~3.1–3.3 Ga, Sarkar et al 1969), forming a significant portion of the Singhbhum–North OdishaCraton of eastern Indian shield (Saha et al 1984). Structural analysis in the eastern anticline of the horse-shoe synclinorium suggests that the BIF hosting the high grade iron ore bodies are disposed in three linear NNE-SSW trending belts and the major iron ore deposits in the eastern anticline at the present level of erosion are preferentially localized within shallow basinal structures only (Ghosh and Mukhopadhyay 2007). These three basins are: 1. Jamda-Koira valley, 2. Gorumahishani-Badampahar basin and 3. Daitari-Tomka basin.

6.1.2 The area of investigation i.e. Silpunji block lies in the extreme NNE of the eastern limb of Jamda-Koira north plunging asymmetric 'horse-shoe shaped synclinorium'. The Banded Haematite Jasper with iron ore, overlain by Upper Shales with volcanics and underlain by a lower formation of bleached clayey shale/tuff/volcanic forms the Iron Ore Group of Sarkar & Saha (1977) or Koira Group of Murty & Acharya (1975). The above said unit is disposed in the form of a low northerly plunging synclinorium (Jones, 1934). The Lower Shale formation is mainly composed of a number of acidic and basic flows which have altered into bleached clayey shale. The Upper Shale is banded in nature with lenses of green chert, altered tuffs and dolomite beds (Murty & Ghosh 1971).

The litho-stratigraphic succession of the region as worked out by different geoscientists based on field studies is furnished below:

Lithology/ Geological Events	Chronostratigraphic Units/Group	Age		
Quartz Dolerite	Newer Dolerite dyke	C. 2000 Ga		
Phyllitic Shale				
Argilaceous Limestone	Kolhan Group	C. 2100-2200 Ga		
Basal Sandstone-conglomerate				
Unconformity				
Jagannathpur Lava				
Malangtoli Lava	Dhanjhori Group	C. 2800-2300 Ga		
Felsic Plutonism				
Hornblende bearing alkali feldspar granite	Mayurbhanj Granite	C. 3090 Ga		
Pelitic & arenaceousmetasediments with mafic sills	Singhbhum Group	C. 3120-3090 Ga		
Unconformity	-			
SBG-III: Granodiorite to granite	Singhbhum Granite (SBG-B)	C. 3100 Ga		
Dunite-Peridotite-Pyroxenite	Gabbro, Anorthosite and Ultramafic suites	C. 3120 Ga		

Mafic lava, tuff, acid volcanic, Tuffaceous shale Banded Hematite Jasper and Banded Hematite Quartzite with iron ores, ferruginous chert, local Dolemite and quartzite sandstone	Iron Ore Group	C. ~ 3300-3160 Ga			
Granite to granodiorite	Bonai Granite	C. 3100 Ga			
Tonalite to granite	Nilgiri Granite	C. 3300 Ga			
SBG-II: Granodiorite SBG-I: Tonalite to Granodiorite	Singhbhum Granite (SBG-A)	C. 3380 Ga			
Folding and metamorphism of OMG and OMTG		C. 3400-3500 Ga			
Biotite (Hornblende) Tonalite Gneiss Trondhjemite / Granodiorite	Older Metamorphic Tonalite Gneiss (OMTG)	C. 3775 Ga			
Pelitic schist, quartzite, para-amphibolite,ortho-amphibolite	Older Metamorphic Group (OMG)	C. 4000 Ga			

- 6.1.3 The major litho-units of the study area is following the regional trend i.e. NE-SW. Hence, field traverses were taken perpendicular to regional strike, to encounter variation of litho-units and its inter-relationship in regard of structure. The area includes enriched BHJ bearing quartzite ridge in the southern-central part having SW-NE trend, along with small mounds of lateritic ore bodies in the south-east and south-western part. The country rock of the area is phyllitic shale which have been exposed in the central part and the in the valleys. In the northern part, doleritic dyke have been outcropped surrounded by intraformational conglomerate and sandstone. The iron ore is mainly localized as enriched BHJ within quartzite.
- 6.1.5 **Phyllitic Shale:** The country rock of the investigated area is light pink to buff yellow colouredphyllitic shale, exposed in the low lands of the area. It is a fine grained rock having shine on the fissility planes (S1) which is parallal to the primary bedding plane (S0). The bedding parallal foliation planes have strike of SSW-NNE with low to moderate dip (20° 40°) towards WNW. It is mostly composed of sericite/ illite showing parallel alignment under microscope. Feldspar is noted as fine to very fine grains altering to dirty clay minerals. Biotite flakes are seen developing in patches. Opaques are noted as very fine cubic, bladed and anhedral disseminated grains, often showing alignment along the foliation.

Banded Haematite Jasper/Quartzite (BHJ/BHQ): Typical Banded Haematite Jasper (BHJ) bands are present at the southern part of the mapped area, within quartzite bodies. The banding nature is generally defined by alternate appearance of lamination scale steel grey colouredhaematite and red coloured jasper. This banding in the mapped area is structurally disturbed due to multiple phases of deformations. Fracture filled secondary calcitic and silica veins are observed. Three sets of joint plane are there. At places, BHJ/BHQ is cherty in nature, whereas in some places, haematitic bands are thick, continuous resulting in enriched banded haematitic jasper which has been mined extensively. Under microscope, Quartz occurs as fine anhedral to euhedral grains showing tight 120° contacts in areas which refer to a crystallization process took place at a near static environment. Opaques (hematite) occur as coarse patches, medium to

coarse blades and as fine to very fine segregations. Jasper is noted as fine to coarse subrounded and bladed clasts and as thin bands in areas. Ferruginous matter is seen present as very fine amorphous matter and as reddish stains.

Quartzite: Quartzites are exposed in the west and north of Kantoria and have the longitudinal extent in the NNE-SSW direction. It has strike continuity for approximate 2.0-2.5 km and the width of 100-200 meters. The color varies from white to light yellow and is massive, hard and compact. When observed under hand lense the rock shows typical vitreous luster and fused grain boundary. Matrix is essentially made up of very fine subangular quartz grains. Fine to medium anhedral to euhedral, elongated and lenticular quartz grains are seen disseminate. Medium to moderately coarse grained clusters are noted in pockets.

Sandstone: It is white to yellow coloured, fine to medium grained fairly well to well sorted mature sandstone formed as terrigenous detrital material carried by water deposited in continental shelves or slopes. It is mostly exposed in the NW part of the mapped area, associated with intra-formational conglomerate. Under microscope, Quartz occurs as fine to medium subrounded grains showing optical strain in areas. Rock fragments are present as fine subrounded to subangular grains composed of very fine quartz/ cherty aggregates. Feldspar is seen present as fine to medium subhedral and subangular grains, mostly orthoclase in nature. Ferruginous matter occurs as very fine to fine reddish cement along the clast contacts. Sericite and clay minerals are present as very fine flaky grains and particles in accessories. At places, the sandstone is brown to buff coloured enriched in ferruginous cement. In this Ferruginous sandstone, the quartz grains are medium to coarse grained, sub angular anhedral, poor to moderately sorted, suspended in the ferruginous cement. At places, generally at the top of this ferruginous sandstone, encrustations of manganese associates, in form of botryoidalpsilomelane and fibrous pyrolusite can be seen, which have been mined too.

Intra-formational Conglomerate: It is a clast supported polymictic conglomerate exposed at the SW part associated with BHJ and in the North central part. Pebble to cobble size clasts of sub-angular to angular, poorly sorted haematite, jasper, BHJ/BHQ, quartzite found embedded within gritty ferruginous matrix. The texture depicts a low transportation to in-situ deposition took place over a short period of time. At places, the accumulation of haematite is so enriched that it is also referred as iron ore, hence, being mined extensively. Under microscope, Opaque clasts are prismatic, bladed, lenticular and anhedral patchy in shape. Ferruginous cement is mostly associated with chertclasts and also seen present as cement, at places. Clayey patches are noted in areas and also observed as very fine particles in accessories.

Dolerite Dyke: Mafic volcanics constitute an important part of Iron ore group. The doleritic dykes intruded the country rock phyllite, trending in NE-SW direction. The dark green coloured medium grained rock consists of altered pyroxene occurs as subhedral prismatic to anhedral patchy grains. Amphibole (Tremolite) and epidote occurs in

patches and imparts the green colour. At some places, a crude schistosity is observed which depicts a low grade metamorphic event.

Iron Ore: Various types of Iron ore have been recognized in the investigated area. These litho units, belongs to iron ore group, are termed as 'ore' based on visual estimation only. Banded Iron Formations (BIF), of Iron ore group, are at places enriched in iron to form these ore bodies. Based on the enrichment of haematite and impurities like silica in BIFs, different ore types can be recognized. One such type is Soft shaley iron ore, where, upon selective removal of silica due to weathering, the BIF became rich in iron and develops a shaley nature. At some instances, the haematitic bands in BHJ/BHQ become considerably thick due to prolonged and static favourable conditions, giving rise to Massive haematitic iron ore. It exhibits three sets of cleavage planes. The enrichment of haematite in BHJ/BHQ may be accompanied with silicification, which results in to a Siliceous iron ore. Lateritic iron ore is seen on the top and slopes of the hillocks. The color of the lithounit varies from yellowish to earthy brown. The fragments of haematite are randomly oriented and size varies from pebble to silt size. At places, it also shows massive character. There are some un-mapable rich in iron litho units seen as gravel to pebble size massive haematite embedded in soil that may be referred as Float iron ore. These are also mined extensively in the investigating area along with the other ore types.

7.1.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE PROPOSED EXPLORATION PROGRAMME

The present exploration programme has been formulated to fulfill the following objectives:

- 7.1.1 To prove the lateral and depth continuity of Iron and manganese ore identified during G4 work by proposing systematic drilling up to 100m depth
- 7.1.2 To estimate preliminary mineral resource (333) and grade for Iron and manganese ore as per UNFC and MEMC- 2015
- 7.1.3 To facilitate the state government of Jharkhand to auction the block as a mining lease.

8.1.0 PROPOSED SCHEME OF EXPLORATION

- 8.1.1 In accordance with the objectives set for G-3 level exploration in Silpunji Block, the exploration programme is proposed to carry out systematic drilling, core sampling, and other associated geological and laboratory work. The exploration shall be carried out as per Mineral (Evidence & Mineral Contents) Rule -2015, Mineral Auction Rule-2015 and MMDR Amendment Act-2015. The details of different activities to be carried out are presented in subsequent paragraphs.
- 8.1.2 **Topographic Survey:** The triangulation network would be laid down in the block area with the help of DGPS & Total Station and the same would be tied up with the GTS triangulation station present in the nearby area. Topographical survey will be carried out

in the block area in which G-3 stage of exploration is to be carried out. All the surface features will be picked up and marked on a map on1: 4000 scale. The entire area will be covered by doing contouring at 2m interval. The block boundary will be surveyed by DGPS & total station in WGS-84 Datum for demarcation of Block Boundary points and ancillary area to facilitate the State Governments for auctioning of the Block.

- 8.1.3 Core Drilling: The present exploration scheme is prepared by proposing 11 nos. of vertical boreholes based on the geophysical survey and geological mapping carried out in first phase of the G3 level exploration programme in Silpunji block. As the nature of the ore body here is discontinuous and lensoidal type, the vertical boreholes are planned to establish the depth persistence. The boreholes will be closed judicially by the field geologist, after complete intersection of the iron ore body. The proposed location & depth of the borehole is tentative and the final decision regarding taking up borehole, borehole location and closing of borehole will be ascertained by field geologist. Tentative location and depth of borehole have been provided. Proposed Borehole parameters are tentative and may vary subject to the geological and drilling conditions in the study area.
- 8.1.4 **Core Logging:** Geological core logging will be carried out systematically by recording carefully the minute details and physical/lithological characters of the rock formations including colour, core recovery, grain size, weathered zone, texture, banding, mineralogical composition, micro-structural/structural details, lithological variations along with visual estimate in respect of iron ore in boreholes.
- 8.1.5 Core Sampling: For preparation of samples, the borehole core will be splitted into two equal halves by using core splitter. One half will be powdered to (-) 100 mesh size and the other half will be kept for future studies. The powdered material will be mixed thoroughly and about 100 gram of samples will be taken for chemical analysis by successive coning and quartering as primary samples and rest of the material (-100 mesh size) will be kept as duplicate half for future reference. It will generate about 1000 Nos. primary samples and 50 Nos Internal Check samples (5% of Primary samples). In addition to this, 10% of primary samples i.e. 100 nos External Check samples will be prepared as External Check samples that will be sent to an NABL Lab for analysis. Composite samples will be prepared borehole wise based on the analytical results of primary sample at every 8m interval (8m bench height). Composite samples shall be prepared from the entire borehole in which iron-manganese ore will be intersected. This will generate about 100 nos. of composite samples. Each primary sample should be marked at every 1m length in case of continuance of similar mineralogical composition down the borehole. The sample length towards the floor marked by non-ore zone needs also to be adjusted as per variations of the litho-units. Even if the floor is distinctly differentiated by the presence of non-mineralized zone, at least two nos. samples after the iron ore zone need to be drawn to mark the floor of the iron ore zone decisively.
- 8.1.6 **Chemical Analysis:** All the primary samples and check samples will be analyzed for 8 radicals (Fe, Mn, SiO₂, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, P₂O₅, S & V₂O₅). About 15% of primary samples will be sent to NABL external laboratory as check samples for analysis of 8 radicals (Fe, Mn,

- SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , P_2O_5 , S & V_2O_5). Around 120 composite samples will be analyzed for 8 radicals (Fe, Mn, SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , P_2O_5 , S & V_2O_5).
- 8.1.7 **Determination of specific gravity:** To calculate the resource, volume of the ore body need to be multiplied with a density factor. Hence, 10 nos. of samples will be drawn from the iron ore for determination of specific gravity.

9.1.0 QUANTUM OF WORK

9.1.1 The following quantum of work has been proposed for G3 level exploration for Iron-manganese ore in Silpunji block:

SI. No.	ITEMS OF WORK	UNIT	Proposed Quantum for Silpunji Block
INO.			G 3
1	Topographic Survey (2m contour interval)	Sq. Km	4.92
2	Borehole fixation and Block boundary DGPS Survey	Nos.	18 (10 Bhs + 6 Boundary points + 2 base stations)
3	Drilling (Core)	m.	1000 (10 Bhs)
4	Primary Sample (Core) for 8 radicals (Fe, Mn, SiO ₂ , Al ₂ O ₃ , TiO ₂ , P ₂ O ₅ , S & V ₂ O ₅)	Nos.	1000
5	Check Sample for 8 radicals (Fe, Mn, SiO ₂ , Al ₂ O ₃ , TiO ₂ , P ₂ O ₅ , S & V ₂ O ₅)	Nos.	150
6	Composite Sample (Core) for 8 radicals (Fe, Mn, SiO ₂ , Al ₂ O ₃ , TiO ₂ , P ₂ O ₅ , S & V ₂ O ₅)	Nos.	100
7	Specific Gravity determination	Nos.	10
8	Exploration Report [As per Mineral (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rule-2015] /UNFC	Nos.	1

10.1.0 TIME SCHEDULE AND COST ESTIMATES

10.1.1 The proposed exploration programme is planned in such a way that all the activities like, camp setting, drilling, core logging, sampling, associated geological work and laboratory work will be completed within 9 months' time. Report writing will take 4 months' time with 1 month overlapping with laboratory analysis. Thus, the total duration of the project for completion of the above exploration will be 12 months from the date of commencement of the project.

SCHEDULED TIME FOR G-3 LEVEL EXPLORATION (PHASE- II) OF IRON AND MANGANESE ORE IN JAMDA-KOIRA VALLEY IRONORE BELT IN SILPUNJI BLOCK, **DISTRICT-WEST SINGBHUM, JHARKHAND MONTHS** S.No. **Activities** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 | Camp setting 3 Core drilling (2 rig) 4 Geologist days (Field) 5 | Sampling days, core sampling 6 Camp winding 7 Laboratory studies 8 Geologist days (HQ) 9 Report writing/ Peer review

10.1.2 Cost has been estimated based on actual schedule of rates mandated in the circular OM No. 61/1/2018/NMET dated 31st March 2020 for NMET funded Projects. The total estimated cost is Rs. 282.97 Lakhs. The summary of cost estimates for this G3 level exploration is given below:

Summary of Cost Estimates

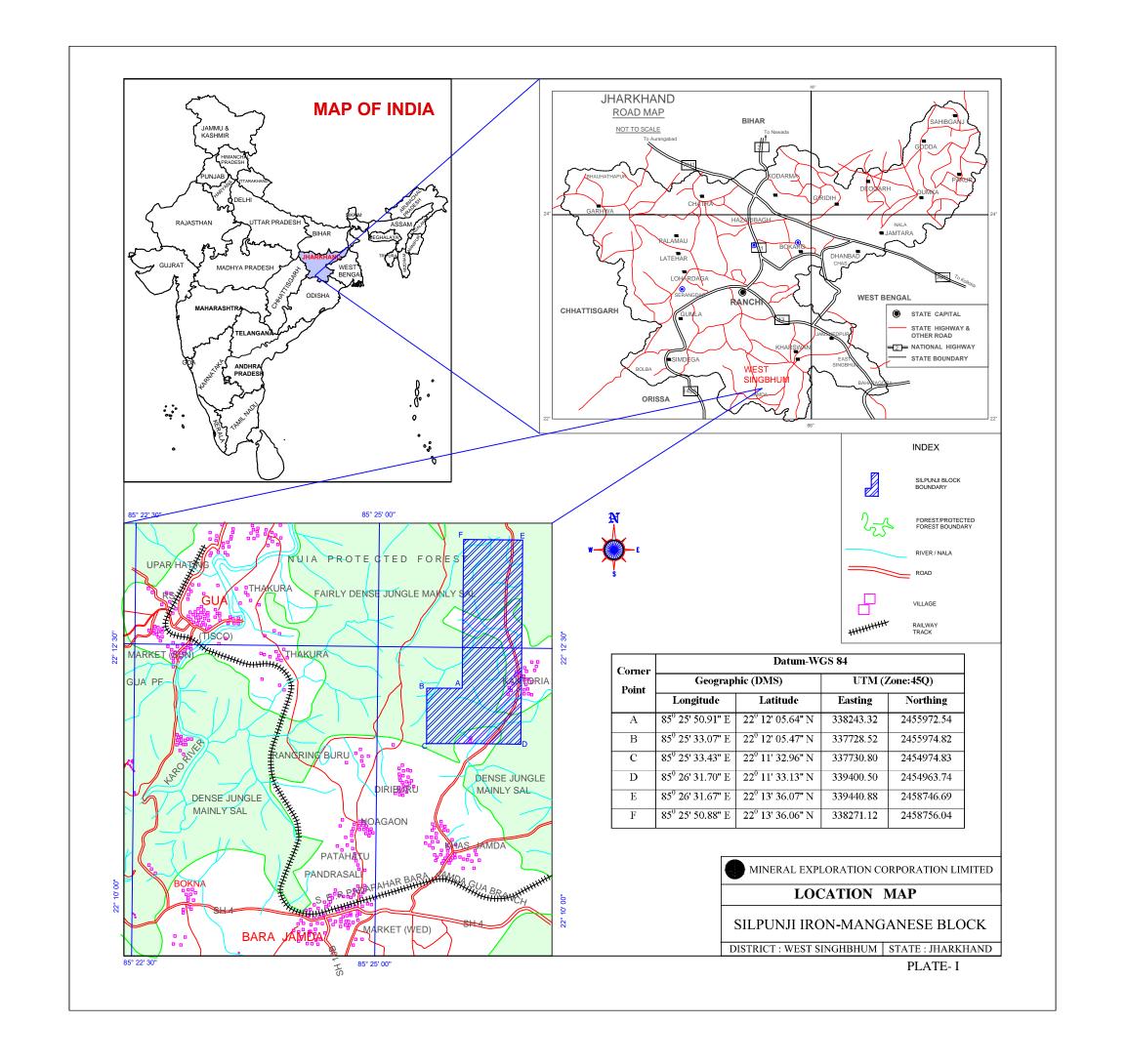
SI. No.	Item	Total Estimated Cost (Rs.)			
1	Geologist mandays Core logging, sampling	3,574,440			
2	Drilling	14,941,400			
3	Labrotary studies	5,266,050			
4	Geologist at HQ	1,080,000			
	Sub Total (1 to 4)	24,861,89			
5	Exploration Report Preparation	750,000			
6	Proposal Preparation	497,238			
7	Peer review charges	30,000			
8	Sub Total (1 to 8)	26,139,128			
9	GST 18%	4,705,043			
	Total:	30,844,171			
	Say Rs. In Lakh	308.44			

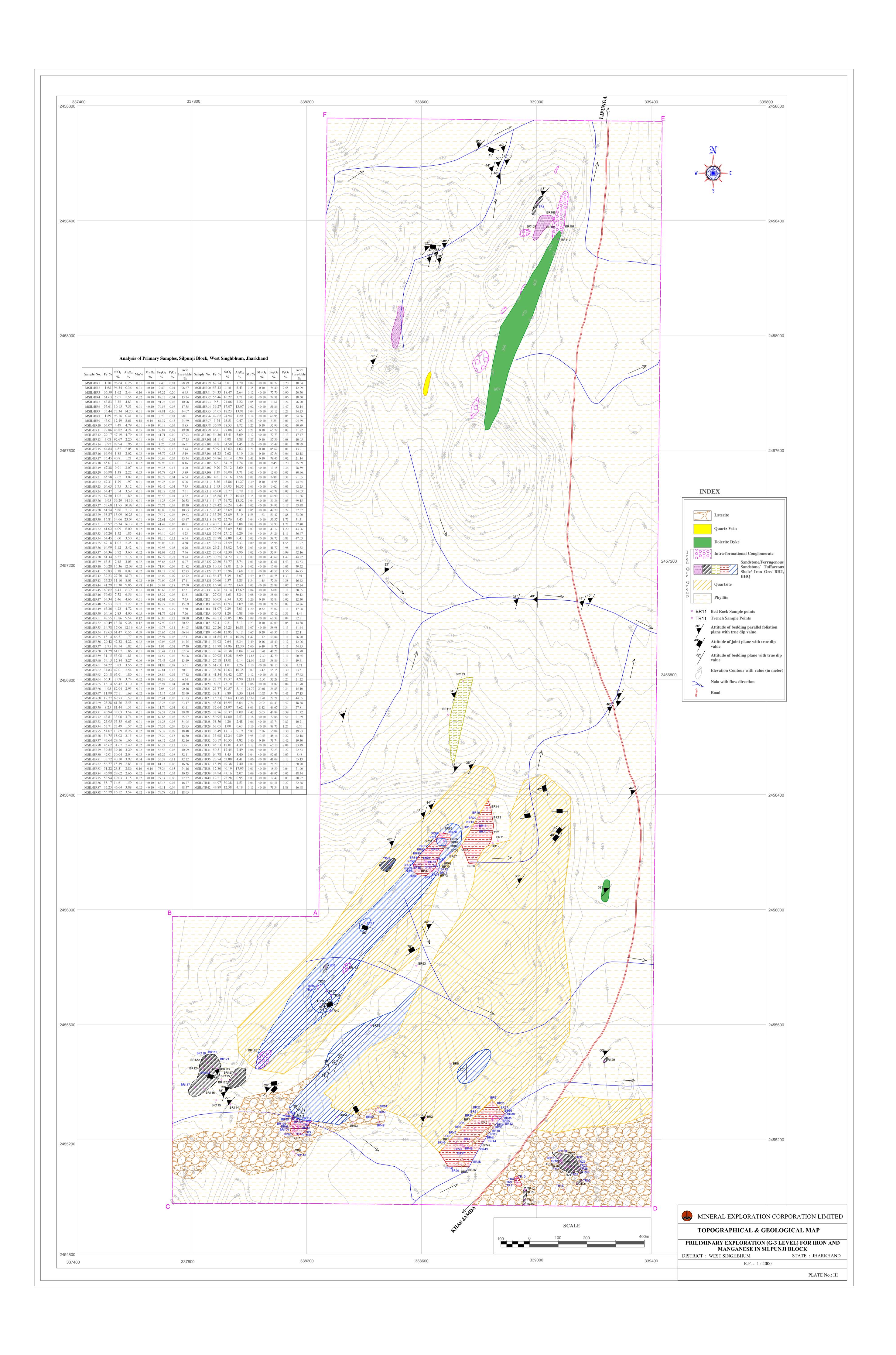
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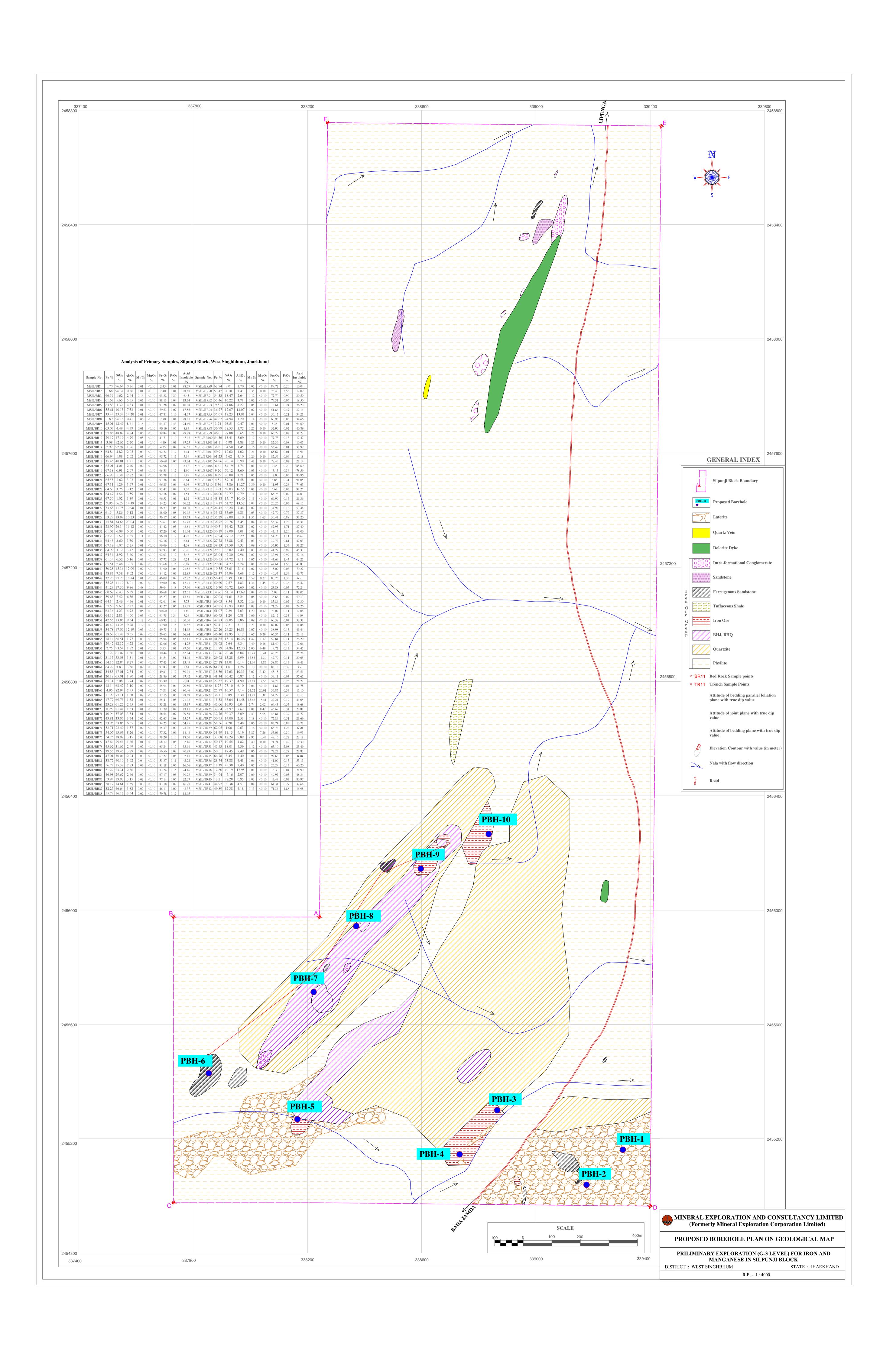
- Location Map of the proposed block
- Regional Geological map showing proposed block
- Geological & borehole location Map
- Cost Sheet

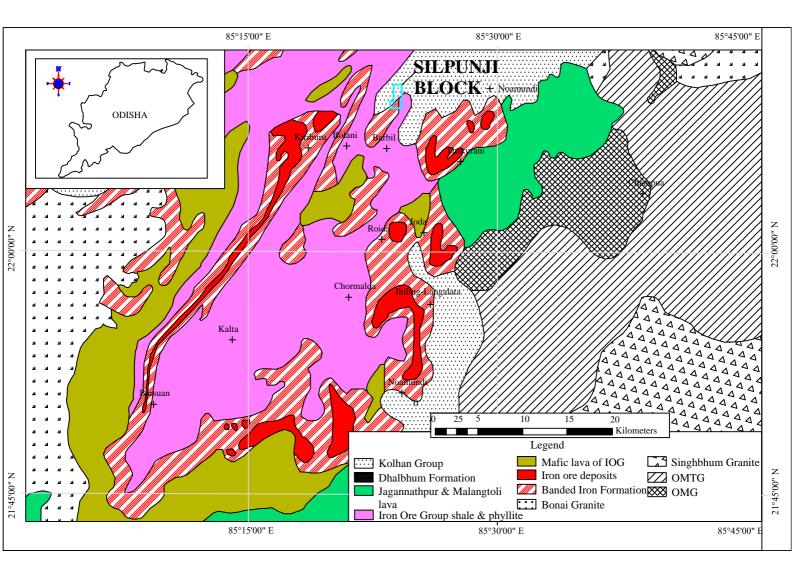
^{*} Commencement of project will be reckoned from the day the exploration acreage is available along with all statutory clearances

^{*}Time loss on account of monsoon/agricultural activity/forest clearance/ local law & order problems will be addition to above time line.









ESTIMATED COST FOR G-3 LEVEL EXPLORATION OF IRON AND MANGANESE ORE IN JAMDA-KOIRA VALLEY IRONORE BELT IN SILPUNJI BLOCK, DISTRICT-WEST SINGBHUM, JHARKHAND

Total Area - 4.92 Sq. Km; Drilling-1000.00m, Completion Time - 12 Months

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Comparison of Control Contro	No.	SoC- Item- S. Rates as per SoC C		Qty.	Total Amount (Rs)	Remarks				
	1.0	Geology & Survey								
		Geologist man days for core								
1	1.1		days	1.3	11,000	180	19,80,000	Amount will be reimburge on per		
1.0	1.2		per worker	5.7	504	360	1,81,440	the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever		
1.4	1.3	(core sample,) Labour charge not	day	1.5.2	5,100	150	7,65,000			
1.5 Information 1.6	1.4	431/day/labour) (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner) for sampling work	day	5.7	504	600	3,02,400	respective State Govt. whichever		
2.1	1.5	and Reduced Level (RL) of boreholes by DGPS including	Nos.	1.6.2	19200	18	3,45,600	Boundary 06 Nos. + 02 Base		
2.1	Sub-To	otal 1			35,74,440					
A	2.0									
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2.4 Truck associated per drill (file 7 Km 2.2.8 36 3200 1,15,200 1600 Km to and fro for one rig (right)	2.3									
2.5 Monthly Accomodation Charges month 2.2.9 50.000 7 3.50,000	2.4	Transportation of Drill Rig & Truck associated per drill (for 2		2.2.8	36	3200	1,15,200	1600 Km to and fro for one rig		
2.7	2.5		month	2.2.9	50,000	7	3,50,000			
2.8 Road Making (Hilly Terrain) Km 2.2.10a 32.200 5 1.61.000	2.6	Drilling Camp Setting Cost	Nos	2.2.9a	2,50,000	2	5,00,000			
29 Dell Core Preservation per m 5.3 1.590 280 4.45.200	2.7	Drilling Camp Winding up Cost	Nos	2.2.9b	2,50,000	2	5,00,000			
1,49,41,400										
3.0 Laboratory Studies Primary + Check Sample - 8 A		•	per m	5.3	1,590	200				
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S.No.	Activities	MONTHS											
	Activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Camp setting												
3	Core drilling (2 rig)												
4	Geologist days (Field)												
5	Sampling days, core sampling												
6	Camp winding												
7	Laboratory studies												
8	Geologist days (HQ)												
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