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IFD Number: 23/533/2024-NMET

IFD Date: 12/12/2024

Scheme: 3583-EXPLORATIION ACTIVITIES UNDER NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION TRUST

PAO: 036617-PAO(Mines), New Delhi

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Bill Date: 20/12/2024

Token Number: 3938

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Voucher Number: V3600

Voucher Date: 27/12/2024

Agency Details:

Sr.No	Agency Name	City	District	State	Country	Gross Amount	Deduction Amount	Net Amount	Payee Remarks
1	Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited - MECL	Nagpur	NAGPUR	MAHARASHTRA	INDIA	4,311,111	0	4,311,111	PAYMENT
Total						4311111	0	4311111	

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**Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust
Sanction Order**

F.No. 23/533/2024-NMET/592

New Delhi, 13th December, 2024

Subject: Approval of mineral exploration project and release of 1st Advance of Grant-in-Aid (General) for the project "Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Glauconite in Ambara West Block Kachchh District, Gujarat.

Agency: - MECL

On the recommendation of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET, the Executive Committee (EC) in its 38th meeting held on 29th November, 2024 has approved mineral exploration project to be executed by MECL. The details of the block are given below:

S. No.	Project/Block Name	Commodity	Stage	Duration (Months)	Approved Cost (Including GST).
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Glauconite in Ambara West Block Kachchh District, Gujarat.	Glauconite	G-4	12 Months (up to 12.12.2025)	₹1,07,77,778/-

2. The mineral exploration project will be funded by NMET as per the cost recommended by the TCC and approved by the EC. The Implementing Agency shall complete the same as per the approved cost estimates and time schedule, enclosed in **Annexure**, as summarized below: -

•	Field Mobilization	1 st month (up to 12.01.2025).
•	Exploration (Sampling, Survey, Pitting/Trenching & Drilling, Core/Camp winding)	2 nd to 9 th month (up to 12.09 .2025).
•	Laboratory Studies	3 rd month to 10 th month (up to 12.10.2025)
•	Report Writing with Peer Review and submission to NMET	10 th month to 12 th month (up to 12.12.2025)

3. The Implementing Agency shall submit progress on monthly basis to NMET Secretariat. The TCC, NMET shall review the progress of project and provide update to the Executive Committee.

4. Sanction is also hereby conveyed for release of the 1st instalment of 40% of the estimated project cost i.e ₹43,11,111/- (**₹ Forty three lakh eleven thousand one hundred eleven only**) as an advance in terms of conditions stipulated in this office letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/176 dated 16th December 2021 and letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/217 dated 19th January 2022 regarding *"Release of funds to State Government / NEAs for mineral exploration"*.

5. The expenditure will be debited to '2853' Non-Ferrous Mining and Metallurgical Industries (Major Head) 02-Regulation and Development of Mines (Sub-Major head) 102-Mineral Exploration (Minor Head) 05-National Mineral Exploration Trust Fund Activities (Sub-Head) 00-National Mineral Exploration Trust Fund Activities (Detailed-Head) 05.00. 31-Grant-in-aid (General) under Demand No. 69, Ministry of Mines during the financial year 2024-25.

6. Certified that the pattern of assistance, under which the Grants-in-Aid (General) has been sanctioned, has the prior approval of Ministry of Finance.

7. MECL is a registered agency on EAT module of PFMS. In terms of **Rule 230, 235, 236 and 238 of GFR**, MECL should maintain subsidiary accounts of the Government Grants and furnish the same to the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry. The account shall be open to inspection by the Sanctioning Authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Mines, whenever the Organization is called upon to do so.

8. The exploration agency has to furnish the utilization certificate in respect of amount disbursed as Grant-in-aid for the project on utilization of disbursed amount or after completion of one year from the date of disbursement of advance, whichever is earlier. The next installment of advance will be released after submission of utilization certificate and progress report in respect of the 1st installment.

9. The uploading of Geological Report (GR) on NGDR portal is sole responsibility of the exploration agency. The final payment will be made only after receiving the confirmation of the same. The screenshot/acknowledgement of successful uploading of GR is to be submitted to NMET with the final bill.

10. Shri Arun Kumar Chail, Section Officer in the Ministry will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. It is requested that the payment of **₹43,11,111/- (₹ Forty three lakh eleven thousand one hundred eleven only)** may kindly be made to the Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440006 through RTGS in State Bank of India, Industrial Finance Branch, Nagpur (IFSC Code – SBIN0000432, Account No. 10374783387)

11. This has concurrence of JS & FA, Mines vide Note# 11 dated 12.12.2024 (E file No.3077142).

Yours faithfully,



(Geetika Sharma)

Deputy Secretary & HoD, NMET

To

**The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Pay & Accounts Office,
Ministry of Mines, New Delhi.**

Copy for information and further necessary action:

1. The Chairman & Managing Director, Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd. (MECL), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440006.
2. I.F. Division, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Executive Committee (EC) Meeting file (F.No.6/2/2015-NMET)
4. Grant-in aid Sanction order file.

Annexure 5A							
Estimate cost for Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Glauconite in Ambara West Block Kachchh District, Gujarat [Block area- 143.15 sq. km; Schedule timeline- 12 months]							
S. No.	Item of Work	Unit	Rates as per NMET SoC 2020-21		Estimated Cost of the Proposal		Remarks
			SoC-Item -SI No.	Rates as per SoC	Qty.	Amount (Rs)	
A	GEOLOGICAL WORK (1:12,500 scale)						
i	Charges for one Geologist- Field	day	1.2	11,000	150	16,50,000	
ii	Charges for one Geologist per- HQ	day	1.2	9,000	60	5,40,000	
iii	2 labours/ party (Rs 494/day/labour) (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.7	522	300	1,56,600	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
iv	Sampling Party Days -1 Sampler Labour charge not included	day	1.5.2	5,100	40	2,04,000	
v	4 labours/ party (Rs 494/day/labour) (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.7	522	160	83,520	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates by the Central

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	Approach Road Making (Flat Terrain)	Km	2.2.10a	22,020	5	1,10,100	Road Making will be considered as per the requirement and Road Making Charges will be reimbursed for max. 4 km.
viii							
ix	Bore Hole Fixation and determination of co-ordinates & Reduced Level of the boreholes and by DGPS	Nos	1.6.2	19,200	10	1,92,000	
x	Borehole core preservation-One complete borehole plus mineralised cores of all the remaining Bhs	m	5.3	1,590	220	3,49,800	
	Sub Total- C						
D	LABORATORY STUDIES					38,12,300	
I	Chemical Analysis						
	Bedrock/Channel/Chip/Trench/BH etc Samples)						
i	a) Primary samples for K ₂ O, SiO ₂ , MgO, CaO, Na ₂ O, P ₂ O ₅ , Al ₂ O ₃ & Fe ₂ O ₃	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	300	12,60,000	300= (100 + 100) (BRS+Pit+BH)
	b) External Check sample (10% of Primary samples)	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	30	1,26,000	
	c) Trace element (34 element)	Nos	4.1.14	7,731	30	2,31,930	10% of Primary samples
ii	Preparation of thin section	Nos	4.3.1	2,353	10	23,530	
iii	Complete petrographic study report	Nos	4.3.4	4,232	10	42,320	
iv	Digital Photographs	Nos	4.3.7	280	10	2,800	
v	XRD Study	Nos	4.5.1	4,000	5	20,000	

vi	Bulk Density Determination	Nos	4.1	3,540	5	17,700	
		Sub Total- D					17,24,280
E		Total A to D					86,70,200
F	Geological Report Preparation		5.2	For the projects having cost exceeding Rs. 50 lakhs and less than Rs. 150 lakhs - A minimum of Rs. 2.5 lakhs or 3% of the value of work whichever is more		2,60,106	Reimbursement will be made after submission of the final Geological Report in Hard Copies (5 Nos) and the soft copy to NMET.
G	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision			30,000	
H	Preparation of Exploration Proposal (5 Hard copies with a soft copy)	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.1	2% of the Cost or Rs. 5.0 Lakhs whichever is lower		1,73,404	EA has to submit the Hard Copies and the soft copy of the final proposal along with Maps and Plan as suggested by the

									TCC-NMET in its meeting while clearing the proposal.
I		Total Estimated Cost without GST						91,33,710	
J		Provision for GST (18% of I)						16,44,068	GST will be reimburse as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
K		Total Estimated Cost with GST						1,07,77,778	
							or Say Rs. In Lakhs	107.78	
Note:									
1	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Paragraph 3 of NMET SoC and Item no. 6 of NMET SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing of any component/project is required.								

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Annexure 5B											
Time schedule for Reconnaissance survey (G4) in Ambara West Block for Glauconite, District: Kachchh, Gujarat [Block area- 143.25 sq. km; Schedule timeline- 12 months]											
S. No.	Particulars	Months/ Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	Review		
1	Camp Setting	months									
2	Geological Mapping	months									
3	Survey days	days									
4	Trenching/Pitting	cu.m									
5	Drilling (1 rig)	m									
6	Sampling days	days									
7	Camp winding	months									
8	Laboratory Studies	months									
9	Geologist days, HQ	days									
10	Report Writing with Peer Review	months									




Agenda 24.2.7 Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Glauconite in Ambara West Block (143.15 sq. km), Kachchh District, Gujarat.
[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The project was recommended in 1st TCC-II meeting held on 26th & 27th September 2024 and approved in the 38th EC Meeting held on 29th November 2024. The sanction order was issued on 13th December 2024 with timeline of 12 months up to 12th December 2025 with an approved cost of ₹107.78 Lakh. The project was reviewed in 12th TCC-II meeting held on 22nd, 25th, 26th & 27th August 2025 and in 13th TCC-II meeting held on 22nd, 23rd & 24th September 2025. In 13th TCC-II meeting the committee reviewed the outputs and opined that value of K₂O (average 3% for 74 BRS) was not encouraging and suggested for the complete analysis of BRS and Pit samples.
- b) MECL informed the committee that they have completed the geological mapping and collected 100 BRS samples and 91 pit samples. Ten boreholes were drilled with total meterage of 273 m and collected 214 samples.
- c) MECL informed that the K₂O values in pit sample ranges from 3.02% To 6.19%. In chemical analysis report of boreholes MKAW-01, MKAW-03 and MKAW-05 the average value of K₂O is greater than 3%. The agency informed that they have generated 214 borehole samples to specify the ore zones against the earlier approved 100 BH samples. So, the agency requested approval of additional 114 nos. of BH samples for analysis & inclusion of modal analysis for 10 samples and targeting the grey shale bands along with glauconite sandstone.
- d) The TCC-II evaluated the proposed revised cost of the project and agreed for recommending the proposed additional quantum of work for approval of PSC.

Recommendation TCC-II

The committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “revised cost ₹ 117.69 Lakh against the approved cost of ₹ 107.78 Lakh due to additional analysis of 114 nos. of BH samples & inclusion of modal analysis for 10 samples”. (Annexure 5)




Annexure-5									
Revised Estimated Cost for Reconnaissance survey (G4) in Ambara West Block for Glauconite District: Kachchh, Gujarat [Block area- 143.15 sq. km], Drilling :300m, Schedule timeline- 12months, Review after 6 months; Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited									
S. No.	Item of Work	Unit	Rates as per NMET SoC 2020-21		Approved Cost of the Proposal (As per OM)		Revised Estimated Cost of the Proposal as per SoC 20-21		Remarks
			SoC-Item No.	Rates as per SoC	Qty.	Amount (Rs)	Qty.	Amount (Rs)	
A	GEOLOGICAL WORK (1:12,500 scale)								
i	Charges for one Geologist- Field	day	1.2	11,000	150	16,50,000	150	16,50,000	
ii	Charges for one Geologist per- HQ	day	1.2	9,000	60	5,40,000	60	5,40,000	
iii	2 labours/ party (Rs 494/day/labour) (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.7	522	300	1,56,600	300	1,56,600	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
iv	Sampling Party Days -1 Sampler Labour charge not included	day	1.5.2	5,100	40	2,04,000	63	3,21,300	For increase of samples
v	4 labours/ party (Rs 494/day/labour) (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.7	522	160	83,520	252	1,31,544	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
			Sub Total- A			26,34,120		27,99,444	
B	PITTING AND TRENCHING								
i	Trenching/Pitting	Cu m	2.1.1	3330	150	4,99,500	150	4,99,500	
			Sub Total- B			4,99,500		4,99,500	
C	DRILLING								
i	Drilling upto 300m (Soft Rock) (1 rigs)	m	2.2.1.4a	7,168	300	21,50,400	273	19,56,864	10BH, MoC rate
ii	Land / Crop Compensation	per BH	5.6	20,000	10	2,00,000	10	2,00,000	Amount will be reimbursed as per actuals or max. Rs. 20000 per BH with certification from local authorities
iii	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	per borehole	2.2.7a	2,000	10	20,000	10	20,000	




iv	Transportation of Drill Rig & Truck associated per drill	Km	2.2.8	36	2,500	90,000	2,500	90,000	Certification in this regard is required to be provided
v	Monthly Accommodation Charges for drilling Camp	month	2.2.9	50,000	4	2,00,000	4	2,00,000	
vi	Drilling Camp Setting Cost	Nos	2.2.9a	2,50,000	1	2,50,000	1	2,50,000	
vii	Drilling Camp Winding up Cost	Nos	2.2.9b	2,50,000	1	2,50,000	1	2,50,000	
viii	Approach Road Making (Flat Terrain)	Km	2.2.10a	22,020	5	1,10,100	4	88,080	Road Making will be considered as per the requirement and Road Making Charges will be reimbursed for max. 4 km.
ix	Bore Hole Fixation and determination of co-ordinates & Reduced Level of the boreholes and by DGPS	Nos	1.6.2	19,200	10	1,92,000	10	1,92,000	
x	Borehole core preservation-One complete borehole plus mineralised cores of all the remaining Bhs	m	5.3	1,590	220	3,49,800	220	3,49,800	
			Sub Total- C			38,12,300		35,96,744	
D	LABORATORY STUDIES								
I	Chemical Analysis								
	Bedrock/Channel/Chip/Trench/BH etc Samples)								
i	a) Primary samples for K₂O, SiO₂, MgO, CaO, Na₂O, P₂O₅, Al₂O₃ & Fe₂O₃	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	300	12,60,000	414	17,38,800	114 nos of additional samples(As K2O values are reported it has been decided to analyse the drillcore runs with having Glauconite content.
	b) External Check sample (10% of Primary samples)	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	30	1,26,000	41	1,73,880	11 nos of additional samples
	c) Trace element (34 element)	Nos	4.1.14	7,731	30	2,31,930	30	2,31,930	
ii	Preparation of thin section	Nos	4.3.1	2,353	10	23,530	20	47,060	10 nos of additional samples for the Modal Analysis
iii	Complete petrographic study report	Nos	4.3.4	4,232	10	42,320	20	84,640	10 nos of additional samples for the Modal Analysis
iv	Digital Photographs of thin polished section	Nos	4.3.7	280	10	2,800	20	5,600	10 nos of additional samples for the Modal Analysis
v	XRDS Study	Nos	4.5.1	4,000	5	20,000	15	60,000	10 nos of additional samples




vi	Modal Analysis of thin section	Nos	4.3.8	3,780	-	-	10	37,800	10 nos of samples for the Modal Analysis of thin section samples glauconitic horizons.
vii	Bulk Density Determination	Nos	4.1	3,540	5	17,700	5	17,700	
	Sub Total- D					17,24,280		23,97,410	
E	Total A to D					86,70,200		92,93,098	
F	Geological Report Preparation		5.2		For the projects having cost exceeding Rs. 50 lakhs and less than Rs. 150 lakhs - A minimum of Rs. 2.5 lakhs or 5% of the value of work whichever is more	2,60,106		4,64,655	Reimbursement will be made after submission of the final Geological Report in hard Copies (5 Nos) and the soft copy to NMET.
G	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision			30,000		30,000	
H	Preparation of Exploration Proposal (5 Hard copies with a soft copy)	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.1		2% of the Cost or Rs. 5.0 Lakhs whichever is lower	1,73,404		1,85,862	
I	Total Estimated Cost without GST					91,33,710		99,73,615	
J	Provision for GST (18% of I)					16,44,068		17,95,251	GST will be reimbursed as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
K	Total Estimated Cost with GST					1,07,77,778		1,17,68,866	
					or Say Rs. In Lakhs	107.78		117.69	
Note:									
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.								
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement.								
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Paragraph 3 of NMET SoC and Item no. 6 of NMET SoC. In								
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.								
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC.								
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency.								