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IFD Number: 23/420/2024-NMET

Scheme: 3583-EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES UNDER NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION TRUST

DDO: 236618-UNDER SECRETARY,DEPTT.OF MINES,ROOM NO.312,SHASTRI BHAVAN,NEW DELHI.TEL.386467.

Sanction Status: Approved

Sanction Date: 27/02/2024

Sanction Amount: 10011306

IFD Date: 26/02/2024

PAO: 036617-PAO(Mines), New Delhi

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Agency Details:

Sr.No	Agency Name	City	District	State	Country	Gross Amount	Deduction Amount	Net Amount	Payee Remarks
1	Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited	Nagpur	NAGPUR	MAHARASHTRA	INDIA	10,011,306	0	10,011,306	Payment of 1st Advance
Total						10011306	0	10011306	

Sanction Approved Successfully.

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

Sanction Order

F.No.23/420/2024-NMET/ **525**

New Delhi, 27th February, 2024

Subject: Approval of mineral exploration project and release of 1st Advance of Grant-in-Aid (General) Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of Kolar Schist Belt, District- Krisnagiri, Tamil Nadu.

On the recommendation of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET, the Executive Committee (EC) in its 33rd EC meeting held on 19th February 2024 has approved mineral exploration project to be executed by MECL. The details of the block are given below: 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 Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of Kolar Schist Belt, District- Krisnagiri, Tamil Nadu	Gold	G4	12 (up to 26.02.2025)	₹ 2,50,28,266

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** : 1st month (up to 26.03.2024).
- **Exploration** : 1st to 10th month (up to 26.12.2024).
 - i. Geological Mapping & Sampling : 1st to 6th month (up to 26.08.2024)
 - ii. Geophysical survey : 3rd to 5th month (up to 26.07.2024)
 - iii. Pitting/Trenching & Drilling : 5th month to 10th month (up to 26.12.2024)
- **Laboratory Studies** : 2nd month to 11th month (up to 26.01.2025)
- **Report Writing with Peer Review and submission to NMET** : 9th month to 12th month (up to 26.02.2025)

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 installment of 40% of the approved procurement project cost i.e ₹1,00,11,306/- (**₹One crore eleven thousand three hundred and six only**) as an advance in terms of conditions stipulated in this office letter no. 6/9/2015-NMET/340 dated 09th February, 2023 regarding "Release of funds to State Government for Procurement of Machinery and equipment 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 2023-24.

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. 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 **₹1,00,11,306/- (₹One crore eleven thousand three hundred and six 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)

10. This has concurrence of JS &FA, Mines vide Note#10 dated 26.02.2024 (E file No. 3074864).

Yours faithfully,


(Vivek Kumar Sharma)
Director & HoD, NMET

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. Dr. S. Ravi, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-NMET, Geological Survey of India, SU: Karnataka & Goa, Bangalore-560078.
3. I.F. Division, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Executive Committee (EC) Meeting file (F.No.6/2/2015-NMET)
5. Grant-in aid Sanction order file.

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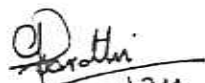
Annexure 2A							
Cost Estimates for Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Gold in Bargur block, Kolar schist Belt, District: Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. [Block area- 157.50 sq. km; Nos. of Borehole- 5; Borehole depth range- upto100m; Schedule timeline- 12 months, Review: after 6 months]							
S. No.	Item of Work	Unit	Rates as per NMETSOC 2020-21		Estimated Cost of the Proposal		Remarks
			SoC-Item -SI No.	Rates as per SoC	Qty.	Total Amount (Rs)	
A	Geological Mapping Other Geological Work & Surveying						
	Geological mapping, (1:12,500 scale) & Trenching , drilling work	157.50 sq.km					
i	a. Charges for Geologist per day (Field) for geological mapping & trenching work, drilling work	day	1.2	11,000	180	19,80,000	
ii	b. Labours Charges; Base rate	day	5.7	504	360	1,81,440	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates for unskilled labor by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher

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	c. Charges for Geologist per day (HQ)	day	1.3	9,000	50	4,50,000	
	d. Charges for one Sampler per day (1 Party)	one sampler per day	1.5.2	5,100	125	6,37,500	
	e. Labours (4 Nos)	day	5.7	504	500	2,52,000	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
	Sub Total- A					35,00,940	
B	Ground Geophysical Survey						
1	IP. Induced Polarization (I.P) cum Resistivity S.P and Magnetic (30 Lkm)	8-10 Line Km	3.4b	14,48,693	3	43,46,079	(8 -10 line Km=14,48,693/-) (30LKmcummulative)
3	Geophysicist party days (Field)	per day	3.18	11,000	-	-	
4	c. Labours Charges	Day	5.7	504	-	0	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates for unskilled labor by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
5	Geophysicist party	per day	3.18	9,000	15	1,35,000	




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	days (HQ)						
	Sub Total- B					44,81,079	
C	Survey work						
a	DGPS Survey for BH fixation & RL determination	Per Point of observation	1.6.2	19,200	5	96000	5 Bhs
b	Charges of Surveyor (1 party) for Geophysical survey layout work & Block boundary demarcation	one surveyor per day	1.6.1a	8,300	-	0	
c	Labours Charges for survey work;	day	5.7	504	-	0	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates for unskilled labor by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
	Sub-Total C					96,000	
D	Trenching/Pitting						
	a) Excavation of Trenches	per cu.m	2.1.1.	3,330	200	666000	
E	DRILLING (after review)						
1	Drilling up to 300m (Hard Rock)	M	2.2.1.4a	11,500	500	57,50,000	

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2	Borehole deviation Survey by Multishot Camera	M	2.2.6	330	500	1,65,000	
3	Land / Crop Compansation (in case the BH falls in agricultural Land)	per BH	5.6	20,000	5	1,00,000	Amount will be reimburse as per actuals or max. Rs. 20000 per BH with certification from local authorities
4	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	per borehole	2.2.7a	2,000	5	10,000	
5	Transportation of Drill Rig & Truck associated per drill (2 rigs)	Km	2.2.8	36	2,400	86,400	1200 km to & fro from Nagpur/ Rig
6	Monthly Accomodation Charges for drilling Camp (up to 2 Rigs)	month	2.2.9	50,000	3	1,50,000	
7	Drilling Camp Setting Cost	Nos	2.2.9a	2,50,000	1	2,50,000	
8	Drilling Camp Winding up Cost	Nos	2.2.9b	2,50,000	1	2,50,000	
9	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. 5 km.




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10	Drill Core Preservation	per m	5.3	1,590	160	2,54,400	1 bh100m+15mMZx4bhs
	Sub Total E					71,25,900	
F	Borehole Geophysical Logging	5 Bhs of 350m each	3.12	622.25	500	3,11,125	Base Rate Rs.10, 88, 941/1750=622.25per m
G	LABORATORY STUDIES						
1	Chemical Analysis						
i)	Geochemical Sampling-Surface samples (Bedrock/Channel /Soil/Stream sediment)						
	a. Au by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	200	4,76,000	
	b. For Ag, Ni, Co, Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn, V, Ti by AAS Method	Nos	4.1.7a&4.1.7b	3,846	200	7,69,200	Rs.2506 for 5 radicals &Rs 335 for each subsequent radical
	c. For PGE by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5d	11,800	10	1,18,000	
ii)	Surface Check samples (10% External)						
	a. Au by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	20	47,600	
	b. For Ag, Ni, Co, Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn, V, Ti by AAS Method	Nos	4.1.7a&4.1.7b	3,846	20	76,920	
	c. For PGE	Nos	4.1.5d	11,800	1	11,800	

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iii)	Trench & Check Samples from Trench						
	Trench samples						
	a. Au by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	150	3,57,000	
	b. For Ag, Ni, Co, Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn, V, Ti by AAS Method	Nos	4.1.7a&4.1.7b	3,846	150	5,76,900	Rs.2506 for 5 radicals &Rs 335 for each subsequent radical
	c. For PGE	Nos	4.1.5d	11,800	-	-	
iv)	Trench Check samples (10% External)						
	a. Au by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	15	35,700	
	b. For Ag, Ni, Co, Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn, V, Ti by AAS Method	Nos	4.1.7a&4.1.7b	3,846	15	57,690	
	c. For PGE	Nos	4.1.5d	11,800	-	-	
v)	BH Core samples						
	a. Au by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	100	2,38,000	
	b. For Ag, Ni, Co, Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn, V, Ti by ICPMS-34 elements	Nos	4.1.14	7,731	100	7,73,100	
	c. For PGE	Nos	4.1.5d	11,800		-	




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vi)	BH Core samples (10%External)						
	a. Au by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	10	23,800	
	b. For Ag, Ni, Co, Cr, Cu, Pb, Zn, V, Ti by AAS Method	Nos	4.1.7a&4.1.7b	3,846	10	38,460	
	c. For PGE	Nos	4.1.5d	11,800	-	-	
2	<u>Physical & Petrological Studies</u>						
i	Preparation of thin section	Nos	4.3.1	2,353	10	23,530	
ii	Study of thin section	Nos	4.3.4	4,232	10	42,320	
iii	Preparation of polish section	Nos	4.3.2	1,549	10	15,490	
iv	study of polished section	Nos	4.3.4	4,232	10	42,320	
v	Digital Photographs	Nos	4.3.7	280	10	2,800	
vi	Whole Rock Analysis	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	10	42,000	
vii	Sp. Gravity	Nos	4.8.1	1,605	5	8,025	
	SEM Studies	per hour	4.4.2	2,940	10	29,400	
viii	EPMA studies	per hour	4.4.1			42,700	

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				8,540	5		
						38,48,755	
H	Total A to H					2,00,29,799	
I	Geological Report Preparation	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.2	Exploration cost exceeding 150 lakh but less than 300 lakh: A Minimum of ₹7.5 lakh or 3% of the work whichever is more		7,50,000	Reimbursement will be made after submission of the final Geological Report in Hard Copies (5 Nos) and the soft copy to NMET.
J	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision			30,000	
K	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 less		4,00,596	EA will be reimbursed after submission of the Hard Copies and the soft copy of the final proposal along with Maps and Plan as suggested by the TCC-NMET in its meeting while clearing the proposal.
L	Total Estimated Cost without GST					2,12,10,395	
M	Provision for GST (18% of J)					38,17,871	GST will be reimburse as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
N	Total Estimated Cost with GST					2,50,28,266	

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				or Say Rs. In Lakhs	250.28	
Note:						
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.					
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement.					
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Paragraph 3 of NMETSoC and Item no. 6 of NMETSoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing of any component/project is required.					
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.					


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Time Schedule/ Action plain for Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Gold in Bargur block, Kolar schist Belt, District: Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu.															
S. No.			1	2	3	4	5	6	Review for Scout Drilling	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Camp Setting	Months/Days													
2	Geological Mapping & Sampling	days													
3	Geophysical survey	L.km													
4	Geophysicist (HQ) for data interpretation & Report	Days													
5	Pitting/Trenching	cu.m													
6	Surface Drilling (1 rigs)	m													
7	Survey work	days													
8	Geologist (Field)	days													
9	Sampling work	days													
10	Camp Winding	months													
11	Laboratory Studies	Nos.													
12	Report Writing with Peer Review	months													

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Note # 1

Subject: Approval of mineral exploration project and release of 1st Advance of Grant-in-Aid (General) "Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of Kolar Schist Belt, District- Krisnagiri, Tamil Nadu."

On the recommendation of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET, the Executive Committee (EC) in its 33rd EC meeting (**Pg. no 118/c**) held on 19th February, 2024 approved mineral exploration project Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of Kolar Schist Belt, District- Krisnagiri, Tamil Nadu." (**Sl. no 1 at Pg 134/c**) to be executed by MECL at an estimated cost of **₹2,50,28,266/- (including GST). (Pg. no 110/c)**

2. As per the office letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/176 dated 16th December 2021 (**Pg. no 112/c**) regarding "Release of funds to State Government / NEAs for mineral exploration" the 1st instalment of 40% of the approved project cost i.e. **₹1,00,11,306/- (₹One crore eleven thousand three hundred and six only)** is to be released.

3. The budget status under the head Grant-in-aid (General) for 2023-24 for making payment of first advance **₹1,00,11,306/- (₹One crore eleven thousand three hundred and six only** in favour of MECL is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Budget allotted for 2023-24	Revised Budget 2023-24	Sanction concurred till date	Expenditure in process for IFD sanction	Amount in instant proposal	Balance budget after the instant proposal	Available budget (%)
200.00	191.50	137.15	18.11	1.00	35.24	18.40%

The above-mentioned advance amount of ₹ 1.00 crore was not paid earlier to MECL in respect of "Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of Kolar Schist Belt, District- Krisnagiri, Tamil Nadu."

4. In view of above, file may be forwarded, through AS (Mines), to JS&FA for financial concurrence of **₹1,00,11,306/- (₹One crore eleven thousand three hundred and six only)** for making advance payment of 1st installment of 40% of the approved project cost to MECL.

5. **DFA3034825** sanction order is also placed for approval please.

Submitted please.

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Jayant Gupta
ASSISTANT COST ACCOUNTS OFFICER

Note # 2

Please refer Note#1

Submitted for kind approval of Additional Secretary (Mines) before sending to IFD for financial concurrence of JS&FA please.(DFA/3034825)

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Note # 4

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SECTION OFFICER

Note # 7

Integrated Finance Division

Reference Note#1 above.

2. The Administration Division i.e NMET Section has sent a proposal seeking financial concurrence of **₹1,00,11,306/- (₹One crore eleven thousand three hundred and six only)** towards release of 1st advance payment (i.e.40% of total estimated cost) to MECL in respect of the Project Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of Kolar Schist Belt, District- Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu" (Sl. no 1 at Pg 134/c). The Proposal has the approval of AS(SL).

3. NMET Section has informed that the above mentioned Project has been approved (Pg. no 134/c at Sr.1 of Agenda 33.14) by Executive Committee in its 33rd EC meeting held on 19th February, 2024, after getting recommendations from 61st Technical-cum-cost-committee(TCC) of NMET. The project was approved at a total estimated cost of **₹2,50,28,266/- (including GST). (Pg. no 110/c)** .

4. The Administrative Division has further submitted the letter dated 16.12.2021 issued by the Ministry regarding the manner of release of fund to State Governments/NEAs for Mineral Exploration. According to Para3 Sr.(iii) of the said letter, 40% of total cost of the project approved by NMET along with sanction order is to be released in 1st installment.

5. The aforesaid expenditure is to be booked under the head **Grant-in-aid(General) of NMET** during the FY 2023-24. The budget provision for the said head is Rs.191.50 crores in RE 2023-24. NMET section has also submitted that the amount in the instant proposal i.e. Rs.1,00,11,306/- has not been paid earlier to MECL in respect of the project mentioned above.

6. In view of the foregoing, as the project has been approved by EC after getting recommendations from TCC of NMET and keeping in view the Ministry's letter dated 16.12.2021, IFD may concur the instant proposal. Submitted for consideration/concurrence of JS&FA(Mines).

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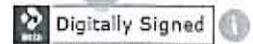
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Note # 9

Proposal in Note #7 may kindly be approved.

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