

Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust

F.No.23/405/2023-NMET/ 375

New Delhi, 12th December, 2023

Subject: Approval of mineral exploration project and release of 1st Advance of Grant-in-Aid (General) for "Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Bhatura Block (1.5 sq.km.), Satna district, Madhya Pradesh."

On the recommendation of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET, the Executive Committee (EC) in its 32nd EC meeting held on 06th December, 2023 approved mineral exploration project to be executed by The Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Ltd (MPSMC Ltd). The details of the block are given below:

| S. No. | Project/Block Name | Commodity | Stage | Duration (Months) | Approved Cost (Including GST). |
|--------|--|-----------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Bhatura Block (1.5 sq.km.), Satna district, Madhya Pradesh. | Limestone | G3 | 08 | ₹62,70,842/- |

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**.

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. **₹ 25,08,337/- (₹Twenty five lakh eight thousand three hundred and thirty seven 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 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. MPSMC Ltd is a registered agency on EAT module of PFMS. In terms of **Rule 230, 235, 236 and 238 of GFR**, MPSMC Ltd, 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 instalment of advance will be released after submission of utilization certificate and progress report in respect of the 1st instalment.

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 hereby conveyed for release of the 1st instalment of 40% of the estimated project cost i.e. ₹ 25,08,337/- (**₹Twenty five lakh eight thousand three hundred and thirty seven only**) may kindly be made to The M.P. State Mining Corporation Ltd, Block no. 1 (A), Second Floor, Paryawas Bhavan, Bhopal-462011 through RTGS in Indian Bank, M.P Housing Board Branch, Bhopal (IFSC Code – IDIB000M502, Account No. 50086305319)

10. This has concurrence of JS &FA, Mines vide Note#10 dated 11/12/2023 (E file No. 3073953).

Yours faithfully,


(Vivek Kumar Sharma)
Director & HoD, NMET

Copy for information and further necessary action:

1. The Chairman & Managing Director, The Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Ltd (MPSMC Ltd) Block no. 1 (A), Second Floor, Paryawas Bhavan, Bhopal - 462011 .
2. Dr. S Ravi, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-NMET, GSI SU: Karnataka & Goa, Bengaluru-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.