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Scheme: 3583-EXPLORATIION 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: 6096281

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	6,096,281	0	6,096,281	Payment of 1st Advance
Total						6096281	0	6096281	

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

F.No.23/421/2024-NMET/ 526

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 QPC Hosted Gold mineralization and Copper in Kalasapura Block (119.00 sq km), District: Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka.

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 QPC Hosted Gold Mineralization and Copper in Kalasapura Block (119.00 sq km), District: Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka	Gold & Copper	G4	12 (up to 26.02.2025)	₹ 1,52,40,702

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 : 2nd to 6th month (up to 26.08.2024)
 - ii. Geophysical survey : 1st to 10th month (up to 26.12.2024)
 - iii. Pitting/Trenching & Drilling : 6th month to 9th month (up to 26.11.2024)
- **Laboratory Studies** : 3rd 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 ₹60,96,281/- (**₹Sixty lakh ninety six thousand two hundred and eighty one 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.

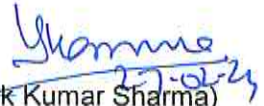
7. MECL is a registered agency on EAT module of PFMS. In terms of **Rule 230, 235, 236 and 238 of GFR**, MECL should maintain subsidiary accounts of the Government Grants and furnish the same to the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry. The account shall be open to inspection by the Sanctioning 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 ₹60,96,281/- (**₹Sixty lakh ninety six thousand two hundred and eighty one 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, Current Account No. 10374783387)

10. This has concurrence of JS &FA, Mines vide Note# 10 dated 26.02.2024 (E file No. 3074867).

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.

Annexure 3A							
Cost Estimates for Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for QPC hosted Gold Mineralisation & Copper in Kalasapura block, District: Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka. [Block area- 129.00 sq. km; Nos. of Borehole- 6; Borehole depth range- upto50m; Schedule timeline- 12 months, Review: after 6 month]							
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	129 sq.km					
i	a. Charges for Geologist per day (Field) for geological mapping & trenching work, drilling work	day	1.2	11,000	150	16,50,000	
ii	b. Labours Charges; Base rate	day	5.7	504	300	1,51,200	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	637500	
	e. Labours (4 Nos)	day	5.7	504	500	252000	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
	Sub Total- A					31,40,700	
B	Survey work						
a	DGPS Survey for BH fixation & RL determination	Per Point of observation	1.6.2	19,200	6	115200	
b	Charges of Surveyor (1 party) for Borehole fixation	one surveyor per day	1.6.1a	8,300	5	41500	
c	Labours Charges for survey work;	day	5.7	504	20	10080	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates for unskilled labor by the Central Labour Commissioner or

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							respective State Govt. whichever is higher
	Sub-Total B					1,66,780	
C	Trenching/Pitting						
	a) Excavation of Trenches	per cu.m	2.1.1.	3,330	200	666000	
D	DRILLING						
1	Drilling up to 300m (Hard Rock)	m	2.2.1.4a	11,500	300	34,50,000	
2	Borehole deviation Survey by Multishot Camera	m	2.2.6	330	-	-	
3	Land / Crop Compansation (in case the BH falls in agricultural Land)	per BH	5.6	20,000	6	1,20,000	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	6	12,000	
5	Transportation of Drill Rig & Truck associated per drill (2 rigs)	Km	2.2.8	36	2,600	93,600	2600 km to & fro from Nagpur/ Rig

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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.
10	Drill Core Preservation	per m	5.3	1,590	150	2,38,500	
	Sub Total D					46,74,200	
E	Borehole Geophysical Logging	5 Bhs of 350m each	3.12	622.25	300	1,86,675	Base Rate Rs.10, 88, 941/1750=622.25p er m
F	LABORATORY STUDIES						
1	Chemical Analysis						
i)	Geochemical Sampling-Surface samples (Bedrock /Soil/Stream sediment)						
	a. Au by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	150	3,57,000	
	b. for Cu, Pb, Zn, Ni, Co, Te, Mo and Se	Nos	4.1.7a& b	3,511	150	5,26,650	

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	(AAS Method)						
ii)	Surface Check samples (10% External)						
	b) For Au (Gold) by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	15	35,700	
	a. for Cu, Pb, Zn, Ni, Co, Te, Mo and Se(AAS Method)	Nos	4.1.7a& b	3,511	15	52,665	
iii)	Trench & Check Samples from Trench						
	Trench samples						
	a) For Au (Gold) by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	150	3,57,000	
	b). for Cu, Pb, Zn, Ni, Co, Te, Mo and Se(AAS Method)	Nos	4.1.7a& b	3,511	150	5,26,650	
iv)	Trench Check samples (10% External)						
	a) For Au (Gold) by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	15	35,700	
	b). for Cu, Pb, Zn, Ni, Co, Te, Mo and Se(AAS Method)	Nos	4.1.7a& b	3,511	15	52,665	
v)	BH Core samples						
	a) For Au	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	150	3,57,000	(sample

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	(Gold) by Fire Assay						size:0.50m)
	b). for Cu, Pb, Zn, Ni, Co, Te, Mo and Se(AAS Method)	Nos	4.1.7a& b	3,511	150	5,26,650	
	c) 34 Elements by ICPMS	Nos	4.1.14	7,731	15	1,15,965	
vi)	BH Core samples (10%External)						
	a) For Au (Gold) by Fire Assay	Nos	4.1.5a	2,380	15	35,700	
	b). for Cu, Pb, Zn, Ni, Co, Te, Mo and Se(AAS Method)	Nos	4.1.7a& b	3,511	15	52,665	
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	

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	Sub Total F					32,08,495	
G	Total A to F					1,20,42,850	
I	Geological Report Preparation	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.2	Exploration cost exceeding 50 lakh but less than 150 lakh: A Minimum of ₹ 2.5 lakh or 5% of the work whichever is more		6,02,143	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 Lakhs whichever is less		2,40,857	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					1,29,15,850	

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M	Provision for GST (18% of J)				23,24,853	GST will be reimburse as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
N	Total Estimated Cost with GST				1,52,40,702	
				or Say Rs. In Lakhs	152.41	
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 excusion of the project by NEA on its own, a Certifiante 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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Annexure3B															
Time Schedule/ Action Plain for Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for QPC hosted Gold Mineralisation & Copper in Kalasapura block, District: Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka.															
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	Pitting/Trenching	cu.m													
4	Scout Drilling (1 rig)	m													
5	Survey work	days													
6	Geologist (Field)	days													
7	Sampling work	days													
8	Camp Winding	months													
9	Laboratory Studies	Nos.													
10	Report Writing with Peer Review	months													

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2. As per the office letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/176 dated 16th December 2021 (**Pg no 116/c**) regarding "Release of funds to State Government / NEAs for mineral exploration" the 1st instalment of 40% of the approved project cost i.e. **₹60,96,281/- (₹Sixty lakh ninety six thousand two hundred and eighty one only)** is to be released.

(₹ in crore)

Budget allotted for 2023-24	Revised Budget 2023-24	Sanctioned till date	Expenditure in process for IFD sanction	Amount in instant proposal	Balance budget after the instant proposal	Available budget (%)
200.00	191.50	138.34	17.92	0.61	34.63	18.08%

The above-mentioned advance amount of ₹ 0.61 lakh was not paid earlier to MECL in respect of "Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for QPC Hosted Gold Mineralization and Copper in Kalasapura Block (119.00 sq km), District: Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka "

4. In view of above, file may be forwarded, through AS (Mines), to JS&FA for financial concurrence **₹60,96,281/- (₹Sixty lakh ninety six thousand two hundred and eighty one only)** for making advance payment of 1st installment of 40% of the approved project cost to MECL.

5. **DFA/3034827** 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/3034827)

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अपर सचिव|**ADDITIONAL SECRETARY**

Note # 4

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Submitted to IFD for financial concurrence of JS&FA please.(DFA/3034827)

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A.R.SENGUPTA
DIRECTOR

Note # 6

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RAJIV KUMAR
SECTION OFFICERNote # 7

Integrated Finance Division

Ref: Note # 1

NMET Section has sent a proposal with approval of AS seeking financial concurrence of IFD for **₹60,96,281/- (₹Sixty lakh ninety six thousand two hundred and eighty one only)** for making advance payment of 1st installment of 40% of the approved project cost to MECL in connection with **project "Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for QPC Hosted Gold mineralization and Copper in Kalasapura Block (119.00 sq km), District: Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka.**

2. They have informed that On the recommendation of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET, the Executive Committee (EC) in its 33rd EC meeting (**Pg.no 122/c**) held on 19th February, 2024 approved mineral exploration project Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for QPC Hosted Gold mineralization and Copper in Kalasapura Block (119.00 sq km), District: Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka." (**Sl. no 2 at Pg 138/c**) to be executed by MECL at an estimated cost of **₹1,52,40,702/- (including GST). (Pg. no 114/c)** The proposed expenditure will be met from head Grant-in-aid (General) for 2023-24 of NMET.

3. Since the project has ben approved by EC and AS has approved the proposed release as per NMET guidelines , IFD may consider to concur the proposal of NMET Section for **₹60,96,281/- (₹Sixty lakh ninety six thousand two hundred and eighty one only)** for making advance payment of 1st installment of 40% of the approved project cost to MECL in connection with **project "Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for QPC Hosted Gold**

mineralization and Copper in Kalasapura Block (119.00 sq km), District: Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka."

Submitted for kind consideration/concurrence please

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**RAJIV KUMAR
SECTION OFFICER**

Note # 9

Proposal in Note #7 may kindly be approved.

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**A.R.SENGUPTA
DIRECTOR**

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JS(FA)**

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ASSISTANT COST ACCOUNTS OFFICER
