REPLY TO PRE BID QUERIES

OF

Sakariya Ka Khera Block, Tehsil & District Bhilwara

Tender No.: MSTC/JPR/Directorate of Mines and Geology Rajasthan, Udaipur/186/Udaipur/24-25/21576 [452104]

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1	TENDER 9. Reserve Price, i. mineral despatched in a month Is mineral dispatched in a month depends on Resources mentioned in Annexure 1 page no. 1 of PART-IV-A GEOLOGICAL REPORT ON COMPOSITE LICENSE. Mineral dispatched in a month depends on the alluvial placer resources identified after initial technical due diligence by bidder. Quantity of Alluvial placer deposit resources as per G2 level needs to be considered to arrive estimate value of mineral resources. Total estimated quantity of mineral resources = 12.53 million tonnes (alluvial placer + Rock hosted Garnet) as per G4 studies. Majority of the total estimated resource quantity is estimated to be Rock hosted Garnet which is generally not feasible to mine.	Mining lease (ML 02/1993) which is adjacent to the proposed CL block is producing rock hosted garnet.
2	TENDER (Annexure 2) ML 02/1993 page 30 & 31 of 55 are missing in tender document. (ref page 234 of Tender Document) Kindly provide the missing pages in Annexure 2 Page number 30 and 31 of Annexure-2 is missing.	These pages are of mine plan, one may obtain the same from IBM.
3	TENDER (Annexure 1) Page no. 6 of PART-IV-A GEOLOGICAL REPORT ON COMPOSITE LICENSE: Recovery factor of the mineral Garnet from ROM is 20% as per approved PL09/2012 report chapter no 15.5. Basis of this recovery factor need to be clariid. As there are two recovery factors mentioned in Annexure-1.	Recovery factor is as per PL report and approve mine plan.
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4	TENDER	Please refer to Section 5 of the MMDR, Act.
	5(b)The Bidder must meet the terms and conditions	
	regarding eligibility as stipulated in Schedule I of the	
	Auction Rules for e-auction of Concession Area for grant	
	of composite license	
	whether consortium is allowed to participate in the	
	tender.	
	The Bidder may be a proprietorship or Registered	
	Partnership Firm or a body corporate incorporated and	
	registered under the Companies Act, 1956/	
	2013.Consortium of maximum two members shall be	
	permitted.	
	Participation of consortium would consolidate technical	
	and financial capability; it will help in wide participation	
	and hence the bidding can be more competitive.	
5	TENDER	Please refer to Rule 19 (4) of Mineral Auction Rule.
	10.4(b)(i) fails to complete prospecting operations in	
	accordance with sub-section (9) of section 11 of the Act	
	or fails to establish the existence of mineral contents in	
	accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral	
	Contents) Rules, 2015, the holder shall not be eligible to	
	receive a mining lease and the Composite Licence shall	
	be terminated	
	In case if the study reveals that mining of minerals is not	
	feasibile whether Bid security will be returned.	
	Bid security shall be returned if the bidder provides a	
	report that mining of mineral is technically not feasible	
	and financial not viable to the satisfaction of the State	
	Government.	
	Presence of Alluvial Garnet deposit and rock hosted	
	garnet deposit.	
6	Tender Document	Garnet defined in Part B is associated with Beach Sand Mineral (BSM).
0	3.1(iii)	Please refer to Notification dated 08-10-2023 annexed with tender document.
	As Garnet is notified in part B of the first schedule, So	
	prospecting will be governed under the Atomic Mineral	
	concession rule 2016 ?	
	As prospecting/mining rules are different for minerals in	
	part B of the first schedules.	
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7	Tender Document If any atomic minerals above the threshold values are found at time of prospecting, and the rights will be transferred to govt then, will the successful bider get the performace gurantee back along with the cost of exploration done till that time. If any atomic minerals above the threshold values are found at time of prospecting, and the rights will be transferred to govt then, will the successful bider get the performace gurantee back along with the cost of exploration done till that time. As any atomic minerals prospecting and mining rights are vested with centeral govt. And as threshhold values are 0.00% as per the schedule A of the Atomic Minerals concession Rules 2016 which includes Garnet.	Please refer to Rule 7 of AMCR, 2016
8	 Geological Report 1(i) 1. Regarding calculation of minerals resource, base is takes from PL 09/2012 where the exploration was done for 3.3 m from the surface for 5.1 hectare of area, 2. Other inference is taken from ML 02/1993 which is 5 kms south from the notified area, and 22 m depth from the surface is considered for reserve calculation. So this calculation is overlapping for 3.3 M for reserve calculation. 	While calculating the resources of rock hosted garnet, the top soil had been excluded.
	As 3.3 m depth is already considered for reserve calculation from the PL 09/2012 data so in ariving the calculation for total reserve should be corrected as bidder have to bear the burden for additional bank gurantee for the overlaping of the reserve.	
9	Tender Document 17.5 Charagha Land is 48 .10 hectors, as per the clause mining is to be permited as per the governemt rules , in case where the aproval is not provided by the village	Exploration in the block shall be carried out as per MEMC Rules, 2015.
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	council or Gram sabha to do mining in the said area, can the sucessful bidder can surrender this part of land while exploration or while applying for mining lease agreement OR BOTH. As operating in Charagha land there are several rulings from Hounerable Supreme court as well. And in past it is seen that it is very difficult and time consuming to relocate the desired land to the same village and to get consensus amoung the villagers.	
10	Pg No - 142/300 Mineralogical analysis done by IBM; Ajmer has only provided Garnet content. Requesting to provide detail mineralogical analysis (What are the other minerals and its content)	The CL holder may analyse the data as deemed fit. All the data available have been provided with the tender document.
11	Pg No - 103/300 Total estimated quantity of resources of garnet is 12.53 Mn. tons which basis of pure assumptions by doing drilling upto 3 mt. whereas actual depth is 22 mt. After detail exploration if deposit not containg said amount of garnet, what would be the implications??	The block is proposed for grant of composite licence. The CL holder will carry out exploration and submit periodic reports to the State Government and IBM. Thereafter the mining lease will be granted on the resources proved by the bidder.
12	General What is the liberation size of Garnet	2 mm and above.
13	General Any test work data available, Please share	All the data available have been provided with the tender document.
14	General What is the Bond work Index for Rod mill	Beyond the scope of tender document.
15	 Pg No - 106/300 Part IVA- Point No-6 Accessibility and Pg No119/300, Point No-7 Hydrography 1. Source of water along with water quality report. 2. Reliability of source (if any lean period) storage shall be considered. 3. A hydrogeology report for the mine shall be provided. 	Beyond the scope of tender document.
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6	General	All the data available have been provided with the tender document.
	Topography report	An the data available have been provided with the tender document.
	Please provide CAD file of Topography report for the	
	mine lease area	
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	Ches Disease States Control (Control)	All the data available have been provided with the tender document.
	Geotechnical report	
	Please provide a copy of Geotechnical report for the mine lease area	
	Draft MDPA	Please refer to second proviso to sub-rule 6 of Rule 10 of Mineral Auction Rules.
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	3.1 - Grant of Mining Lease over the Lease Area shall be	
	conditional upon prior payment of the third instalment of	
	the Upfront Payment which is INR [amount in figures]	
	(Indian Rupees [amount in words]) within a period of	
	[30] days from the Agreement Date. Provided that no	
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	and the letter of intent shall be invalidated leading to	•1
	annulment of the entire process of auction with forfeiture	
	of equivalent amount of bid security from available	
	performance security	
	If the delay incurs due to approval, permits or clearances	
	from the Govt. Authority the Mining Lease can be	
	extended to the no. of days delayed from the authority up	
	to maximum of 2 years.	
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	annulment of the entire process of auction with forfeiture	
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	performance security. Provided further that the State Government may allow a further period of two years for	
	execution of the Mining Lease Deed if the reasons for	
	delay were beyond the control of the preferred bidder.	
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		to Preferred Bidder, then	
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paid shall	be returned to the Suc	cessful Bidder.	
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		e imposed on account of	
		ng Lease due to reasons	
		Bidder. Accordingly,	
Draft MD	ions are requested.		Please refer to Format of MDPA annexed with the tender document.
Table 4.3			Please refer to Format of MDPA annexed with the tender document.
Sl. No.		Amount of	
51. INO.	Appropriation Event	Performance Security	
	Event	to be appropriated	
2	Failure of the	An amount equal to	•
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	to comply with the	Production as per	
	Minimum	Schedule E x highest	
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	Despatch	particular year x Final	
	Requirement as	Price offer.	
	required under		
	Clause 8		
2) If 1	the Minimum Prod	luction and Despatch	
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	Despatch Requirement as required under Clause 8 due to reasons attributable to Successful Bidder	
	2) If the Minimum Production and Despatch Requirement is not achieved due to reasons not attributable to Successful Bidder then appropriation event shall not apply. Please confirm. Modification in clause proposed accordingly	
20	Draft MDPA 7.1.1 - The Successful Bidder shall make monthly payments on the basis of the Final Price Offer (the "Monthly Payment"). The Monthly Payment shall be computed on the basis of the Value of Mineral Despatched or the value of the minimum production requirement as specified in Clause 8, whichever is higher. Minimum production requirement has been furnished in Schedule E which is on annual basis. This minimum production requirement on annual basis cannot be used to determine monthly payments to State Government. Accordingly, we understand that reconciliation of actual production with respect to minimum production requirement will be on annual basis and Successful Bidder will pay any shortfall into the amount with respect to minimum annual production on annual basis. Kindly confirm. Accordingly, Monthly Payment shall be on the basis of Value of Mineral Despatched during the month. Kindly confirm.	Tender Document condition shall prevail.
21	Draft MDPA 8.3 - Any non-compliance with the Minimum Production and Despatch Requirement would result in appropriation	Tender Document condition shall prevail.
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of the Performance Security in the manner stipulated in	
Clause 4 (PERFORMANCE SECURITY) and in case	
where such noncompliance exceeds for more than 7	
(seven) instances, such non-compliance shall give the	
State Government a right to determine the Mining Lease	
without prejudice to any other proceeding to be taken	
against the mining lease holder.	
8.3 - Any non-compliance with the Minimum Production	
and Despatch Requirement would result in appropriation	
of the Performance Security in the manner stipulated in	
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Government a right to determine the Mining Lease	4
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It is a fair preposition to impose penal action only in the	
event of non-compliance by Successful Bidder. If the	
event of non-compliance is not attributable to Successful	
Bidder, then no penal action should be imposed.	A
Governing Law and Dispute Resolution	Act, Rule and tender document condition shall prevail.
There is no provision of clause for resolution of Dispute	
between the Parties.	
A. This Agreement and all questions of its interpretation	
shall be construed in accordance with the laws of India,	
without regard to its principles of conflicts of laws. B.	
Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
relating to or in connection with the Agreement including	
a dispute as to the validity or existence of this	
Agreement, or any breach or alleged breach thereof, shall	
be settled through mutual discussions between the	
Parties. In this regard, the Successful Bidder shall nominate an officer not below the rank of a director to	
participate in the discussions on its behalf. C. In the	
event that the Successful Bidder fails to nominate an	
officer in the manner required above; or the Parties are	
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unable to resolve any dispute in accordance with the above clause within a period of [30] Business Days starting from the date on which the first notice of dispute was provided by either Party, such dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act of India. D. In the event that the Successful Bidder fails to nominate an officer in the manner required under Clause B; or the Parties are unable to resolve any dispute in accordance with Clause B within period of [30] Business Days stating from the date on which the first notice of dispute was provided by either Party, such dispute shall be referred to arbitration by in accordance with Clause E. Such arbitration shall be subject to the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The venue of such arbitration shall be Delhi, and the language of arbitration proceedings shall be English. E. There shall be 3 (three) arbitrators, of whom each Party shall select 1 (one), and the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the 2 (two) arbitrators so selected, and in the event of disagreement between the two arbitrators, the appointment shall be made in accordance with the Arbitration Rules. The arbitrators' award (the "Award") shall be final and binding on the Parties as from the date it is made, and the Parties agree and undertake to carry out such Award without delay. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall remain in full force and effect, pending the Award in any arbitration proceedings hereunder. F. The Parties agree that an Award may be enforced against them and their assets wherever situated. G. [In the event that the Successful Bidder fails to nominate an officer in the manner required under Clause B; or the Parties are unable to resolve any dispute in accordance with Clause B within period of [30] Business Days stating from the date on which the first notice of dispute was provided by either Party, such dispute shall be taken by either Party for resolution. H. It is expressly agreed between the Parties, that any existence of a

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	dispute shall not affect in any manner any of the rights of	
	the Nominated Authority under this Agreement,	
	including without limitation the right to appropriate	
	Performance Security or terminate this Agreement, until	
	a final determination in this regard is made.	
	Provisions for resolution of Dispute between the Parties	
	should be inserted in the Agreement.	
	Draft MDPA	Please refer to Rule 10 of Mineral Auction Rules, 2015
	18.2- Term - This Agreement shall commence on the	
	dates mentioned in Clause 18.1 and shall continue for the	
	period of validity of the Mining Lease granted to the	
	Successful Bidder ("Term").	
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	period of validity of the Mining Lease granted to the	
	Successful Bidder or Termination of this Agreement	
	based on mutual agreement of the parties. ("Term").	· · ·
	In case mining lease is not granted by the State	
	Government, then parties should have recourse to	
	terminate the Agreement based on mutual discussion.	
	Terminate the Agreement based on initial discussion.	Tender Document condition shall prevail.
	No clause in the Tender document regarding Termination	
	of the Agreement.	
	Appropriate clause pertaining to Termination of the	
	Agreement should be inserted in the MDPA.	Disconstruction Date 10 a Ch Grand Acation Dates a block
	Delay / denial for grant of Mining Lease or any other	
	Governmental approval within the purview of State	
	Government.	*
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	There are no remedies available in the Agreement in case	
	the State Government fails to grant Mining Lease or any	
	other governmental approval under the purview of State	
	due to reasons not attributable to Successful Bidder.	
	Since the Successful Bidder would have already made	
	substantial investment in terms of exploration,	
	submission of Performance Securities, Upfront Payments	
	etc. prior to the triggering of the event of Mining Lease,	D D
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26	any delay / refusal by the State Government to issue Mining Lease at later date would cause substantial loss to the Successful Bidder due to no fault of it. In such case, 1) The State Government is requested to confirm the grant of Mining Lease and any other Government approval under the purview of State within time bound manner and 2) In the event of delay / denial by the State Government for grant of Mining Lease or any other Government approval due to reasons not attributable to Successful Bidder, the Successful Bidder should be entitled to compensation of additional costs / losses incurred by it. Please confirm. Tender document 13.1 of Tender document It is clarified that the Upfront	
	Payment shall be calculated based on the Value of Estimated Resources computed on the basis of the findings pursuant to the prospecting operations undertaken pursuant to the composite licence. It is clarified that the Upfront Payment shall be calculated based on the Value of extractable Resources computed as per the approved Mining Plan prepared on the basis of the findings pursuant to the prospecting operations undertaken pursuant to the composite licence Geological reserves are not true representation of the mine potential and Successful Bidder would be able to benefit only from the extractable reserves. As per Clause 13.1 of Tender Document, Upfront amount is adjustable against the Monthly Payments while Monthly Payments are payable for the mineral extracted. Hence, Upfront Amount should be calculated and charged only for Extractable Reserves and NOT for Value of Estimated Resources.	
27	Tender Document Clause 12 Timetable Stage – II Sr. No. 1 Stage III Sr. No. 1 – T4 Submission of all necessary clearances /approvals from various government	Please refer to second proviso to sub-rule 6 of Rule 10 of Mineral Auction Rules.
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Agencies/departments by Successful Bidder We understand State Govt. will facilitate in the Bidder in obtaining all clearances, approvals and permits required for prospecting and mining operations. Please confirm. Note: Any delay arising which are beyond the control of Successful Bidder, the successful bidder must be excused from any appropriation of performance security and benalty of any sorts. Since any sorts of approvals/ clearances and permits from State Authority are strictly time consuming and not n the control of Successful Bidder,		
Tender Document Clause 12: Provided that on expiry of a period of one year from the date of the letter of intent, no Prospective License Deed of Composite License shall be executed, and the letter of intent shall be invalidated leading to annulment of the entire process of auction. Provided further that the State Government may allow a further period of six months for execution of the Prospective License Deed if the reasons for the delay were beyond the control of the preferred bidder. If the delay incurs due to approval, permits or clearances from the Govt. Authority the Prospecting License Deed can be extended to the no. of days delayed from the authority up to maximum of 6 months. Clause 12: Provided that on expiry of a period of one year from the date of the letter of intent, no Prospective License Deed of Composite License shall be executed, and the letter of intent shall be invalidated leading to annulment of the entire process of auction. Provided further that the State Government may allow a further beriod of six months for execution of the Prospective License Deed if the reasons for the delay were beyond further that the State Government may allow a further beriod of six months for execution of the Prospective License Deed if the reasons for the delay were beyond further that the State Government may allow a further beriod of six months for execution of the Prospective License Deed if the reasons for the delay were beyond the control of the preferred bidder. Further, if a delay neurred due to reasons not attributable to Preferred Bidder, then Performance Security will not be forfeited	Please refer to second proviso to sub-rule 3 of Rule 18 of Mineral Auction Rules.	
 and returned to Preferred Bidder / Successful Bidder.	-f. And well well	.(1

	Preferred Bidder / Successful Bidder should not be penalized in case of any delay in grant of Prospective License by State Govt. due to reasons not attributable to	
	it.	
29	MDPA Clause 4.2.2 - Provided however that in the event an Appropriation Event has occurred solely on account of an Event of Force Majeure which could not have been mitigated by the Successful Bidder through Good Industry Practice as provided in Clause 17, then the Performance Security shall not be appropriated for such specific Appropriation Event. The clause should be amended as mentioned in the suggested text for amendment section. 4.2.2 - Provided however that in the event an Appropriation Event has occurred solely on account of an Event of Force Majeure or any event not attributable to and beyond the control of Successful Bidder which could not have been mitigated by the Successful Bidder through Good Industry Practice as provided in Clause 17, then the Performance Security shall not be appropriated for such specific Appropriation Event. Any penal action should not be imposed on account of any delay due to reasons not attributable to and beyond control of Preferred Bidder. Accordingly, modifications are requested.	Tender Document condition shall prevail.
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Clarification under Section 11 of the MMDR Act, 1957, in order to conduct the auction for mineral Garnet block 122.27 Ha composite license in Garnet block n/v Sakariya Kheda Tehsil & District Bhilwara-reg

From : Supriya Rai <supriya.rai@govcontractor.in>

- Subject : Clarification under Section 11 of the MMDR Act, 1957, in order to conduct the auction for mineral Garnet block 122.27 Ha composite license in Garnet block n/v Sakariya Kheda Tehsil & District Bhilwara-reg
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Wed, May 24, 2023 12:29 PM 2 attachments

Sir,

I am directed to attach herewith a letter no M.VI-16/62/2022-Mines-VI dated 23.05.2023 on the subject cited above for your kind perusal and necessary action please.

Regards Supriya Mines-IV Section Ministry of Mines

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Annexure.pdf 390 KB

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M.VI-16/62/2022-Mines VI Government of India Ministry of Mines

> Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi dated,23rd May, 2023

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The Additional Chief Secretary Department of Mines and Petroleum Secretariat Jaipur

Sub: Clarification under Section 11 of the MMDR Act, 1957, in order to conduct the auction for mineral Garnet block 122.27 Ha composite license in Garnet block n/v Sakariya Kheda Tehsil & District Bhilwara

Reference: Govt. of Rajasthan letter dated 01.07.2022

Sir

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan letter under the reference on the subject cited above.

2. In this regard, it is clarified that Government of Rajasthan may notify the above block under sub-section (4) of Section 11 of the MMDR Act, 1957 to conduct e-auction for Composite License for mineral Garnet for the area of 122.27 Ha. in Garnet block n/v Sakariya Kheda Tehsil & District Bhilwara.

3. While notifying the above area for grant of Composite License, Govt. of Rajasthan is requested to prescribe the following conditions as mentioned by DAE vide their letter dated 05.04.2023 (copy enclosed):

- i. The surface/channel/pit/trench/borehole samples generated during detailed exploration from the proposed block shall invariably be analysed for uranium and thorium by the licencee/lessee and the results may be incorporated in the prospecting report.
- ii. The licencee/lessee shall permit officers of AMD, if required, to inspect/investigate the area to confirm mineralization of atomic minerals, if any.
- iii. In the case of discovery of any atomic minerals consequent to

exploration/mining, the licencee / lessee shall comply with the provisions of MMDR Act, 1957 and the rules made thereunder in the interest of Atomic Minerals, in particular to Rule 64 "Geophysical data to be supplied to GSI and DAE and Rule 65 "Special provisions relating to Atomic Minerals" of MCR, 2016.

- iv. In the case of discovery of any atomic minerals, further mineral concessions shall be subject to assessment of the threshold as per provisions of AMCR, 2016.
- v. The compliance with the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the rules/guidelines framed/notified thereunder
- 4. This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours Faithfully

(Dheeraj Kumar)

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Government of India Department of Atomic Energy PSU Section

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No. 3/10(98)/2022-PSU 4592

April 5, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Reference of State Govt. of Rajasthan seeking clarification under Section 11 of the MMDR Act, 1957 in order to conduct the auction for mineral garnet block 122.27 Ha composite license in garnet block n/v Sakariya Kheda Tehsil & District Bhilwara – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Mines O.M. No. 16/62/2022-Mines VI dated 17/02/2023 forwarding geological report furnished by the State Govt. of Rajasthan requesting comments of the Department on the above subject.

2. In this regard, on perusal of Geological report of the State Govt. of Rajasthan and the data available with AMD, generated during the course of preliminary investigations in the said area has shown that the grade of atomic minerals in the proposed auction block with the coordinates as given below, falls under the below threshold category as per AMCR, 2016.

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	25°26' 16.41''	74°47' 49.52"
В	25°26' 16.48''	74°48' 37.21"
С	25°25' 38.27''	74°48' 21.97"
D	25°25' 38.23''	74°47' 55.152''

3. Since AMCR, 2016 is not applicable for garnet occurring in inland hard rock terrains, the State Govt. of Rajasthan may be informed to proceed with auctioning of composite license of the garnet mineral block subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The surface/channel/pit/trench/borehole samples generated during detailed exploration from the proposed block shall invariably be analysed for uranium and thorium by the licencee/lessee and the results may be incorporated in the prospecting report.
- (ii) The licencee/lessee shall permit officers of AMD, if required, to inspect/ investigate the area to confirm mineralization of atomic minerals, if any.
- (iii) In the case of discovery of any atomic minerals consequent to exploration/ mining, the licencee / lessee shall comply with the provisions of MMDR Act, 1957 and the rules made thereunder in the interest of Atomic Minerals, in particular to Rule 66 "Geophysical data to be supplied to GSI and AMD and Rule 66A "Special provisions relating to Atomic Minerals" of MCR, 1960.

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- (iv) In the case of discovery of any atomic minerals, further mineral concessions shall be subject to assessment of threshold as per provisions of AMCR, 2016.
- 4. This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

(Abhilash Kidave) Under Secretary (PSU) Tel: 022 – 2202 7918 e-mail : <u>usim@dae.gov.in</u>

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