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Government of India/ भारत सरकार

**Ministry of Coal/ कोयला मंत्रालय
(CCT Section)**

**Room No. 622A, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, Dated: 28th November' 2025**

Office Memorandum

Subject: Methodology for evaluation and approval of exploration programs and Geological Reports - reg.

The Ministry of Coal, vide OM dated 24.01.2022, had constituted a committee for evaluation and approval of exploration programs and Geological Reports of coal and lignite blocks, prepared by Accredited Prospecting Agencies (APA) accredited by QCI-NABET.

2. It has now been decided that evaluation and approval of exploration programs and Geological Reports prepared by Accredited Prospecting Agencies (APA) notified under Section 4(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (hereinafter referred to as 'the MMDR Act') read with Clause 21-B(1)(iii) of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, and peer reviewed by another such APA shall be treated as approved.

3. The APA conducting peer review shall, inter alia, examine that the exploration programs and Geological Reports are in accordance with provisions of the MMDR Act; the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960; and applicable guidelines and procedures.

4. Once peer review of exploration programs and Geological Reports is completed, the final Geological Reports shall be submitted by the project proponent to CMPDIL for inventory updation in the Indian Coal and Lignite Resources by Geological Survey of India.

5. In view of the above, the Office Memorandum of even number dated 24.01.2022 stands withdrawn.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl:as above.

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Alok Verma
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Under Secretary to the Government of India

To,

- 1. US (Nominated Authority), MoC**
- 2. US (P&S), MoC**
- 3. NIC - for uploading on the website of Ministry of Coal**

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Room No. 622-A, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, Dated the 24th January, 2022

Office Memorandum

Subject:- Constitute a committee for finalization and approval of GR – Reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer this division's OM of even No. dated 11.05.2021 regarding proposal for necessary modification required in ISP-2017 and also refer to the proposal, as per para 6, to constitute a Committee under the provisions of Section 1.5 of the Indian Standard Procedure (ISP) for Coal Resource Estimation, 2017. In this regard, it is informed that a committee is constituted for finalization and approval of GR and Members of the committee are as follows:

Sl. No.	Details of Officers	Designation in the Committee
1	Project Adviser, MoC	Chairman
2	Director CRD, CMPDI	Member
3	Representative of GSI: Director level	Member
4	HOD Geology, NLCIL	Member
5	GM Exploration, CMPDI	Member Secretary

2. The scope of the committee shall be:

TOR- The Committee shall henceforth evaluate and accord approval for the exploration program and geological reports, prepared by the Accredited prospecting agencies duly accredited by QCI-NABET and notified by Ministry of Mines and other private exploration entities as mentioned in Rule 21B & 21C of the Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rule, 2020.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, Coal.


(Hitlar Singh)

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To,

1. Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Chairman-cum Managing Director, CMPDI, Ranchi.
3. Director (T/CRD), CMPDI, Ranchi
4. CMD, NLCIL, Neyveli
5. GM (Exploration), CMPDI, Ranchi to be the Member Secretary

Copy to: Advisor (P), MoC