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Government of India
Ministry Of Coal
P&S-I Section

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 21st December, 2022

To,
Chief Secretaries of all State Govt./UTs.

Subject:- Forwarding of SOP for preparation, submission and examination of GR-reg.

I am directed to convey SOP for preparation, submission and examination of GR including provisions for payment of cost for examination of GR.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to,

1. The CMD, CMPDI, Gondvana House, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834008
2. Advisor (P), Ministry of Coal
3. CCO
3. US(NA)- For further circulation to allocattee of coal blocks by NA.
4. US(P&S-II/CPD/MPS), MoC.

SOP for preparation, submission and examination of GR including provisions for payment of cost for examination of GR

To facilitate timely approval of Geological Reports (GR) as submitted to Ministry of Coal, the following SOP will be in force along-with timeline -

1. After completion of the exploration activities as per norms of ISP and preparation of GR as per the format prescribed under ISP-2022 or any subsequent modifications, State Government/Project Proponent will submit draft GR to the Ministry of Coal, New Delhi-110001 with an application with contact details (email/mobile and address).
2. Ministry of Coal, after initial verification of allocation of block/ prior approval granted, will forward the draft GR to CMPDI for examination and vetting with a copy to Project Advisor, Ministry of Coal for information, within 5 working days.
3. On receipt of the letter from Ministry of Coal, CMPDI will send an offer letter to Project Proponent within 5 working days as per the rate notified in the SOP at **Annexure**.
4. On receipt of work order and submission of vetting charge by project proponent in CMPDI account, CMPDI will send the vetting comment to the Project Proponent, under intimation to Project Advisor, MoC, within scheduled time as mentioned in the SOP (**Annexure**) for various categories of the block.
5. The Project Proponent will submit the corrected/modified Geological Report after incorporating the vetting comments to CMPDI, under intimation to Project Advisor, MoC.
6. CMPDI will check the compliance of its vetting remarks in the corrected/modified GR within 10 working days and inform that project proponent for corrections, if any.
7. Corrected GR once acceptable to CMPDI, GM (Exploration)/CMPDI, being Member Secretary of the committee, will forward the final GR to Project Advisor, MoC with request to schedule a meeting of the committee for approval of GR.
8. Accordingly, as per availability of time/venue, meeting of the GR approval Committee will be convened, wherein detailed presentation will be made by the project proponent before the committee.
9. After approval of minutes for meeting of committee for examination of GR by Project Advisor, Minutes of the meeting will be issued for "in principle approval of GR/ issuance of letter for further modifications".
10. On receipt of in principle approval, Project proponent will submit the Final Geological Report to CMPDI, with an undertaking that:
 - i. All observations of CMPDI and the committee have been complied with and have been incorporated in final GR; and
 - ii. All guidelines issued by the Government of India has been complied with and GRs have been prepared as per the ISP Norms.
11. After receiving the final GR, Member Secretary will forward the same to the Ministry of Coal for obtaining final approval thereon. Thereafter, Final Approval will be granted by the Project Advisor and MoC will convey the approval of final GR to concerned sections of MoC as well as to Project proponent and CMPDI. CMPDI will maintain records of such GRs at CMPDI for updating resource and also record. CMPDI will organize a system of portal based GR data management of all approvals granted by the committee.

I. Vetting Timeline & Charges of GR, blocks explored in **G1 Category**

Category	Block Area Range (Sq. Km.)	Max. no. of boreholes	Vetting Time (No. of days) Required	Vetting Cost 2022-23 Rs. Lakh (Ex. GST)
1	< 5	35 bhs.	10	7.73
2	>5 - 7.5	50 bhs.	15	10.31
3	>7.5 -10.0	70 bhs.	15	12.88
4	>10.0 -12.5	85 bhs.	20	15.46
5	>12.5 -15.0	100 bhs.	20	18.03
6	>15.0- 17.5	115 bhs.	30	20.61
7	>17.5 -20.0	140 bhs.	30	23.18
8	>20.0	(no restrictions)	45	25.76

II. Vetting Timeline & Charges of GR, blocks explored in **G2/G3 Category**

Category	Block Area Range (Sq.Km.)	Max. no. of boreholes	Vetting Time (No. of days) Required	Vetting Cost 2022-23 Rs. Lakh (Ex.GST)
1	Irrespective of Area	(No restriction)	15	7.73

Note:

- Proposed charges for vetting are based on existing practice and quantum of data, related plans which are based on block area and accordingly increase in no. of boreholes and other data.
- In G2/G3, which are regional GRs, relatively quantum of data is reduced and accordingly rate has been proposed.
- The Escalation formula as approved by MoC for drilling rate may be applicable, the rate is for year to year basis and decided every year w.e.f. 1st April and will be valid upto 31st March.
- Cost has been calculated based on the ED rate for MoC work during 2022-23 which is Rs. 25760/- (Excluding GST) for all kind of works and total cost is calculated based on the category of the block.