

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09/09/2015 TO DISCUSS ACTION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING AUCTIONS BY THE STATES

A meeting under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Sridharan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines was held on 09/09/2015 at 2.45 P.M. to discuss the steps to be taken in order to provide hand-holding support for the implementation of the programme of auctions of mining leases/PLs-cum-MLs. The list of officers present in the meeting is placed at **Annex I**.

The following decisions were taken:

- (i) The names and designations of the teams of officers that will be assisting the 7 States concerned (Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Odisha, Jharkhand) will be as follows:

Sl. No	States	Officers from				
		MoM	IBM	GSI	MECL	MECON
1.	Gujarat	Prithul Kumar, Director	J R Chowdhury, R.Com, Udaipur	S.K. Jena, DDG, Gujarat	A K Gulati, Sr. Manager (Guj)	Harish Chandnani, Joint GM
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Sudhakar Shukla, EA	S.R. Roy, R.Com Jabalpur	H S Srivastava, Dir, Bhopal	Yogesh Sharma, GM, MECL	Ajay Kumar, DGM
3.	Andhra Pradesh	N K Singh, JS	P N Sharma, R Com, Hyderabad	Anand Murthy, Dir, Hyderabad	D M Sharma, DGM	P Umashankar, DGM
4.	Telengana	N K Singh, JS	P N Sharma, R.Com, Hyderabad	S Ravi, Superintending Geologist	D M Sharma, DGM	P Umashankar, DGM
5.	Odisha	R Sridharan, AS(M)	M. Biswas, RCom, Bhubaneswar	M K Patel	B P Rathuri	K K Mohanty
6.	Jharkhand	Sudhakar Shukla, EA	R. Purohit, RCOM	Kisku, DDG, Ranchi	Jayant Kumar, Sr. Manager,	Dr. M. Mukhopadhyay
7.	Karnataka	R Sridharan, AS(M)	S. Tiu, COM, Bangalore	Dr. Mohanty, Dir, Bangalore	S K Sathpathy	V. Venugopal, GM

The IBM representative in each of the above teams will be the team leader and coordinator.

- ii. The following officers will be coordinators from each of the organizations, responsible for ensuring that the field work is carried out effectively by their respective officers:

MECON : Shri S.R. Sengupta, Director (Technical)

MECL : Dr. Gopal Dhawan, CMD

IBM : Shri R.K. Sinha

GSI : Dr. A.K. Chatterji, ADG

MoM : Shri Sudhakar Shukla, EA

These officers will immediately instruct the designated officers for each State about their tasks and individual roles and monitor the progress of work from their respective organizations.

- iii. Mobile numbers and e.mail addresses of each of these persons should be circulated to all the members of the teams so that they can easily contact each other.

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- iv. At the first stage, reconciliation of GSI, MECL and State Government geological reports should be carried out at the State headquarters in order to rule out overlap, blocks already given out on lease etc. This task is to be completed by 17/09/2015 in respect of all States other than Karnataka.
- v. This shall be followed by joint field visits by the team, along with representatives of the State Government, for identifying the blocks and fixing the boundaries thereof. While doing so, the requirements for non-mineralized area such as safety buffer zones, area required for dumping waste/sub-grade ore, area required for ancillary activities etc., should all be included as required under the auction rules. The agency nominated by the MECON for conducting DGPS/ Total station surveys should also accompany the teams during the field visits. A final sign off by the State Government on the details of all the blocks that are to be put to auction should be obtained latest by 24/09/2015 (states other than Karnataka).
- vi. The position in Karnataka was checked with Secretary (Mines), Government of Karnataka, over telephone. It was learnt that instructions have been issued to the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts to finish the construction of boundary pillars of the 15 blocks identified for auction in three weeks' time. Approximately 150 pillars are required to be installed. It is learnt that the joint measurement sketches prepared by the CFC do not have the DGPS readings. Therefore, these sketches will have to be translated to ground locations and DGPS coordinates of the locations ascertained. Government of Karnataka proposes to entrust this job to Survey of India. However, they are willing to entrust part of the work to MECON in the interest of quick completion. MECON has been requested to contact Government of Karnataka and finalize the action programme latest by 17/09/2015.
- vii. MECL will coordinate upgradation of the GRs to comply with all the auction rules and complete this task by 25/09/2015.
- viii. Field work for total station/DGPS survey will be started by MECON by about 18/09/2015. They estimate that 3 weeks time will be required to complete the work from the date of start in respect of any particular block. For this purpose, complete cooperation of the State Government, especially Mines, Geology, Forest and Revenue Departments, is essential. Copies of the letters addressed to Chief Secretaries of the States by Secretary, Mines should be provided to the Teams and they should also be sent to Secretaries (Mines) and Directors(Mining) of the respective States.
- ix. It was explained to MECON that no pre-feasibility report is required to be prepared as per the auction rules. The calculation of the reserve price is very simple once the total quantum of resources is estimated. Upon considering this, MECON stated that it would not be necessary to engage a separate transaction advisor and that they would be able to do this entire job in-house. It was clarified to MECON that their job as transaction advisor would be up to the stage where State Governments can offer the entire package to MSTC for the conduct of the e.auction. Specifically, MECON was told that it would not be necessary for them, as an agency engaged by the Central Government, to decide on the eligibility or otherwise of the auction participants or to assist in the evaluation of the final bids.
- x. MECON has agreed to provide a formal offer on 10/09/2015 for engaging them as transaction advisors.
