Sub: Constitution of a committee for preparation of rules under Section 12 of Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002

A Committee for preparation of the draft of the Rules to prescribe the scientific parameters, work programme etc which are required to be prescribed by rules under Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002 is constituted with following members:

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<td>Shri S.K. Adhikari, Chief Mining Geologist, IBM</td>
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The Committee may co-opt such other member as it may deem fit.

2. The terms of reference of the committee will be as under:
   i) Framing of rules under Section 12(1)(b) of the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 2002 on scientific parameters to be prescribed to undertake exploration operation
   ii) Framing of rules under Section 12(1)(c) of the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 2002 for work programme to be submitted for the area applied supported by data setting forth the activities proposed to be carried out during the period of exploration licence.
   iii) To notify the guidelines of UNFC for assessment of Reserves and Resources of offshore areas under the Offshore Areas Mineral Concession Rules, 2006.

3. The committee shall submit its report within three weeks from the date of issue of this Order.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully

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