

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of Inter-Ministerial Group i.e. Post-Auction Mining Clearances and Approvals Facilitator (PAMCAF)

The allocation of mineral blocks of non-minor minerals has now been started through e-auctions for ensuring greater transparency and removing discretion in the grant process, as mandated by the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation (MMDR) Amendment Act, 2015. The successful bidder is required obtain several clearances / approvals after the mineral block is allocated through e-auction before mine could be brought to operationalization stage. In the context of Prime Minister's 'Make in India' initiative, it is imperative that auctioned blocks come to production stage with shortest possible gestation period.

2 Further, the e-auction process for the grant of mineral blocks has laid the foundation stone for 'ease of doing business' in the mining sector in the country. The objective of ease of doing business will be defeated if there is a undue delay in according the requisite clearances.

3 In view of this, to facilitate and expedite various clearances / approvals required after the mineral block is allocated through e-auction, it has been decided at the apex level to constitute an IMG (Inter-Ministerial Group) and it would be called Post-Auction Mining Clearances and Approvals Facilitator (PAMCAF). Its constitution is provided in the **Annex**.

4 As a key stakeholder in the decision making process regarding facilitation of clearances, you are requested to nominate appropriate level officer to PAMCAF and intimate the Ministry.



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To,

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
4. Member (Traffic), Railway Board
5. Controller General, India Bureau of Mines.
6. Chief Secretary, All State Government and Union Territories/Administration
7. Principal Secretary/ Secretary In-charge Mining Department, All State Government and Union Territories/Administration (With the request to get nomination of all members of PAMCAF in their State from Revenue Department, Mining Department, District Magistrate and State Pollution Control Board).

PAMCAF Members from Central Ministries / Organizations - (Any Lease)

SN	Concerned Ministry / Department / Organization	Officials to be nominated as ex-officio members for the IMG by the concerned Ministry / Department
1	Ministry of Mines	1. Secretary – Chairman 2. Additional Secretary - Member 3. Joint Secretary level officer - Member 4. Director / DS level officer – Member Secretary
2	Forest Wing- MoEFCC	5. Joint Secretary level officer - Member
3	Wildlife Wing - MoEFCC	6. Joint Secretary level officer - Member
4	Environment Wing - MoEFCC	7. Joint Secretary level officer – Member
5	Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization, DIPP	8. CCE, PESO - Member
6	Ministry of Railways	9. Joint Secretary level officer - Member
7	Ministry of Petroleum	10. Joint Secretary level officer - Member
8	Indian Bureau of Mines	11. CG, IBM - Member
9	Any other Ministry / Department / Organization	12. Appropriate level member may be invited.

PAMCAF Members from State / Regional Offices – (Lease Specific)

SN	Concerned Ministry / Department / Agency	Officials to be nominated as ex-officio members for the IMG by the concerned Ministry / Department
10	Revenue Department of that State Government	13. Principal Secretary / Secretary In-charge - Member
11	Mining Department of that State Government	14. Principal Secretary / Secretary In-charge - Member
12	District Administration	15. District Magistrate of that district - Member
13	Indian Bureau of Mines	16. RCOM of that Region- Member
14	SPCB	17. Chairman, SPCB
15	Any other State Department / Regional Organization	18. Appropriate level member may be invited.