Subject: Minutes of 3rd meeting of Post Auction Mining Clearances and Approvals Facilitator (PAMCAF) held on 28th October 2016.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of minutes of the 3rd meeting of Post Auction Mining Clearances and Approvals Facilitator (PAMCAF) held at 11.00 am on 28th October 2016 in Aluminium Room, 101-D, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, 110001.

2. All the successful bidders are requested to take requisite action and also send status report, block-wise, to the Ministry along with the details of nodal person who may coordinate between successful bidders, Ministry of Mines and State Government on various issues with regard to clearances/approvals.

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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of Post Auction Mining Clearances and Approvals Facilitator (PAMCAF) held under the chairmanship of Union Secretary (Mines) on 28th October, 2016 at Ministry of Mines, New Delhi.

The third meeting of the Post Auction Mining Clearances and Approvals Facilitator (PAMCAF) was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) at 11.00 AM on 28th October, 2016 in Aluminium Room, 101-D, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi, 110001. The meeting was convened to review the current status of seventeen mineral blocks successfully auctioned till date and to facilitate the concerned states to expedite various clearances/approvals required for getting mines to reach till operationalization stage. The list of participants of the meeting is annexed (Annexure I).

2. At the very outset, Union Secretary (Mines) welcomed all the participants and emphasized on the need of PAMCAF’s online portal which is needed to monitor online clearances/approvals (Forest Clearances, Environmental Clearances, Mining Plan Approval etc.) of successful bidders till blocks reaches operationalization stage and mining activity starts. He also emphasised that the PAMCAF’s on-line portal is in same line with the program of “Ease of Doing Business”, which Hon. Prime Minister is advocating to facilitate the overall business activity in India. Towards this direction, the ministry of mines is in process of developing software in order to speed up mining activities in India.

3. The representative of M/s Akiko Sherman InfoTech gave a presentation on the PAMCAF’s online portal. Stakeholders attending the meeting gave their suggestions to improve the portal as per their requirements. It was pointed out in the meeting that clearances with respect to Composite Licence and Mining Licence are different. Secretary (Mines) enquired about number of Composite Licences and Mining Licences out of presently 17 successful or preferred bidders and directed to compile a separate list of Mineral Blocks for Prospecting License-cum-Mining Lease. It was informed that the procedure of Prospecting mines for any particular block is different than that of mining activity. To this, he suggested that the online portal may cover the scope of clearances for both PL-cum-ML mineral blocks as well as ML. Union Secretary (Mines) gave a timeline of 30 days to M/s Akiko Sherman InfoTech to incorporate changes as per the suggestions of stakeholders.

[Action: M/s Akiko Sherman InfoTech & M-IV MoM]

4. Union Secretary (Mines) interacted with each successful bidder and enquired about short-comings in getting required clearances for the auctioned blocks. The list of the status of the blocks is attached (annexure-II) Secretary (Mines) took up one by one state-wise current status of all the blocks auctioned till now. In the discussion, the following action points emerged:

(i) Andhra Pradesh:
Gudipadu limestone block, ML – the representative of Penna Cement, (successful bidder) informed that they are in the process of taking all the required clearances. The requisite land is with them and there is no forest land in the existing block. LoI has been issued on 02.02.2016. It was further informed that they have already made 1st installment of upfront payment. However, they have requested for extension for payment of 2nd installment. The Mining Plan is under preparation and it will take around 45 days to prepare and submit to IBM. Once Mining Plan is approved, they will apply for Environment Clearances.

[Action: State Government of Andhara Pradesh, IBM & Penna Cement]

(ii) Chhattisgarh:
(a) Karhi Chandi Limestone Block, ML – the representative of Shree Cement (successful bidder) stated that site was inspected by IBM on 30.09.2016 and land acquisition is in progress through mutual negotiation. Moreover, he expressed that in order to file Mining Plan with IBM, there is need of certified copies of the downloaded Geological reports and maps in original from the State Governments. Further, invoices are also needed against the payment made by them for Tender documents for their accounts. Union Secretary (Mines) directed Shri U K Qureshi, Deputy Director, State Government of Chhattisgarh to take up the matter expeditiously and to ascertain that required certified map etc. reaches Shree Cement, so that mining plan can be prepared quickly.

(b) Baghmara Balodabazar-Bhatpara Gold Block (CL) – the representative of Vedanta Ltd. (successful bidder) apprised that 90% of the auctioned area is forest land. They have applied for Forest Clearances on 11.05.2016. He stated that as per the orders of State Forest Departments, the use of Dismantallable Drilling Machine is necessary in order to protect forest resources from adverse effects of carrying whole Drilling Machine. The representative stated that Dismantallable Drilling Machine consume a lot of time and labor and delays the whole process of prospecting. On this matter, he requested that this particular condition may be relaxed. Union Secretary (Mines) assured that the matter will be taken up with MoEFCC.

[Action: State Government of Chhattisgarh, IBM, MoEFCC & Shree Cement, Vedanta Ltd.]

(iii) Jharkhand:

Hariharpur Lem Bicha, Block-1 & 2 (CL) - No representative of M/s Burnpur Cement (successful bidder) was present in the meeting. However, State Representative informed that Mining Plan was submitted to IBM on 10.06.2016 and State Govt. has requested the Divisional Forest Officer for forest clearance for carrying out prospecting in Forest Land vide letter dated 16.09.2016.

[Action: State Government of Jharkhand, IBM, MoEFCC & Burnpur Cement]
Karnataka:

a) V.S. Lad & Sons, ML No.2290 - JSW Ltd. (successful bidder)
b) Rama Rao Paol, ML No.2621 - JSW Ltd. (successful bidder)
c) M/s Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt Ltd. ML No.2365, Ittanahalli, Bellary - JSW Ltd. (successful bidder)
d) M/s Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt Ltd. ML No.2366, Ittanahalli, Bellary - JSW Ltd. (successful bidder)
e) Hothur Traders, ML NO.2313 M/s Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt Ltd. ML No.2365, Ittanahalli, Bellary - JSW Ltd. (successful bidder)

The representative of JSW Ltd. requested the Ministry of Mines to take the matter of transfer of statutory clearances (Environment and Forest Clearances) in the name of successful bidders for the ‘C category Mines auctioned’. Moreover, they also requested the Ministry of Mines to hold a meeting with MoEFCC to take up the matter of extension of EC/FC for mines where clearances have lapsed and subsequently to transfer the same in the name of successful bidder. They also informed that before submitting Mining Plan, they need to get R&R approval for fixation of mine capacity. The documents have already been submitted to Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE). They also requested ministry to take up the matter of transfer of Explosives licenses with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry (DIPP) to transfer in the name of successful bidder in similar manner as the transfer case of EC and FC in view of Hon’ble Supreme Court order. Union Secretary (Mines) directed to issue a letter to Chief Controller of Explosive, Nagpur and Secretary, MoEFCC regarding the same.

f) M/s. Lakshminarayan Mining Company, ML. No.2487, Karadikolla - MSPL (successful bidder).

g) Karthikeyas Manganese, ML No.2559, Swamimalai Range, Bellary - MSPL (successful bidder).

With regard to blocks in favor of MSPL Secretary (Mines) instructed that MSPL may also take up the requisite actions for their blocks and obtain clearances as it is being done by JSW Ltd.

[Action: State Government of Karnataka, IBM, MoEFCC, JSW ltd & MSPL]
(v) **Madhya Pradesh:**

Hatupur Diamond block, CL – the representative of Bansal Construction Company Ltd. (successful bidder) stated that LoI has not been issued till now in want of performance security fee. They mentioned that the format in which the performance security fee is to be submitted has not been provided by the State Government. On this matter, State Government of Madhya Pradesh stated that the Standard Documents to submit the performance security is not circulated by the Ministry of Mines. To this, Union Secretary (Mines) directed to expedite the matter.

[Action: State Government of Madhya Pradesh, MoEFCC & Bansal Construction Company]

(vi) **Odisha:**

Ghoraburhanisagasahi, Sundargarh, ML – the representative of Essar Steel (successful bidder) explained in detail the status of various statutory clearances. He stated that first instalment of upfront payment was made on 17th March 2016. He further informed that the process of Forest Clearance is getting delayed due to delay in identification and allotment of Compensatory Afforestation land. This is due to the fact that nearly 3.75 Hect. of land has been identified as tribal land. An application in this regard for forest diversion has been submitted. The District Collector had issued the letter to Block Development Officer who has further forwarded the letter to Sarpanch. He further apprised the Secretary (Mines) that proposal for Environment Clearance was submitted on 14.06.2016 and presentation for grant of ToR, before Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), MoEF&CC, GoI, was made on 20.09.2016. EAC has advised ESSAR to submit the revised Form-I & revised Pre-feasibility report as there were some mismatches between the on-line and off-line documents of the above subject. EAC has also requested the Deptt of Steel & Mines, Govt of Odisha to ascertain the status of 0.5 ha of area with regard to any violation under E(P) Act, 1986 & (FC) Act. A reply by the State Government was sent on 27.10.2016. Further, Essar Steel as well as State Govt is in the process of making the compliance to their respective points.

[Action: State Government of Odisha, MoEFCC & Essar Steel]

(vii) **Rajasthan:**

Limestone block, Nagaur - 3B1-(b) n/v Deh, ML – the representative of Emami Cement (successful bidder) has suggested that pillaring of the subject area is not required since the DGPS Coordinates is available and requested that IBM may consider the DGPS Coordinates in order to avoid delay. Union Secretary (Mines) has requested Regional commissioner, Ajmer, to look into the matter expeditiously. Emami cement has also requested that the ministry may take up the matter with MoEFCC to consider the matter of taking Environment Clearances in parts instead of full
block/area as per the mining plan approval. Union Secretary (Mines) has assured that the matter will be taken up with MoEFCC.

[Action: State Government of Rajasthan, IBM, MoEFCC & Emami Cement]

6. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
Annexure-I

List of the participants in PAMCAF Meeting held on 28th October 2016 at 11.00 A.M. at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Status of Blocks Auctioned:

1. **Andhra Pradesh**
   Gudipadu Limestone Block: Successful bidder - Penna Cement - Case type - ML
   - Mining Plan under preparation- will take 45 days to prepare.
   - Environment clearance will be applied once mining plan gets approved.

2. **Chhattisgarh**
   Karhi Chandi Limestone Block: Successful bidder- Shree Cement - Case type- ML
   - Land acquisition in progress- Land acquisition done through mutual negotiations
   - Land Mutation in progress
   - Environment clearance will be applied once mining plan gets approved.
   - Forest Clearance- not applicable

Kesla Limestone Block: Successful bidder - Century Cement - Case type- ML
   - Mining plan submitted for approval on 03.10.2016, site inspection done by IBM, Raipur officials on 18.10.2016
   - Forest Clearance- not applicable
   - Environment Clerance- Job order issued to M/s JM Environet, Jaipur
   - Ground water clearance- Job order issued to M/s JM Environet, Jaipur
   - Status of consent to operate- Job order issued to M/s JM Environet, Jaipur
   - Land Owner’s consent- Under progress
   - Gram Sabha Consent- under progress
   - Land Mutation- under progress

Baghmar Gold block: Successful bidder- Vedanta Ltd. - Case type – PL-cum-ML
   - Mining plan submitted on 18.05.2016
   - Forest clearance- Application submitted on 11.05.2016. Registration letter issued by Nodal officer on 30.06.2016
   - DFO, Balodabazar issued letter to Vedanta for fixing pillars on 19.10.2016. All pillars fixed at corner points and DFO verified on 22.10.2016
   - DFO expected to be sent to CCF on 24.10.2016
   - Scheme of prospecting to be submitted.
3. **Jharkhand**

Hariharpur Lem Bicha, Block-1: Successful bidder - Burnpur Cement - Case type - PL cum ML
- LoI issued on 22.03.2016
- Submitted mining plan to IBM on 10.06.2016
- Forest Clearance- Request made to Divisional Forest Officer on 16.09.2016 to carry out prospecting in Forest land.
- Land Owner’s consent - under process

Hariharpur Lem Bicha, Block-2: Successful bidder- Burnpur Cement - Case type- PL cum ML
- LoI issued on 22.03.2016
- Submitted mining plan to IBM on 10.06.2016
- Forest Clearance- Request made to Divisional Forest Officer on 16.09.2016 to carry out prospecting in Forest land.
- Land Owner’s consent - under process

4. **Karnataka**

- Requested Secretary to issue guidelines for transfer of statutory clearances from old lessees to new bidders especially Forest, environment and explosives clearances.

V.S Lad & Sons, Ml. No. 2290: Successful bidder - JSW Ltd., Case type- ML
- 1st installment of Upfront payment received on 18.10.2016
- LoI to be issued on 26.10.2016

Rama Rao Paol, ML. No. 2621, Ramgad, Bellary: Successful bidder- JSW Ltd., Case type- ML
- 1st installment of Upfront payment received on 18.10.2016
- LoI to be issued on 26.10.2016

M/s Lakshminarayan Mining company, ML. NO. 2487, Karadikolla, Bellary: Successful bidder - MSPL Ltd., - Case type- ML
- 1st installment of Upfront payment received on 21.10.2016
- LoI to be issued on 26.10.2016

M/s Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt. Ltd. ML. No. 2365, Ittanahalli, Bellary: Successful bidder - JSW Ltd., Case type - ML
- 1st installment of Upfront payment received on 18.10.2016
- LoI to be issued on 26.10.2016

M/s Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt. Ltd. ML. No. 2366, Ittanahalli, Bellary: Successful bidder - JSW Ltd., Case type - ML
- 1st installment of Upfront payment received on 18.10.2016
- LoI to be issued on 26.10.2016

Karthikeyas Manganese, ML No. 2559, Swamimalai range, Bellary: Successful bidder - MSPL Ltd., Case type - ML
- 1st installment of Upfront payment received on 21.10.2016
- LoI to be issued on 26.10.2016

Hothur traders, ML No. 2313, Malgolla, Bellary: Successful bidder - JSW Ltd., Case type - ML
5. **Odisha**  
Ghoraburhani- Sagasahi, Sundargarh: Successful bidder, Essar Steel, Case type - ML  
- Total upfront payment made.  
- LoI issued on 28.03.2016  
- Mining plan approved by IBM dated 11.07.2016  
- Application for Forest Diversion proposal has been submitted. Identification of Compensatory afforestation land is in progress.  
- For Proposal for Environment Clearance submitted on 14.06.2016, Presentation to Expert Appraisal Committee, NOEF &CC, GoI for grant of ToR has been made on 20.09.2016. EAC has requested for certain clarifications from state government with respect to old quarries. Letter was sent by State Government on 27.10.2016.  
- Land owner’s consent- Application submitted to Dept. of Steel and mines for arrangement of acquisition of private land  
- Gram Sabha Consent- will be done shortly  
- Power line from State Electricity Board Clearances- Applied to State Electricity Board for supply of power.

6. **Madhya Pradesh**  
Hatupur Diamond Block: Successful bidder - Bansal Construction Company, Case type- PL cum ML  
- Total upfront payment not applicable- PL cum ML case.  
- Performance security amount not paid because the format for Bank guarantee in case of Composite License is not available with the state Government.  
- LoI not granted.

7. **Rajasthan**  
Nagaur 3B 1 (b) n/v Deh, Limestone: Successful bidder- Emami Cement, Case type- ML  
- 1st installment of Upfront payment received on 24.10.2016  
- Proposal for issuing LoI is sent to Government of Rajasthan.