Subject: Additional Agenda for Quarterly meeting of the Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) on Mineral Development and Regulation, to be held under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) on **Thursday, the 09th JAN, 2014 at 3.00 PM in Aluminium Room, First Floor, ‘D’ Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.**

In continuation of this office OM of even no. dated 07.01.2014 the undersigned is directed to send herewith the additional agenda notes for the above-mentioned meeting.

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i. Andhra Pradesh
ii. Chhattisgarh
iii. Goa
iv. Gujarat
v. Jharkhand
vi. Karnataka
vii. Madhya Pradesh
viii. Maharashtra
ix. Orissa
x. Rajasthan
xi. Tamil Nadu

with the request to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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1. Sustainable Development Framework (SDF)

A report on Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) for Mining Sector, which has been prepared by M/s ERM, has been finalized by the Ministry of Mines on 30.11.2011. The next stage is roll-out of SDF before which two pilot projects are required to be undertaken. IBM conducted two workshops on “SDF for Mining Sector” at IBM HQ Nagpur on 22-23 Aug. 2013 and at Bhubaneswar on 30-31 Aug. 2013 to chalk out the roll-out of SDF.

In the last meeting of Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) held on 10.9.2013, it was decided that the IBM had to prepare standard templates based on the deliberations and inputs received during the workshops. The SDF would be tested in pilot projects to be undertaken by the States of Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

IBM has proposed pilot roll out SDF in Malanjkhand Copper project (MCP) of M/S Hindustan Copper Limited Baihar Tehsil, Balaghat Distt. Madhya Pradesh in the public sector. In the private sector the Noamundi iron ore mines (working ML area) and Ankua Iron Ore Project as Prospecting of M/s Tata Steel limited in West Sighbhum, district, Jharkhand state have been identified for pilot roll out of SDF. IBM to initiate roll out projects in the above identified projects in the current quarter itself.

After deliberation held in National Conference on “Sustainable Mining and the UNFC – Challenges and Opportunities in India” held on 29 - 30 October 2013 at New Delhi, India, it was decided that SDF templates would be finalized by November 2013 which is yet to be completed. IBM to finalize the SDF templates at the earliest.

2. UNFC Guidelines for exploration

The Ministry vides letter dated 23.12.2010 imposed special condition under rule 27(3) of MCR, 1960 for reporting of the mineral resources and reserves in the country as per UNFC Guidelines. Progress and compliance in this regard to be intimated to the Ministry.

Various workshops on UNFC has been conducted by IBM and GSI at Hyderabad, Nagpur, Udaipur, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar and Bhopal on 13-14.3.2013, 15-16.4.2013, 05-06.6.2013, 15-16.7.2013, 07-08.8.2013 and 12-13.8.2013 respectively. The State Governments are being requested to identify and nominate two to three master trainers from each State who have attended the workshops and acquired proficiency in the 1997 guidelines of UNFC.
India is currently following the 1997 guidelines of UNFC to improve the quality of exploration. To discuss the issues of improving the standard of exploration as per UNFC standards in India, a national conference on “Sustainable Mining and the United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC) – Challenges and Opportunities in India” was held on 29th-30th October 2013 at New Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Coal in association with United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI).

Issues related to suitability and adaptability of UNFC 2009 classification in India and the roadmap for transition from UNFC 1997 to UNFC 2009 to be deliberated and discussed.

3. Mining Tenement System
The Mining Tenement System (MTS) has been envisaged by the Government to facilitate e-enabling of the various processes associated with the mineral concession regime with a view to adopt a comprehensive approach towards development of mineral resources in the country.

Eleven mineral rich viz. States Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan have signed the MoU with IBM for MTS implementation. Despite reminders from IBM, State of Tamil Nadu has yet not signed the MoU. The State of Tamil Nadu is requested to expedite signing of the MoU with IBM.

The tender of RFP for MTS has been floated and published in newspapers on 06.12.2013. The pre-bid meeting was held on 20.12.2013 at IBM, Nagpur. Representatives of 14 companies participated in the pre-bid meeting. Replies to the queries raised by prospective bidders are being prepared and the tender process for selection of a system integrator for MTS project is expected to be completed soon.

4. E-Auction Methodology for Sale of Minerals
The issue of under-reporting of sale price of minerals was discussed in the last meeting of the CEC. The Supreme Court in its judgment dated 18.4.2013 in the matter of mining of iron ore in the State of Karnataka observed that iron ore extracted can be sold through e-auction.

The Ministry is of the view that e-auction of extracted minerals has the advantages of transparency, optimum price-discovery and realization of correct royalty to the States. The matter is to be considered by the CEC to deliberate on adoption of e-auction of extracted minerals. The process of establishing e-auction procedure for sale of the extracted minerals is also to be deliberated.

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