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## DEPARTMENT OF STEEL & MINES

### NOTIFICATION

The 3rd February, 2021

**Sub: Prospecting operations by the Directorate of Geology, Odisha U/r. 67 of M.C. Rules, 2016.**

No.1225—AE-(Exp.)-SM-04/2021/SM.— Whereas, Directorate of Geology, Odisha has proposed to undertake prospecting operations in the following identified blocks during F.S. 2020-21 as reported vide its letter No.8500/DG dated the 30th December, 2020.

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Stage	Mineral	District	Toposheet No.	Block Area in Sq. km.	Bounding Latitude & Longitude		
							ID	Longitude (E)	Latitude (N)
1	Exploration for Iron ore in Mankarnacha Block, Keonjhar & Sundargarh Districts.	G-2 level	Iron ore	Keonjhar & Sundargarh	F45N5 (73G/5)	10.97	ID	Longitude (E)	Latitude (N)
							1	85° 13' 29.691"	21° 47' 50.253"
							2	85° 13' 28.145"	21° 49' 55.560"
							3	85° 13' 48.339"	21° 49' 55.777"
							4	85° 13' 47.885"	21° 50' 32.660"
							5	85° 14' 32.183"	21° 50' 33.134"
							6	85° 14' 32.635"	21° 49' 56.113"
							7	85° 14' 54.746"	21° 49' 56.348"
8	85° 14' 56.268"	21° 47' 51.223"							
2	Investigation for Graphite around Beheramunda, Bolangir District.	G-3 level	Graphite	Bolangir	F44W14 (64L/14)	0.5	ID	Longitude (E)	Latitude (N)
							A	82° 56' 14.000"	20° 40' 47.000"
							B	82° 56' 40.000"	20° 40' 47.000"
							C	82° 56' 40.000"	20° 40' 24.000"
D	82° 56' 14.000"	20° 40' 24.000"							
3	Mineral Potential Survey around Kantabanji, Bolangir District.	G-4 level	Limestone	Bolangir	F44W15 (64L/15)	116	ID	Longitude (E)	Latitude (N)
							A	82° 55' 0.000"	20° 27' 30.000"
							B	83° 0' 0.000"	20° 27' 30.000"
							C	83° 0' 0.000"	20° 20' 54.500"
							D	82° 54' 53.000"	20° 20' 54.500"
							E	82° 54' 53.000"	20° 24' 4.700"
							F	82° 51' 50.500"	20° 24' 4.700"
							G	82° 51' 50.500"	20° 25' 0.000"
H	82° 55' 0.000"	20° 25' 0.000"							

Whereas, Directorate of Geology, Odisha, among others, is exempted under the second proviso to Section 4(1) of the MMDR Act., 1957 from the requirement of obtaining prospecting licence for undertaking prospecting operations. However, to undertake such operations by Directorate of Geology, Odisha, notification is required to be issued by the State Government U/r. 67(1) of MCR, 2016.

And, whereas, Directorate of Geology, Odisha, vide its letter cited supra has requested for such notification.

Now, therefore, after careful consideration, Government, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-rule (1) of rule 67 of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 do hereby notify aforesaid blocks for exploration by Directorate of Geology, Odisha, for a period of two years with effect from the date of this notification.

By Order of the Governor

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