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DEPARTMENT OF STEEL & MINES

NOTIFICATION

The 21st January, 2021

Sub: Prospecting operations by the Geological Survey of India under rule 67 of MC Rules, 2016.

No.694—IV(Misc)SM-118/2018/SM.— Whereas, Geological Survey of India (State Unit: Odisha) has proposed to undertake prospecting operations during F.S.2020-21 in the following identified blocks as reported vide its letter No. 1894-K1/TC/ODC/2020 dated the 14th December, 2020.

Sl. No.	Item title	Stage	Commodity	District	Toposheet No.	Block/Prospecting area in Sq.km.	Bounding latitude and Longitude		
							Corner Point	Long_DD	Lat_DD
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1	General exploration for Copper and associated precious metals in Kesharpur East Block, Mayurbhanj District, Odisha	G2	Copper	Mayurbhanj	73J/12	0.6	A	86.686576	22.113273
							B	86.690366	22.10.9684
							C	86.681311	22.102405
							D	86.678163	22.105415
							E	86.683073	22.109629
							F	86.682518	22.110124
2	Preliminary exploration for Copper and associated precious metals in Nimaidihi block, Mayurbhanj District, Odisha	G3	Copper	Mayurbhanj	73J/12	1.0	A	86.6697006	22.1077003
							B	86.6741028	22.1114998
							C	86.6788025	22.1060009
							D	86.6781998	22.1054001
							E	86.6812973	22.1023998
							F	86.6817017	22.1026993
							G	86.6846008	22.0995007
							H	86.6801987	22.0956993
3	General exploration for coal in Rajanpal Block, Talcher field, Angul District, Odisha	G2	Coal	Angul	73C/12 & 16	4.0	A	84.751111	21.059444
							B	84.751111	21.027778
							C	84.738889	21.027778
							D	84.741667	21.059444

And, Whereas, Geological Survey of India is exempted under the second proviso to Section 4(1) of the MMDR Act., 1957 from the requirement of obtaining prospecting license for undertaking prospecting operations. However, to undertake such operations by GSI, notification is required to be issued by the State Government U/r. 67 of MCR, 2016.

And, Whereas, Geological Survey of India vide its letter cited supra has requested for such notification.

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

By Order of the Governor

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Joint Secretary to Government