

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Mining Department**  
**Civil Secretariat, J&K**

**Subject:** Constitution of Execution Committee to review the Exploration of Sapphire and other precious stones at west of Machail area, District Kishtwar.

**Ref:** Minutes of Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary to the Government, Mining Department held on 09.05.2023.

**Government Order No: 21-JK(MNG) of 2023**  
**Dated: 15.05.2023**

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of Execution Committee, comprising the following, to supervise the exploration of Sapphire and other precious stones, carried-out by Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) at west of Machail area, District Kishtwar:-

1	Director, Geology and Mining, J&K	Chairman
2	Director, Geological Survey of India (GSI), J&K Unit or his representative	Member
3	Managing Director, J&K Minerals Limited	Member
4	Joint Director(s), Geology and Mining, Kashmir/ Jammu	Member(s)
5	Deputy Director (MI&GW), Geology and Mining, Jammu	Member
6	General Manager (Exploration), MECL	Member
7	Accounts Officer, Directorate of Geology and Mining, J&K	Member
8	District Mineral Officer, Kishtwar	Member

Besides, Director, Geology and Mining, J&K (Chairman of the Execution Committee) is also authorized to:

- i. Co-opt any other member, if required, for the purpose.
- ii. Utilization of services of Geologists and Paddar Expeditious Team of J&K Minerals Ltd. for the purpose.

**Terms of Reference(s):**

- a. Provide an oversight and direction to the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) in conducting Exploration activities in the Sapphire Mines located at west of Machail, District Kishtwar.
- b. Monitor the progress of Exploration activities carried-out by MECL, including geological mapping, drilling and sampling, to ensure that the same is being conducted in accordance with approved plans, specifications and in a co-ordinated and time bound manner.
- c. Ensure that all exploration activities are conducted in compliance with relevant laws, regulations and guidelines, including those related to environmental protection and safety.
- d. Submission of Fortnightly Progress Report to the **Steering/Monitoring Committee** on exploration activities.
- e. Identify any challenges or issues that may arise during the exploration program and recommend appropriate solutions.



- f. Co-ordinate with local stakeholders, including the community, District Administration, Kishtwar for providing technical and logistical support to MECL for carrying out exploration work smoothly to achieve the desired results as per timelines.
- g. Provide recommendations on the feasibility of commercial mining operations in the area based on the results of the exploration program.

**By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.**

Sd/-  
(Amit Sharma) IAS

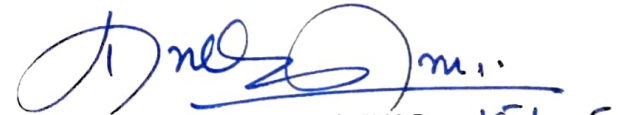
**Secretary to the Government**

Dated: 15.05.2023

No: GM-MNG/182/2023-02

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1. Joint Secretary (JKL), Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI.
2. Chairman -Cum-Managing Director, MECL.
3. Director, NMET, Ministry of Mines, GoI.
4. Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K.
5. Director, Geology and Mining, J&K.
6. Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar.
7. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar.
8. Director Finance, Mining Department.
9. Additional Secretary to the Government, Mining Department.
10. Managing Director, J&K Minerals Ltd. Corporation.
11. Deputy Director General, GSI, J&K Unit.
12. Director, GSI, J&K Unit.
13. Joint Director(s), Geology and Mining, Kashmir/ Jammu.
14. Deputy Director (MI&GW), Geology and Mining, Jammu.
15. Senior Law Officer, Mining Department.
16. Accounts Officer, Directorate of Geology and Mining, J&K.
17. Sh. P. Ravindran, GM (Exploration), MECL.
18. Sh. Swarup Dhara, Manager (Geology), MECL.
19. District Mineral Officer, Kishtwar.
20. Sh. Neeraj Kumar, Senior Geologist, GSI, J&K Unit.
21. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
22. Private Secretary to Secretary to the Government, Mining Department.
23. Government Order file.
24. In-charge website, Mining Department.



(Aamir Ayaiz Rather) JKAS

**Under Secretary to the Government**

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