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NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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SCHEME FOR ACCREDITATION OF
EXPLORATION AGENCIES IN MINERAL SECTOR (AEA)

Accreditation Committee Meeting for Surveillance Assessment held on 15/04/2025 and the following members were present during the meeting:

1.	Shri R K Sinha	Chairman
3.	Shri Sarat Kumar Jena	Member
4.	Dr Satya Prakash	Member
5.	Shri Dinesh kumar Rai	Member
6.	Shri R N Selvan	Member
7.	Shri K S Anandan	Member

Mr. Jagminder Kataria- Joint Director and Mr. Akshit Kwatra- Associate Manager were present during the meeting.

1.0 Surveillance Accreditation: Following case was discussed and decisions taken thereof are-

1.1. Geovale Services Pvt Ltd, Kolkata

Geovale Services Pvt Ltd, Kolkata has scored **70.30%**, hence it continues to be accredited as **Category-A** as per AEA Accreditation Scheme.

1.1.1. Marks obtained in various aspects of Surveillance Assessment

Sl. No.	Aspect	Marks Scored	Out of
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1.	Quality and performance of personnel		
	i. Project Coordinator/s	14.10	20
	ii. Technical Area Expert/s	19.15 (Average)	30
2.	Infrastructure, P & M, adequate Software (SW) and Hardware (HW)	7.10	10
3.	Field investigations and laboratory systems to ensure data integrity	8.00	10
4.	Coverage and Quality of Geological Report (GR)/ Exploration Assignments	10.30	15
5.	Quality Management System	7.15	10
6.	Compliance to condition of accreditation/ Organizational Commitment	4.50	5
	Total	70.30	100
	Overall Score	70.30%	

1.1.2. Scope Coverage:

Preparation of Comprehensive Geological Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bedded Stratiform & Tabular deposits ● Lenticular composite veins ● Gem-Stone and rare metal pegmatite, reefs and veins/pipes ● Float & Placer deposits ● Deep Seated deposits 	

1.1.3. Number of Experts applied and approved:

S.N o.	Human Resource	IH		EMP		TOTAL	
		Applied	Approved/ Accepted	Applied	Approved/ Accepted	Applied	Approved/ Accepted

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1	Project Coordinator/s(PC)	3	3	0	0	3	3
2	Technical Area Expert/s(TAE)	6	6	1	1	7	7
3	Team Member (TM)	10	10	NA	NA	10	10
	Total	19	19	1	1	20	20

1.1.4. Approved Project Coordinator/s (PC)

a. Assessed as per SA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Biplob Chatterjee	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-

b. Assessed as per IA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Joy Gopal Ghosh	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
2.	Tarakanath Pal	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-

1.1.5. Approved Technical Areas Expert/s (TAE)

a. Assessed as per SA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Nupur Adhikary	Remote Sensing & GIS (RS)	Yes	-
		Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
2.	Hiranmoy Sarkar	Hydrogeology (HG)	Yes	-
Empanelled				

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3.	G Krishna Prasad	Geophysics (GP)	Yes	-
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b. Assessed as per IA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Ram Sourav Adhikari	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
2.	Chiranjib Banerjee	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
3.	Sujay Payra	Remote Sensing & GIS (RS)	Yes	-
4.	Kshiti Ranjan Ray	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-

1.1.6. Approved Team Member/s (TM)

a. Assessed as per SA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Sarita Mahato	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
		Hydrogeology (HG)	Yes	-

b. Assessed as per IA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Arnab Mallick	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
		Hydrogeology (HG)	Yes	-
2.	Aishik Saha	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
3.	Saikat Tarafdar	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
4.	Prasen Saha	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
5.	Niharika Mishra	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
6.	Prabir Bhattacharya	Remote Sensing & GIS (RS)	No	Not recommended as he

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				does not possess minimum education qualification as per the scheme.
7.	Rabiya Parween	Remote Sensing & GIS (RS)	Yes	-
8.	Priya Paul	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
9.	Disha Mallick	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-

1.2. Indian Mine Planners & Consultants, Kolkata

Indian Mine Planners & Consultants, Kolkata has scored **70.64%**, hence it continues to be accredited as **Category-A** as per **AEA Accreditation Scheme**.

1.2.1. Marks obtained in various aspects of Surveillance Assessment

Sl. No.	Aspect	Marks Scored	Out of
1.	Quality and performance of personnel		
	i. Project Coordinator/s	17.00	20
	ii. Technical Area Expert/s	18.34 (Average)	30
2.	Infrastructure, P & M, adequate Software (SW) and Hardware (HW)	7.00	10
3.	Field investigations and laboratory systems to ensure data integrity	6.00	10
4.	Coverage and Quality of Geological Report (GR)/ Exploration Assignments	11.00	15
5.	Quality Management System	7.80	10
6.	Compliance to condition of accreditation/ Organizational Commitment	3.50	5
	Total	70.64	100
	Overall Score	70.64%	

1.2.2. Scope Coverage:

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- Float & Placer deposits
- Deep Seated deposits

1.2.3. Number of Experts applied and approved:

S.N o.	Human Resource	IH		EMP		TOTAL	
		Applied	Approved/ Accepted	Applied	Approved/ Accepted	Applied	Approved/ Accepted
1	Project Coordinator/s(PC)	1	1	0	0	1	1
2	Technical Area Expert/s(TAE)	4	3	4	3	8	6
3	Team Member (TM)	0	0	NA	NA	0	0
	Total	5	4	4	3	9	7

1.2.4. Approved Project Coordinator/s (PC)

a. Assessed as per SA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Nirode Behari Chanda	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-

1.2.5. Approved Technical Areas Expert/s (TAE)

a. Assessed as per SA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
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In-house				
1.	Kerdi Samuel Benhur	Geophysics (GP)	Yes	-

b. Assessed as per IA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Arijit Adhikary	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
2.	Debashish Ghosh	Geology (GEO)	No	Needs more experience in the field of geology in mineral sector.
3.	Raj Narayan Yadav	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
Empanelled				
4.	Shyamananda Panja	Hydrogeology (HG)	Yes	-
5.	Kandimalla Venkateswarlu	Remote Sensing & GIS (RS)	No	Not recommended as he does not possess minimum education qualification as per the scheme.
6.	Samudra Mitra	Geophysics (GP)	Yes	-
7.	Prabir Kumar Chakraverty	Remote Sensing & GIS (RS)	Yes	-

1.3. GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd, Bangalore

GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd, Bangalore has scored **67.95%**, hence it continues to be accredited as **Category-A** as per AEA Accreditation Scheme.

1.3.1. Marks obtained in various aspects of Surveillance Assessment

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1.	i. Project Coordinator/s	12.00	20
	ii. Technical Area Expert/s	20.67 (Average)	30
2.	Infrastructure, P & M, adequate Software (SW) and Hardware (HW)	8.00	10
3.	Field investigations and laboratory systems to ensure data integrity	7.00	10
4.	Coverage and Quality of Geological Report (GR)/ Exploration Assignments	9.00	15
5.	Quality Management System	7.28	10
6.	Compliance to condition of accreditation/ Organizational Commitment	4.00	5
	Total	67.95	100
	Overall Score	67.95%	

1.3.2. Scope Coverage:

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S.N o.	Human Resource	IH		EMP		TOTAL	
		Applied	Approved/ Accepted	Applied	Approved/ Accepted	Applied	Approved/ Accepted
1	Project Coordinator/s(PC)	3	3	0	0	3	3
2	Technical Area Expert/s(TAE)	2	2	3	3	5	5

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3	Team Member (TM)	4	4	NA	NA	4	4
	Total	9	9	3	3	12	12

1.3.4. Approved Project Coordinator/s (PC)

a. Assessed as per SA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Sridhar Bhat	Geology (GEO)	Yes	With recommendation to update on knowledge of relevant legislations (Acts, Rules, and Latest Amendments).
2.	Satyanarayana Kadiyala	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-

b. Assessed as per IA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Dr. R Chandrasekaran	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-

1.3.5. Approved Technical Areas Expert/s (TAE)

a. Assessed as per SA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Muddappa Madure K	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
2.	Mohammad Muslemeen	Hydrogeology (HG)	Yes	-
Empanelled				

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3.	Dr. Joshphar Kunapo	Remote Sensing & GIS (RS)	Yes	-
4.	Dr Koppireddi Veeraswamy	Geophysics (GP)	Yes	-
5.	Subhas Basaprabhu Naganur	Geology (GEO)	-	Absent

1.3.6. Approved Team Member/s (TM)

a. Assessed as per IA norms –

S.No.	Name	Approval status		Remarks
		Technical Area Approved	Status	
In-house				
1.	Shrinivas Y	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
2.	A Gopal	Geology (GEO)	Yes	-
3.	Shashank Shekhar Mahapatra	Remote Sensing & GIS (RS)	Yes	-
4.	Manoj V P	Geophysics (GP)	No	Not recommended as he does not possess minimum education qualification as per the scheme.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Issued by
Jagminder Kataria
Joint Director
QCI-NABET

Abbreviations:

AO Applicant Organization
ACO Accredited Consultant Organization

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IA Initial Accreditation
PC Project Coordinator
TAE Technical Area Expert
TM Team Member
NC Non- Conformance
Obs Observation
ToR Terms of Reference

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