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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 21st May, 2009

No. 20/02/2009-M.II – The Government of India vide Resolution No.11(39)/2007-M.I dated 7th January, 2008 had set up a High Powered Committee (HPC) to review the functioning of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and assess its capacity to meet the emerging challenges taking into account the Organization's technological and manpower resources. The High Powered Committee submitted its report to the Government on 31st March, 2009, *inter-alia* setting out a Vision for the GSI and a Charter for its operations. The Government after careful consideration of the matter has accepted these recommendations of the HPC and accordingly the Vision for GSI and its Charter of Operations shall be as is set out hereinafter in the Annexure I and II to this Resolution.

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(Santha Sheela Nair)

Secretary to the Government of India

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ORDERED that a copy of the resolution be communicated to all concerned.

ORDERED also that the resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

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Secretary to the Government of India

To

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**VISION FOR
THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA**

The Geological Survey of India shall aspire to:

- develop into a world class institution for fundamental as well as applied geoscience, always keeping up with the latest technologies and methodologies;

- create a close-knit national geoscientific community through leadership and collaborative partnerships; and

- acquire and provide expertise and widely disseminate geoscientific information to facilitate informed decision-making by policy makers and public and enable use of geoscientific information for sustainable socio-economic development.

**CHARTER OF OPERATIONS OF
THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA**

Having regard to the Vision for the Geological Survey of India (GSI), and the major opportunities and challenges in the geoscientific sector, the GSI shall:

- Enable and facilitate the providing of objective, impartial and up-to-date geological expertise and geoscientific information of all kinds, particularly for decision-making for policy, commercial, economic and societal needs.
- Systematically document the geology and geological processes of the surface and subsurface of India and its offshore areas using the latest and most cost-effective techniques and methodologies, including geophysical, geochemical and geological surveys.
- Develop and continually enhance GSI's core competence in survey and mapping through continued accretion, management, co-ordination and utilization of spatial databases (including those acquired through remote sensing) and function as a 'Repository' or 'clearing house' for the purpose and use new and emerging computer-based technologies for dissemination of geoscientific information and spatial data, through cooperation and collaboration with other stakeholders in the Geoinformatics sector.
- Explore (through ground, airborne, satellite, and marine surveys) and scientifically assess mineral, energy and water resources for the country and facilitate their optimal exploration through proactive information dissemination.
- Maintain a leadership role in the geological field and develop partnerships with Central, State and other institutions, to help create enhanced executional capability and capacity in the field of geology in furtherance of GSI's Vision and the objectives of this Charter.
- Coordinate geoscientific activities with stakeholders in all sectors related to geoscience in order to help sustainably manage the country's natural resources, including water.
- Conduct multidisciplinary as well as fundamental Geoscientific research and studies (including geotechnical investigations, physical, chemical and biological hazard geoinvestigations, climate change geostudies, paleogeostudies etc.), and foster partnerships with State and Central research and academic institutions for the purpose.
- Actively participate in international collaborative projects to improve our understanding of the earth and its ecosystems and its geology, including studies related to tectonics, global warming and climate change, and Polar studies.
- Generally advance the cause of the geoscience by documentation, propagation, archiving and education, including creation and management of museums, monuments and parks, archives, libraries and other facilities for use of students, researchers and the public. In particular constantly endeavour to popularize Geoscience at school and university levels through production and dissemination high quality audio-visual and printed material, and through the medium of the Internet. Also hold exhibitions and special events to bring geoscientific concepts before the public.