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To

Sub: 2nd Meeting of the CGPB Committee- I on Ferrous Minerals: Agenda to be discussed.

Ref: D.O. letter of the Additional Secretary, MOM to the Convener dated 10.11.2009.

Sir,

Appreciating the soundness of the recommendations of the meeting of the CGPB Committee-I for Ferrous Minerals, a letter has been received from the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India to divide its recommendations into two distinct areas: one devoted to 'Specific Projects and initiatives' and the other devoted to 'General Strategy' in relation to subject matter of the Committee.

Geological Survey of India, State Geological departments and other member institutions have launched and/or proposing to launch many projects on the subject to harness the mineral potentials with their scientific skills. Many out of them are being launched as collaborative programmes as per the decision of the Ministry of Mines. All these projects will be discussed separately under 'Specific Projects and initiatives'.

In addition, the Committee is expected to discuss, paying equal importance, many other issues orienting to the "general strategy". An in-depth analysis of the current status of the subject and the pro-active recommendation emerging out of the above discussion would enable CGPB to make recommendation to the government, enhancing its role and status.

The terms of reference enunciated for the CGPB Committee-I, which were discussed in the 1st meeting on 27th and 28th July, 2009 at Bangalore, would become the subject matter of discussion in detail along with other issues as put forward by the members/ invitees, in the process of preparing a 'Base document' to be placed during the CGPB meeting in February, 2010.

Many of the subject matters under the general strategy, which are of utmost importance in policy making, are proposed to be discussed on the following topics during the 2nd meeting of the CGPB Committee-I:

- i) Conservation and optimum utilization of ferrous minerals considering the future needs of the country through scientific mining, ore dressing and beneficiation technology in tune with global standards.
- ii) Redefining the exploration strategy as per the present day needs.
- iii) Prioritise / enhance research and development programme in respect of exploration techniques, modernization of field/ sampling equipments and beneficiation.
- iv) Strengthening the man power of Central and State organizations as well as other member institutions by capacity building measures.
- v) Environmental friendly exploration, exploitation and transport of ferrous group of minerals.
- vi) Active co-operation from the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF) in optimal exploration of ferrous group of minerals.
- vii) And any other issues of general strategy related with the subject of the Committee.

All the members and invitees are requested to communicate their view points to the Member secretary on the above issues and discuss the same in detail during the meeting scheduled on 23rd December, 2009 at GSI Office, Jhalanadungri, Jaipur.

With much of expectations.

Yours sincerely,

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