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Government of India
Ministry of Coal
(Mining Plan & Safety Section)

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Office Memorandum

Subject: Formulation of Mining Plan by Qualified Person (QP) or Accredited Mining Plan Preparing Agency (MPPA) - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to O.M of even number dated 29.5.2020, vide which guidelines for "Preparation, Formulation, Submission, Processing, Scrutiny, Approval and Revision of Mining plan for the coal and lignite blocks" was issued. Para-3 of the said guidelines provides that:

- a. *System of granting Recognition to a person for preparation of mining plan u/s 22C of MCR 1960 & preparation of mining plan only by RQP u/s 22B of MCR 1960 shall be done away with, after commencement of the Mineral Concessions (Amendment) Rules, 2020.*
- b. *After commencement of Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rule 2020, no mining plan shall be accepted unless it is prepared by Qualified Person (QP) or Accredited Mining Plan Preparing Agency (MPPA).*
- c. *Quality Council of India (QCI) or National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) shall be engaged for accrediting following entities:(i) Accredited Prospecting Agency (APA) for undertaking prospecting operations and preparation of geological reports for Coal and Lignite Mines, and (ii) Mining Plan Preparing Agency (MPPA) for preparation of mining plan (for Coal, Lignite Mines and Sand for Stowing)*
- d. *The Quality Council of India (QCI) or National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) shall grant accreditation in accordance with such standards and procedures as specified in schedule VI of Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rule 2020.*

2. Accordingly, NABET has granted accreditation to some accredited consultants under the APA & MPPA Scheme of QCI-NABET. List of such accredited consultants may be perused at –

(a). **Link for the list of ACO:** [http://nabet.qci.org.in/allnews/2021-03-17NABET%20Accredited%20APA%20&%20MPPA%20\(17.03.21\).pdf](http://nabet.qci.org.in/allnews/2021-03-17NABET%20Accredited%20APA%20&%20MPPA%20(17.03.21).pdf)

(b). **Link for the ACO – Scope & HR approvals:** http://apa-mppa.nabet.qci.org.in/Accredited_Consultant.aspx

3. Further, Para-4/2 of the said guidelines provides as under:

*"On and from the expiry of period of nine months from the commencement of the Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2020, every mining plan submitted for approval/modification shall be accompanied with a non-refundable application fee specified from time to time in this regard, for the project area specified in the mining plan and **peer/expert review done by any accredited mining plan preparing or reviewing agency at their (applicant's) own cost."***

4. In view of the above provisions, all project proponents are directed to submit mining plan duly prepared by Qualified Person (QP) or Accredited Mining Plan Preparing Agency (MPPA) and reviewed by Accredited Mining Plan Preparing Agency (MPPA). It may be noted that agency can not review its own mining plan and must be different from the agency who has prepared the mining plan.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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To,

All the existing Coal and Lignite block allocatees

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3. CMD, CIL, Newtown, Rajarhat, Kolkata-700156, W.B
4. CMD, NLCIL, Cuddlore, Distt. Neyveli- 607801 (Tamil Nadu).
5. CMD, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), Kothagudem Collieries, Khammam Distt.(A.P).
6. Tech. Director (NIC) - with the request to place it to Website of the Ministry of Coal.