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Government of India
Ministry of Coal

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
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Office Memorandum

Subject : Draft Policy for dissemination/sharing of data of Coal/Lignite

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Draft Policy for dissemination/sharing of data of Coal/Lignite. It is requested that comments on the draft policy may please be sent to this Ministry by 2/2/2014 positively by fax (23387738) and email at socrc.moc@nic.in


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Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Draft Policy for Dissemination/Sharing of Data of Coal/Lignite

1. Background

Ministry of Coal is responsible for exploration of coal and lignite resources, production and distribution of coal amongst other responsibilities vested under Allocation of Business Rules. Basically, exploration for coal and lignite is mainly carried out in two stages namely, Regional/Promotional and Detailed Exploration. While Geological Survey of India is vested with the responsibility of carrying out regional exploration under the budget provision of Ministry of Mines, GSI and MECL are engaged for promotional exploration under the Plan Scheme of Promotional Exploration under the budget of Ministry of Coal. CMPDIL is the nodal agency for implementation of the Plan schemes of Promotional Exploration and Detailed Exploration in non-CIL blocks. Besides, CMPDIL is also vested with the responsibility of carrying out detailed exploration on behalf of the subsidiary coal companies of CIL. NLC and SCCL carry out detailed exploration within their command areas and some State Geology Departments like Maharashtra, Gujarat are also carrying out exploration on their own.

1.2. Of late, a number of coal blocks have been allotted to various companies in public and private sector and a number of these blocks are regionally explored and the block holders were permitted to carry out detailed exploration. CMPDIL has been implementing the Integrated Coal Resource Information System (ICRIS) which is a component under Plan Scheme of Promotional Exploration with a view to switch over to UNFC Classification of coal resources. Similarly, NLC is the nodal agency for lignite for maintaining Integrated Lignite Resource Information System (ILRIS) under the Promotional Exploration Plan Scheme. This requires flow of information from various coal and lignite companies and Ministry of Coal has also decided to switch over to UNFC Classification and requested all the coal and lignite companies to comply with the same.

1.3. In the meanwhile, there have been representations seeking sharing of information from CMPDIL/NLC in regard to the data of exploration of some of the coal/lignite bearing areas. While such requests have been addressed on

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case to case basis, it is proposed to frame a policy for sharing the data. Accordingly, the following is proposed in consultation with CMPDIL and NLC.

2. Current Practice

2.1. CMPDI is already providing the copy of the geological reports in respect of blocks explored in detail and offered for allocation by MoC for captive use on advance payment of nominal cost (covering cost of printing etc.) fixed for the purpose and it is displayed on the website of CMPDI. This cost is fixed from time to time in three categories based on the size of GR as indicated below:

Category A: GR with upto 25 drawings and 500 pages

Category B: GR having 26 to 50 drawings and 1000 pages

Category C: GR with more than 50 drawings & more than 1000 pages

3. Policy on Sharing Data on Coal/Lignite

3.1. The similar approach can be adopted for extension of policy for geological reports of blocks explored under Regional/Promotional Exploration schemes of Ministry of Coal.

3.2. Following is proposed for the regionally explored blocks:

- a. Directorate of Geology of State Governments may be provided photocopy of GR of Promotional and Detailed exploration of coal and lignite blocks (Non-CIL) of respective State through the above arrangement. For CIL blocks, concerned coal companies and for lignite blocks, NLC may be contacted. In all cases a certificate must be produced that above GR will be used for planning purpose of the State and will not be used for commercial purposes.
- b. For other parties interested to participate in bidding process, the photocopy may be provided on nominal cost as indicated above, if the block has been offered for captive mining of coal or lignite by MoC.
- c. GRs of the blocks not offered for captive mining of coal or lignite (Promotional or non-CIL) may not be provided to other parties except DG of respective State Governments as defined in point 'a' above, as it may be allocated to CIL/NLC in due course of time.

3.3. CMPDIL may maintain all the relevant data and information in the form of soft copies on their website and clearly list the information as to which is the printed and published one for sale and for free distribution. Similarly, they may also indicate unpublished documents for sale after indicating its costing on case to case basis for bona fide usage.

3.4. Any un-priced reports and documents that are made available for free viewing, downloading and printing shall be charged to cover the incidental cost for making hardcopies.

3.5. CMPDIL shall prepare detailed information dossier for different coalfields in the country and place it on their website with a link to the website of Ministry of Coal.

3.6. All the Coal companies both in public and private sector should share the resource information by adopting UNFC Classification with CMPDIL who is the nodal agency under Ministry of Coal for maintaining ICRIS and lignite information with NLC for Integrated Lignite Resources Information System (ILRIS) as mentioned in Para 2 above. However, no amount shall be charged by the Coal companies in providing this data/information to CMPDIL.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M of even No. dated 22/1/2014 vide which a copy of Draft Policy for dissemination/sharing of data of Coal/Lignite was forwarded and requested to furnish the comments on the draft policy by 2/2/2014. The comments are still awaited. It is requested that the same may please be sent immediately by fax (23387738) and email at socrc.moc@nic.in

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