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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
(PROJECT BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 21st April, 2023

No. E.No. 491988-PJ-6/176.—In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 43 of Punjab Minor Mineral Rules 2013, Governor of Punjab is pleased to direct that:-

The powers exercisable by the Director to resolve the tie of H1 bidders through draw of lots for granting mining rights in pursuance of Punjab State Minor Mineral Policy 2023 dated 13.03.2023 framed under Punjab Minor Mineral Rules 2013 shall be exercisable by the Lots Evaluation Committee (LEC). Constitution of Lots Evaluation Committee (LEC) shall be as defined in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be followed to carry out the process of draw of lots as per Annexure-1.

Chandigarh
The 20th April, 2023

GURKIRAT KIRPAL SINGH, IAS
Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Mines and Geology

Annexure-1

- 1) The process of drawing of lots shall be carried out by Lots Evaluation Committee (LEC), the constituents of the same are proposed as below:-

Sr.No.	Name of member	Designation/Role
1.	Nominee of Deputy Commissioner, not below the rank of PCS officer	Member
2.	Superintending Engineer concerned	Member
3.	Divisional Accounts officer concerned	Member
4.	One officer from Head office	Member
5.	XEN-cum-DMO of respective District	Convener

- 2) The whole process shall be done under the supervision of Chief Engineer/Drainage-cum-Mines & Geology, Punjab.
- 3) The Executive Engineer cum DMO shall apprise the Deputy Commissioner regarding the process to be carried out to finalize the venue and schedule of the Draw of lots.
- 4) A Duty Magistrate shall also be appointed by the District Magistrate to oversee the process and to maintain law and order.
- 5) A Press Release through Public Relations dept. shall be given by the respective DMOs mentioning proper date, time and venue as per directions of DC for drawing of lots atleast 2 days in advance.
- 6) Press/media shall also be given intimation by the DMOs to attend the event.
- 7) Local police personnel shall be present at the venue for security arrangements.
- 8) The District Mining Officer (DMO) shall ensure a proper venue for the purpose of drawing of lots, wherein a computer/laptop system, proper internet connectivity, a screen with projector, generator, tent & light arrangement, a suitable transparent glass jar etc. should be in place.
- 9) The whole process of drawing of lots shall be video graphed.
- 10) The list of H1 bidders shall be displayed on the Notice Board of DMO office one working day in advance and also be displayed prominently at the venue of Draw of Lots.
- 11) The slips for the process each draw of lots shall be prepared in front of the public at the venue itself to ensure transparency and the process shall be video graphed.
- 12) The bidders who have given the tied H1 bid shall be encouraged to be present at the time of draw of lots. They may independently arrange to video graph the process at their respective costs, and the committee shall allow the same.
- 13) The process of drawing of lots shall be open to the general public.
- 14) The process of drawing of lots shall be done by the Lots Evaluation Committee (LEC). The concerned District Mining Officer (DMO) shall also log himself/herself in the presence of the other LEC members.
- 15) Any person found indulging in any kind of misconduct during the allotment process shall be de-barred, declared unsuccessful even if otherwise successful and shall be blacklisted for 2 years, and his EMD shall be forfeited.
- 16) The lots shall be placed and opened in a phased manner for each mining cluster in the district as decided and published by the DMO.