

**REVISED GUIDELINES FOR MAKING SELECTION OF APPLICANTS FOR THE GRANT OF OFFSHORE EXPLORATION LICENCE**

The mineral bearing Off-shore blocks available for grant of Exploration Licence have been notified by the Controller General as an Administering Authority, IBM on 07.06.2010.

Following guidelines for evaluation of Exploration Licence Applications have been framed for processing of applications taking into consideration the provisions laid down under : (1) Section 12(1) to Section 12(3) of the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 2002; (2) Rule 13 of the Offshore Areas Mineral Concession Rules, 2006; & (3) Notification dated 07<sup>th</sup> June 2010 published by the Controller General, IBM & Administering Authority.

**EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA (SUMMARISED)**

<b>SR. NO.</b>	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>ITEMWISE POINTS</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>INDUSTRY</b>	
	<b>a) Existing</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>b) Proposed</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>TECHNICAL CAPABILITY</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>EXPLORATION WORK PROPOSED</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>DATA SUBMITTED</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION**  
**EVALUATION CRITERIA (WITH BREAK UP)**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>INDUSTRY STATUS</b>	<b>(15)</b>										
	(a) Requires the mineral for use in an industry already owned by the applicant from the block applied for exploration	10										
	(b) Alternatively, Applicant has taken sufficient steps to set-up such industry. Proposed Plant with basis (depends on the results of exploration).	05										
<b>2.</b>	<b>TECHNICAL CAPABILITY</b>	<b>(30)</b>										
	a) A brief statement of experience on offshore exploration, if any.	05										
	b) Competency of the technical personnel employed by the applicant for undertaking the exploration program.	05										
	c) In case of applicant having a Consultant / Adviser, whether document in support of it is furnished.	02										
	d) Technical tie-up / collaboration with Companies having experience in offshore exploration.	06										
	e) Evidence that collaborative agency has agreed to assist / collaborate in the proposed exploration.	05										
	f) Details of exploration, survey vessel / platform and equipment.	07										
<b>3.</b>	<b>EXPLORATION WORK PROPOSED</b>	<b>(20)</b>										
	(a) Plan showing the application Area of the Block.	02										
	(b) Details of committed exploration work programme along with time frame.	15										
	(c) Listing of impact on the environment if any, and outline the measures for mitigation.	03										
<b>4.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>(25)</b>										
	(a) Proof of financial capability to undertake the exploration work / details of the financial resources available / proof of ability to fund the exploration.	10										
	(b) Alternatively, line of credit from a recognized financial institution / statement from the financial institution concerned giving the extent of credit / signed authorizations from guarantors, if applicable.	05										
	(c) Expenditure commitment with proper justification as per the exploration proposal points will be given as below:	10										
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<b>5.</b>	Data Submitted along with the exploration work proposed and source, mode / proof of acquisition shall be ranked as follows.											
	i) Data purchased	08										
	ii) From published literature	02										
		<b>(10)</b>										