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Statutory Notifications (S. R. O.)

GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN

GILGIT-BALTISTAN SECRETARIAT

(Minerals, Industries, Commerce and Labour Department)

NOTIFICATIONS

Gilgit, the 9th November, 2019

S. R. O. 1435(I)/2019.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Regulation of Mines and Oil-fields and Minerals Development (Government Control) Act, 1948 (XXIV of 1948) as adopted, the Gilgit-Baltistan Government is pleased to fix/approve the following rates against the Mineral titles:—

S.#	CATEGORIES	AMOUNT
1	Call Deposit for Exploration License (EL) a. Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals) for large scale Mining. b. Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals). c. Dimension Stones (granite, marble, and alike minerals). d. Lime Stones for Cement manufacturing. e. Industrial minerals group (phosphate, soap stone, clays, gypsum, quartz, silica sand and alike minerals). f. Placer Gold.	Rs.200000/-

(2613)

Price: Rs. 10.00

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S.#	CATEGORIES	AMOUNT
2	Call Deposit for Mining Lease (ML) a. Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals) for large Scale Mining. b. Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals) for small scale Mining. c. Dimension Stones (granite, marble, and alike minerals). d. Lime Stones for Cement manufacturing. e. Industrial minerals group (phosphate, soap stone, clays, gypsum, quartz, silica sand and alike minerals). f. Placer Gold. Note: (except H, I and J).	300000/-
3	Bank Statement closing balance for both EL/ML (B to F). Bank Statement closing balance for both EL/ML large scale. Note: (except H, I and J).	1,000,000/- 2,000,000/-
4	Application Processing Fee for Reconnaissance License, Exploration License, Mineral Deposit Retention License and Mining Lease.	25,000/ (Non-Refundable)
5	Demarcation Fee.	5000/-
	Fine.	Up to 50,000/-
6	Joint venture Fee.	20,000/-
7	Application Fee for Assignment/Transfer of a Mineral Title or Mining Lease.	15,000/-
8	Application Form Fee for Reconnaissance License, Exploration License, Mineral Deposit Retention License and Mining Lease.	1,000/-
9	Tender form fee for Auction of Minerals and area.	5,000/-
10	Amendments Fee for: a. Reconnaissance license	50,000/-
	b. Exploration License.	50,000/-
	c. Mineral Deposit Retention License.	50,000/-
	d. Mining Lease.	50,000/-
	e. Minor amendments i.e. Address, person to company Title etc.	10,000/-
11	Appeal Fee.	5,000/-

S. R. O. 1436(I)2019.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Regulation of Mines and Oil-fields and Mineral Development (Government Control) Act, 1948 (XXIV of 1948) as adopted, the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan has been pleased to approve the following amendments in Gilgit-Baltistan Mining Concession Rules, 2016.

S.#	Rule No.	AMENDMENTS
01	13	Reconnaissance License (RL) • Area permissible is up to 100 Sq. Km in general cases & up to 500 Sq.km in special cases with special conditions.
	14	• For not exceeding 1 year.

02	23	Exploration License (EL) a. Area not exceeding 20 Sq. Km for Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals) for large scale Mining subject to provision of realistic Business plan for investment of Rs. 20 Million. b. Area not exceeding 10 Sq. Km for Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals). c. Area not exceeding 10 Sq. Km for Dimension Stones (granite, marble, and alike minerals). d. Area of land not exceeding 20 Sq. Km for Lime Stones for Cement manufacturing subject to provision of realistic Business plan for investment of at least Rs. 20 Million. e. Area not exceeding 5 Sq. Km for Industrial minerals group (phosphate, soap stone, clays, gypsum, quartz, silica sand and alike minerals). f. Area not exceeding 10 Sq.km for Placer Gold.
03	44	Mining Lease (ML) Following categories are proposed: a. Area not exceeding 10 Sq. Km for Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals) for large Scale Mining subject to provision of realistic business plan for investment of Rs. 20 Million Remaining 10 Sq.km of Exploration area shall be leased out to the same company/firms if interested on provision of additional realistic business plan for investment of Rs. 30 Million. Otherwise areas shall be auctioned. b. Area not exceeding 5 Sq. Km for Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals) for small scale Mining. c. Area not exceeding 500 Acres for Dimension Stones (granite, marble, and alike minerals). If lessees are interested another 500 Acres Exploration area shall be leased out to the same company/firms on provision of realistic business plan for investment of Rs. 10 Million. Otherwise Explored area shall be auctioned. d. Area of land not exceeding 10 Sq. Km for Lime Stones for Cement manufacturing. e. Area not exceeding 500 Acres for Industrial minerals group (phosphate, soap stone, clays, gypsum, quartz, silica sand and alike minerals). Another 500 Acres of Exploration area shall be leased out to the same company/firms if interested on provision of realistic business plan for investment of Rs. 10 Million, otherwise area shall be auctioned. f. Area not exceeding 5 Sq Km for Placer Gold.

		g. The provision of provisional No Objection Certificate (NOC) from GB-EPA prior to approval of lease shall be mandatory and shall provide final/proper NOC before the issuance of work order. h. Area not exceeding 2 Sq. Km for minor minerals (sand, bajari, gravels, boulders and alike minerals) on commercial lines meant for small scale mining. i. Area not exceeding 2 Sq. Km for Construction mineral group/Crushing material (Lime stone, dolomite, sand stone and alike) on commercial lines meant for small scale construction. j. Area not exceeding 5 Sq. Km for Gemstones (precious and semi-precious) for 5 years (renewal shall be for 2 years) by charging a lump-sum of Rs. 50,000/- as granting fee and Rs. 50,000. as lump-sum royalty and exempted of other charges. First priority in granting of lease shall be given to the local community subject to fulfilment of all codal formalities. Note: Maximum Period for all the above Leases (except H, I and J) shall be 30 years and renewal shall be according to schedule 2. k. First right of Mining Lease Shall be given to Exploration License holder subject to fulfillment of other requirements.
04	Schedule 1	A. Granting Fee (GF) For Exploration License: i. Rs. 50,000. For Lime stone, Cement plant, Industrial Minerals and Placer Gold category. ii. Rs.100,000. For Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals) for large scale Mining. iii. Rs. 50,000. For Metallic Minerals, Dimension Stone. iv. Rs. 2,00,000. For poly Metals. B. Granting Fee for Mining Lease: i. Rs. 500,000. For Lime stone for cement plant as Industrial materials. ii. Rs. 200,000. For Metallic Minerals (precious & semi-precious and base metals) for large scale Mining. iii. Rs. 100,000. For Metallic Minerals, Dimension Stone. iv. Rs. 400,000 for poly Metals. v. Rs. 150,000. For placer Gold. vi. Rs. 50,000. For gemstones as lump-sum. vii. Rs. 50,000 for Miner Minerals (sand, bajari, gravels, boulders and alike minerals) and Construction mineral group/Crushing material (Lime stone, dolomite, sand stone and alike) on commercial lines for small scale construction for period of 5 years extendable onward
05	Schedule 2	Annually dead rent Rs. 300/sq.km for EL and Rs. 4000/sq.km for ML. Note: (except H, I and J).

06	Schedule 1 Security deposit	Bank Saving Certificate/Security Deposits of Rs. 15/ Acres for EL and Rs. 30/ Acres for ML. Note: (except H, I and J).
07	Rule 202	This Rule will remain suspended for one year starting from date of official notification and will be reconsidered after expiry of the suspension period and reviewing the license /lease positions regarding gemstones. However, already registered individual, firm and company shall not be affected.
08	171(1)	Penalty for un-authorized mining, obstruction, abstraction, possession and transportation etc. - Fine of Rs. 10,000-1,00,000 - Or/and - Imprisonment 3 months - 6 months. OR 5% of original cost of confiscated minerals.
09	180	Auction of Area If more than 1 application are received for the same proven area (minerals) for EL or ML, then the area shall be granted on auction basis. Proven Area means that the Licensing authority is convinced /satisfied of the existence of minerals. The Mining lease shall be: - Construction Mineral Group (Lime stone, dolomite sand stone and alike minerals) over an area of 200 Acres. (lime stone, shale, clay and slate stone) for cement industries up to 3000 Acres. - Dimension stone (granite, marble and alike minerals) up to 200 Acre. - Industrial Minerals Group (phosphate, soap stone, clays, rock salt, gypsum, quartz, silica sand and alike minerals) up to 200 Acres. - Metallic Minerals Group (precious and base metals) up to 500 Acres. - Precious and Semi-Precious Gemstone (group) up to 50 Acres.
10	44(e&f)	Satisfactory Feasibility report regarding the mineral exploration shall be mandatory for the grant of ML.
11	21	EL shall not be converted into ML before 3 months on successful exploration.
12	13 (a)	Grant of EL and ML shall be permissible to Company/Firm only (Existing EL/ML issued to person (if any) shall be converted as Firm/Company within one year.)
13	192	Reduction of Areas: The rule of reduction of areas shall not be applied on already granted areas.
14	7(c)	Application processing fee (Non-Refundable) shall be notified by government from time to time. During ban period application along with prescribed fee can be submitted /entertained for merit, but case cannot be processed.

15	7(3)	First come first serve. Merit/priority list of the application shall base on the date of submission of the application along-with the prescribed application processing fee bank receipt for un proven area (minerals).
16	46 (5) New addition	Direct Mining Lease shall not be granted except for Gemstone (precious & semi-precious Gemstone) Minor Minerals (sand, bajari, gravels, boulders and alike minerals) and Construction mineral group/Crushing material (Lime stone, dolomite, sand stone and alike) on commercial lines meant for small scale construction.
17	186	1. Lease for gold, silver, precious gemstones and semi-precious gemstone shall not be granted to other than Pakistan national. 2. Any national/foreign Firm/Company shall have a Joint Venture with local Firm/Company for all Minerals title. OR Shall have at least one member for Gilgit Baltistan in its Board of Directors.
18	201	a. Community rights, The Lessee shall be responsible to pay to the community double the amount paid to the government as royalty. b. The agreement shall be signed with local community with the support/facilitation of Mineral department & Local Administration.
19	151	• If the licensee or lessee demarcates the area by the Department, he shall deposit Fee to be notified by Government from time to time as Demarcation fee in treasury. Transportation of the surveyor from/to the station shall be the responsibility of lessee or licensee. • The Licensee/lessee may also engage private surveyor for demarcation which shall be verified by the departmental surveyor after deposit of prescribed Fee. However, if the demarcation found incorrect or area un-demarcated as per rules by the private Surveyor then a fine to be notified by Government hall be imposed upon licensee/lessee. In case of official Surveyor disciplinary action shall be taken under E&D rules against the Surveyor.
20	6	The applicant shall have to sign the Mineral Agreement provided by Mineral Department within one month of the approval of the mineral title, failing which the approval shall be liable to cancellation/withdrawn, however, the period may be extended for further 15 days upon the applicant citing cogent reason for the delay.
21	189	The case of joint venture shall process after deposit of Fee to be notified by Government from time to time.
22	51	The case of Assignment/Transfer of a Mineral Title or Mining Lease shall process after deposit of Fee to be notified by Government from time to time.
23	New addition	The fee for application form for Mineral Titles / EL & ML etc. shall be notified by Government from time to time.
24	New addition	The fee for tender form for auction of Mineral and area shall be notified by Government from time to time.
25	27	Amendments Fee for, 1. Exploration License 2. Mineral Deposit Retention License 3. Mining Lease 4. Minor amendments i.e Address, person to company Title etc. 5. Other titles. shall be notified by Government from time to time.

26	130	Appeal Fee shall be notified by Government from time to time.
27	137	Same Company/Firm shall not be granted more than 4 EL / ML. A maximum 4 E/L or 4 M/L may be granted to a single Company/ firms.
28	New addition	Firms/Company must be registered with legally authorized authorities.
29	New addition	Licensing authority shall be entitled for temporarily imposing / lifting general or specific ban on issuance of new RL, EL, MDRL and ML. However, there shall be cogent reasons for imposing/lifting the ban (General or case specific). The ban shall not be applied to conversion of EL to ML/ amendment, transfer and renewal.
30	New addition	The required NOC from forest department shall be mandatory before issuance of work order.
31	177-New addition	RAHDARI Prescribed Rahdari shall be issued as per production/requirements of License/Lessee, bidders and registration card/certificate holders after deposit of royalty fee notified by Licensing Authority from time to time. (except J).
32	New Addition	The amount of various Categories of Fee may be modified by the Competent Authority through Notification from time to time.

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