

Note on Meeting between GSI and Delegation from Finland

A meeting was held on February 8, 2019 at 15:00 Hrs at the office of Director General, Geological Survey of India at Kolkata with a delegation from Finland. Mr. Markku Keinanen, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign affairs of Finland, Mr. Mikko Potsonen, Counsellor (Economic & Commercial), Embassy of Finland, New Delhi and Shri Subrata Halder, Honorary consulate of Finland in Kolkata were the Finnish representatives for the meeting. Officials of GSI and experts attended the meeting under chairmanship of Dr. Dinesh Gupta, DG, GSI and held technical discussion. The agenda of the meeting was to explore possibilities of collaboration in the field of mutual interest with emphasis on mineral exploration.

DG, GSI welcomed the Finnish delegation and apprised the recent activities of GSI in the field of mineral exploration. DR. S. Raju, ADG, M-IV informed about video conference meeting with GTK, Finland on preparation of MoU and scope of future collaboration.

Representatives from three other companies working on Mining and Beneficiation technology also participated in the meeting and highlighted about their company activities in collaboration with GTK, Finland. The companies expressed their keenness to associate with exploration activities of GSI. DG, GSI specified that any company can be part of GSI's exploration activities through the process of global tendering.

DG, GSI also stated that presently GSI is focusing on deep-seated mineral exploration and Mr. Mikko Potsonen, Finnish Counsellor expressed his willingness in this matter. Mutually it was agreed that a technical team from Finland may visit GSI for further elaborate discussions. DG, GSI also requested the delegation to explore the possibility of MoU as per the requirements and every process needs to be routed through Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

The meeting ended up with a positive note with a decision that there will be further discussions on cooperation and signing up MoU between technical experts from both the parties.



Glimpses of the meeting between GSI and Delegation from Finland