

Minutes of the 2nd OAC meeting for F.S. 2019-20, held on 27/09/2019 at Auden Hall, SU-KG, GSI, Bengaluru

The 2nd Operational Advisory Council meeting of State Unit: Karnataka & Goa was held on 27th September 2019 in Auden Hall to review the progress of technical and administrative work in State Unit under the chairmanship of Dr. Ishwar Dan Ashiya, Deputy Director General, GSI, SU: K&G.

Para		Discussions
<p>Welcome address by the Director, Technical Co-ordination Division, and opening remarks of the Chairman and DDG, SU: K&G</p>		<p>Shri J. Srihari, Director, Technical Co-ordination, State unit: Karnataka & Goa, Bengaluru, welcomed the Chairman and all the participants of 2nd OAC meeting. He requested the Dy. DG, SU: K&G to initiate the proceedings. Shri. Ishwar Dan Ashiya, Dy. DG, SU: K&G, in his opening remarks, welcomed all and stressed upon the successful initiation of all the field items and particularly the early initiated, prioritized and other Mission-II items. He congratulated the FIMI team for their successful winning of 1st place in FIMI-Mining MAZMA 2019. He informed the house that the Secretary & Joint Secretary of Ministry of Mines and the ADG & NMH-II, Nagpur have appreciated about the stalls and Officers showcasing and exhibiting way in Mining Mazma. He appreciated HOO, SU: K&G for his initiation for the distribution of RCA to all items in time for FS 2019-20.</p> <p>He also informed the house that the ADG& HoD, SR has approved the two Mission-II reports (FS:2017-19, FS:2018-19) of SU: Karnataka and Goa, Out of which the G-2 stage, Bahmanhalli limestone investigation report has already circulated and another one gold investigation in Hosahulihalli is submitted for circulation which was also appreciated by Dy. DG & RMH II. Dy. DG& RMH II, SR has appreciated that SU: Karnataka and Goa has become an exemplary for other State units for promptness in report submission. The Chairman congratulated all the Supervisory Officers and Officers for their constant efforts in the circulation of reports and expressed his wishes to keep it up also.</p> <p>The Chairman instructed all officers to be in readiness for the deploying outsourced drilling by 3rd week of October 2019. The Chairman said block demarcation by DGPS in Devargudda item will be initiated before 30th September 2019 and the survey work in Turuvanur item will be started from 11th October 2019 onwards keeping in mind G-3 stage investigation.</p>
<p>OAC_2_SU:KG_19-20_01 Discussion on Action Taken report of 1st OAC Meeting, FS 19-20.</p>	<p>.1</p>	<p>The follow up action of 1st OAC minutes of FS: 2019-20 were appraised by Shri. J. Srihari, Director, (TC). He informed the house that all the actions have been completed as discussed and the house unanimously approved the minutes.</p>

<p>OAC_1_SU:KG_19-20_02</p> <p>Review of current programme</p> <p>M-II projects</p>	<p>.1</p>	<p>Director, TC has given a brief overview of the approved items of FS: 2019-20. A total of 6 item of STM, 8 items of GCM under Mission-I and 23 items in Mission-II were approved. Due to forest issues, three gold investigation items (Ajjanahalli, Ilhal and Kakol) are shelved and three alternate items (Honnamaradi, Ramajogihalli and Turuvanur) have been proposed and approved by the competent authority for FS: 2019-20. Under Mission-IV, 7 items of NLSM and 1 RP item have been taken up for FS 2019-20. Out of 23 items of Mission II, work has been initiated in 17 items and Detailed Mapping and Drilling is in progress.</p> <p>The Dy. DG SU: K&G has reviewed the PowerPoint presentation of 17 Mission-II items (including early initiated, prioritized items) of SU: K&G for FS 2019-20. He asked all the Supervisory Officers about the preparations that they have to do for the transportation of field equipments & baggages of Mission-I & Mission-IV and intimate the Dy. DG about this. He advised that while compiling the maps of adjacent sheets with geology due care has to be taken for maintaining the uniform color code for the lithounits.</p> <p>Shri K. N. Rajarama, Director presented two Mission-II items under his supervision. He explained about the achievements in Chamnur limestone investigation where about 60% target has been achieved in Detailed Mapping and in Ramandurga iron ore investigation half (2.5 sq.km) of DM is completed and collected 2 petrological samples also. In the early initiated limestone investigation item of Chamnur area, out of 1500m drilling target, 351.60m has been completed. He informed the house that due to extensive crop cultivation in the area, the drilling can be re-started only after Nov 2019. He also expressed his anxiety over the pending RCA bills. He informed the house that by this week, the Ramanadurga camp will be closed and the Officer may be redeployed in another item where the DM was started in last week of July 2019. The Chairman enquired the Director, Project: Ramanadurga about the time lapsed by the Officers since mid of June when rented house finalized. In reply, Director, Project: Ramandurga explained that the field party was waiting for forest clearance and the letter from PCCF, Bangalore was received only in the last week of July 2019.</p> <p>Shri. Nibin G Tom, Director informed the house about the progress of Budihalu project. Also he presented the works carried out in J. N. Kote REE investigation. He informed the house that XRF is under repairing condition at NCEGR, Bangalore. If the same situation continues, PCS samples have to be diverted to other laboratory for the analysis. The Chairman directed OIC, Chemical Division, SU:K&G to enquire at other chemical labs for the diversion of samples.</p>
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The Dy. DG suggested Shri N G Tom, Director to consult OIC, Chemical Division, SU: K&G to explore the possibilities of diverting the samples to other State Units. The same may be intimated in writing to the Dy. DG, SU:K&G by the Chemical Division, SU:K&G for further follow up by TC Division.

Shri. Rajasekar S., Senior Geologist made presentation about the Antraghata PGE project. The Chairman directed Shri Rajasekar S., Sr. Geologist to maintain uniform colour code in geological maps. Ms. Rashmi Tripathi, Geologist presented about the PGE investigation in Kalmangi area. The Chairman directed Ms. Rashmi Tripathi, Geologist to increase the font size of captions in geological map for the better representation and also to use location word instead of locality. Shri. Pawan Baraud, Sr. Geologist presented the progress of work in Ramajogihalli area and informed the house about the constraints in field in respect of borehole and DM. He also informed the house that the area is completely under soil cover, the borehole locations are lying on private land and land owners are asking huge compensation for the drilling activity.

Shri P. V. Krishna Rao, Director presented the progress of work carried out in Jainapur and Kallenahalli blocks. The Chairman enquired the progress of Geophysics in Jainapur block and detailed mapping, drilling progress in Kallenahalli block and he directed to carry out the work in coordination with Geophysical and drilling teams.

Shri M N Praveen, Director presented the works carried out in 5 projects of FS 2019-20 under his supervision. He also expressed his thankfulness to the Chemical Division, SU: K&G for timely availability of analytical results. The chairman appreciated Shri. R Sajeew, Supt. Geologist (Chemical Division) for his efforts for providing the results of Banasandra project in time almost. The Chairman enquired what type of breccia present in RMT-1 item. Shri M N Praveen, Director replied it is mostly of hydrothermal breccia type.

Regarding Ajjanahalli Block-I, he informed the house that the item has been shelved due to forest issues. He opined that as per the approval letter received from Dy. DG, PSS-P&M, CHQ, the item has been shelved due to forest issues and the report has to be circulated by October 2019. In view of the processing and submission of core samples, request has been put forth for the extension of timeline for the submission of first draft of Ajjanahalli report after one month on the receipt of the analytical results.

Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director informed the house about the progress of Devargudda project. The Dy. DG informed the house that the outsourced drilling (in Devargudda, Lakkavanahalli and Chamnur Blocks) may commence from 2nd/3rd

		<p>week of October 2019 as informed by the Dy. DG & RMH-II. Dy. DG advised all the Supervisory Officers to submit the borehole proposals in advance pertaining to above mentioned three items as per the suggestions received from the Dy.DG & RMH-II, SR.</p> <p>Shri K Raju, Director informed about the progress of items under his supervision. He raised the issue on bringing the item (Hittalgilagundi) in draft mode by the ADG & HOD, SR for the updation of the approved modified block co-ordinates. He also presented the progress of Turuvanur item and enquired about the nature of drilling work.</p> <p>The Dy. DG, SU: K&G informed the house that for the in-house drilling, rig lying in Ramajohahalli block will be shifted to Turuvanur area once the Ramajohahalli item camp will suspend temporarily. He further informed the house that Surveyor will be deployed from 9th October onwards.</p> <p>Further Dy. DG also appreciated Shri. Y. Puttabasappa, Senior Survey officer for his commitment and dedication shown in executing survey and DM work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action: All Supervisory Officers concerned</p>
Chemical Division	.2	<p>The Director, Chemical Division informed the house that due to lack of funds, many files are pending. He informed the house that the file pertaining to the procurement of Planetary Ball Mill has returned last week from Stores citing lack of funds. The procurement indent for the same has been placed long back. He enquired about the delay in processing of files till Sep'19. The Chairman asked HOO to submit a requisition for funds.</p> <p>Discussed about the sample pendency for NGCM and Non NGCM items. The Chairman enquired Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director related to the status of 283 nos. of samples of FS: 2018-19 which have to be sent to Chemical Laboratory, Hyderabad. The Dy. DG advised the Director, Chemical Division, SU: K&G to send a Copy of the details communicated with Chemical Division, SR regarding the diversion of 283 no. of samples. The Chairman instructed the Director, Chemical Division to complete the targets in time. He further requested all the supervisory officers to submit the sample pendency status along with the receipt of analytical results to TC Division immediately.</p> <p>The Director, Chemical Division also informed the house that a procurement indent for XRF was submitted on 09.09.2019 which will speed up the process of chemical analysis.</p>
OAC_2_SU:KG_19-20_03 Report Circulation	.1	<p>The Director, TC informed the house about the status of submission of final NGCM reports of FS: 2014-15 and 2015-16. All final NGCM reports of FS 2014-15 were approved, for FS 2015-16 a total of 11 are approved and other 11 are in various stages of corrections. Regarding the Reports pertaining to FS: 2018-19, all STM and NLSM reports were submitted to Hyderabad for approval. The Director, TC enquired about the status of M-II reports of FS: 2018-19 with concerned Directors.</p>

		The concerned Directors explained the status of report submission and few Directors informed they need extension for the report submission. The Director, TC suggested supervisory officers to apply for the extension of time line for the report submission at the earliest.
OAC_2_SU:KG_19-20_04 FSP formulation	.1	Director, TC briefed the house about the FSP proposal submitted by SU: K&G. A total of 06 STM, 20 NGCM items were proposed under Mission-I, 16 nos. of Mission-II items and 06 nos. of Mission-IV items have also been submitted. Director, TC requested all Supervisory Officers to upload the vetted proposals of Mission-II items in OCBIS. He informed the house that all Mission-IV items have been uploaded in OCBIS. The Chairman informed the house about the corrections and modifications recommended by NMH-II for FS 2020-21 are to be attended before uploading. Action: All Supervisory Officers concerned.
OAC_2_SU:KG_19-20_05 Forest Clearance	.1	Director, Project: Ramanadurga informed the house about the pendency of Forest Clearance for carrying out drilling in Ramanadurga Block. Shri K.Raju, Director, informed the house that DCF, Shimoga District, said, pitting / trenching also requires submission of Form-C. Director, TC informed the house that it has to be clarified and intimated to this Office at the earliest. Action: All Director concerned/ Director & Chairman, Forest Committee
OAC_2_SU:KG_19-20_07 Stores	.1	Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director enquired the house about the status of procurement of three microscopes and one semi-automatic thin section cutting machine. Dy. DG instructed Director, Petrology Division to send a reminder to SR, Hyderabad regarding the same. Shri S M J Basha, Director informed the house about the issues of the printer given by the Geo-informatics Division which has been procured through GeM. The Chairman suggested Shri S M J Basha, Director to give a requisition for new printer and inform the Office of the Dy. DG about the issuance of the printer procured through GeM so that the Company can be made backlisted in GeM. He instructed HOO initiate the process to backlist the Company in GeM. Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director informed the house about the difficulty in submitting the samples in -200 mesh size and enquired an alternative method. Dy. DG directed Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director to submit the samples at -120 mesh size and approval from the Office of the Dy. DG can be taken for powdering the same samples at -200 mesh size at Hospet. Shri N G Tom, Director, enquired the house about the status of sample bags. The matter will be discussed in the RAC meeting. Action: OIC, Stores/All Supervisory Officers concerned

<p>OAC_2_SU:KG_19-20_08 Administrative Matters – bills and budget and HRMIS Module/staff issues.</p>	<p>.1</p>	<p>Smt. Padmasheela, AO, informed the status of funds under DTE head. She informed the house that bills for Rs.80 lakhs have been cleared under TA and bills for an amount of Rs.20 lakhs are pending. AO told that PAO, Bangalore is insisting that the TA Advance application has to reach PAO Office before field departure and the tentative date of field departure has to be mentioned in the application. In continuation, AO informed the house that the TA advance application has to be submitted 15 days prior to departure to the field. AO apprised the house to keep tour approval letter in duplicate along with TA bills for processing and to avoid audit objection.</p> <p>In case of outsourced vehicle bills, the AO requested all Supervisory Officers to maintain a file on the outsourced vehicle bills submitted by their Officers and give a copy to Administration for producing the same while Auditing. AO informed the house that while using own vehicle for travelling in field, prior approval has to be taken from the competent authority.</p> <p>AO informed the house that the ticket produced for TA bills, like receipts of ATM transaction charges, bus tickets etc. are not clearly visible. In reply, Dy. DG, SU: K&G instructed all the Supervisory Officers to instruct the Officers under their supervision to submit the photocopy of the tickets with legibility along with TA bills.</p> <p>AO requested all Supervisory Officers to monitor that all the bills (for stationary items) to be certified at the back side stating that the item is received in good condition. The Dy. DG SU: K&G, Bangalore instructed the AO to give circular including all relevant points for taking care in submitting TA/RCA/ACA bills.</p> <p>The Dy. DG instructed AO, SU: K&G to finish it off the available funds at the earliest. He also instructed AO to issue a letter to Solomon, UDC for his negligence in work.</p> <p>Smt. Padmasheela, AO informed the house regarding the recovery of LTC leave encashment advance of Shri L. Ramakrishna, Sr. Survey Officer. Shri Maruthi, Director, informed the house that PAO is instructing spouse dependency certificate along with LTC bill even after adding the dependents in service book.</p> <p>Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director informed the house that there is a discrepancy in the RCA bills submitted and the amount recouped. He asked AO to inform the concerned Officer verbally regarding the deduction of amount in RCA bills submitted and the amount recouped. In this regard, DDG SU: K&G, Bangalore instructed AO that there should be proper intimation to Supervisory officer before deduction of amount (more than Rs. 100/-) under all bills.</p> <p>Shri P.V.Krishna Rao, Director informed the house about</p>
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the backlog of RCA pertaining to FS: 2018-19 and he requested HOO about the detailed list of pending RCA/TA bills of the Officers. Dy. DG instructed AO to clear the bills of FS: 2018-19 on priority basis. If any Officer hasn't recouped RCA in 1½ months, that should be intimated to Dy.DG, SU:K&G. Also instructed AO to prepare the RCA and TA/DA pendency for FS: 2018-19 and submit the same within a week.

Shri M.N. Praveen, Director informed the house about the necessity of conducting a meeting with PAO, Bengaluru. Shri K.V. Maruthi, Director informed the house that PAO, Bengaluru is objecting the bills on unjustified/silly things. The Chairman instructed AO to submit a detailed list of request/demands from the PAO and submit the same to Dy. DG for further discussion.

Shri Rajesh Durai, Suptdg. Geologist requested HOO to clarify the NOC guidelines. Shri N.G. Tom Director also requested to circulate the RCA and NOC guidelines. Shri. Sanjay Wahi, Director & HOO informed the house regarding the NOC list to be made as Stationery items and Non-stationery items. The Chairman instructed Director & HOO to finalize the RCA guidelines and circulate among all Supervisory Officers and Officers after discussion with Dy.DG. AO informed the house to submit all stationery & medical kit in the 1st bill so that fund will be cleared off.

The Chairman instructed all Supervisory Officers to certify the Stock Register and RCA register in field during their field inspection visit and submit the field inspection note within 5 days after the completion of field inspection.

Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director enquired the house about the digital payment of rent/wages in field and clarified about the payment through cheque. The Dy. DG instructed AO to clarify the same with the PAO, Bengaluru and intimate the same.

Shri Joe Joseph, Suptdg. Geologist enquired about the submission of two rent receipts for same field Camp in case of male and female officers are there. HOO explained that the Officers can submit the bills along with the copy of the two rental agreements. AO informed the house that the bills submitted by the Officers those who staying in guest house, PAO has deducted the license fees. Dy.DG asked please discuss this matter later with him.

Shri K. Raju, Director enquired the house about the final list for daily wages for each zone. In reply, AO informed the house that the same can be collected from respective Dy. Commissioner's Office.

Shri S M J Basha, Director informed the house about the pending TA Bills of FS: 2018-19.

Shri Sanjay Wahi, Director & HOO informed the house about the shortage of staffs. Dy. DG, SU: K& G asked HOO to send

		<p>a reminder citing the number of requirement of Staffs including PA/PS for Dy. DG, SU: K & G for smooth functioning.</p> <p>Action: AO, SU:K&G/ All concerned Supervisory Officers</p>
<p>OAC_1_SU:KG_19-20_8</p> <p>Grievances/Legal/RTI</p>	.2	<p>Shri SMJ Basha, Director, informed the house that all legal matters are complied.</p>
<p>OAC_1_SU:KG_19-20_9</p> <p>Miscellaneous</p>	.1	<p>Shri N. G. Tom, Director informed the house about the protest by the land owners in field for drilling on Honnamaradi block. The Chairman instructed the Officers, if required, Deal with the land owners in negotiating for drilling along with the drilling crew. If drilling team is reluctant for the same, then this has to be intimated to the Office of the Dy.DG.</p> <p>The Chairman enquired Shri P V Krishna Rao, Director about the status of repairing of survey instrument and about the movement of Surveyor to field. In reply, he informed the house that Shri. Krishna Kumar, Surveyor is on leave and he said that the concerned firm asking about the Calibration charges in cash before the repairing work of instrument. Shri P V Krishna Rao, Director told that he has intimated the matter to Director, TC through notesheet. Shri P V Krishna Rao, Director told that the monitoring of surveyors is being controlled by the Dy. DG and not by the Supervisory Officers. It is not the duty of him. The Chairman then enquired the house that what work Supervisory Officers are doing in HQ if they are not monitoring the progress of their own project including survey work after providing the instrument to the project. He also told that the monitoring of survey work including repairing of the survey instrument through surveyor is the duty of the concerned Supervisory Officer. Further, the Chairman instructed all the Supervisory Officers that the movement of Surveyors from field to H.Q. and vice-versa has to be informed to the Dy.DG, SU:K&G. He asked about the mode of payment done earlier when survey instrument has been repaired. He instructed Shri P V Krishna Rao, Director to get clarified with Shri Nanjundaswamy, Asst. Geologist. The Dy. DG asked Director, TC to discuss with Shri Krishna Kumar, Surveyor and issue him movement order for proceeding to field on Monday (30.09.19) itself. Dy. DG informed the house that the Director, concerned Project has to arrange / put up the note sheet for the repairing of Survey instruments, etc. Dy. DG, SU: KG advised the project in-charge will take care of survey instrument. The Chairman informed the house that optimal utilization of Survey personnel will be the responsibility of the concerned Project Director. The Project Director need not advise to their respective field officers to contact the Dy.DG directly for any petty problem.</p> <p>Shri K. N. Rajarama, Director enquired about the copy of the note sheet approved by the Dy. DG regarding the closure of</p>

	<p>Ramanadurga Camp.</p> <p>The Chairman instructed Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director to submit a report on the meeting conducted with external experts on 30.07.2019. Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director, informed the house that based on the external expert's suggestion, the forthcoming FSP 2020-21 has been formulated. Dy. DG enquired about the updated status of Miscellaneous Publication, Vol.30. Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director replied that the same will be submitted within next ten days.</p> <p>Dy. DG enquired about the status of preparation of Commodity wise Status map of Karnataka. He directed all Supervisory Officers to submit the finalized Commodity wise status map along with shape files and a brief note to TC Division and endorsed copy to Dy. DG. A copy of the same may be kept in Geodata Division, SU: K&G, Bengaluru.</p> <p>The Chairman further asked the FIMI team to share the FIMI display board material in share folder and also instructed to be displayed in the upcoming Indian Science Congress to be held in Bangalore.</p>
<p>Concluding Remarks by the Chairman & Vote of thanks</p>	<p>The Chairman expressed his happiness in conducting the 2nd OAC meeting in SU: K&G, SR, Bengaluru. Shri K V Maruthi, Director proposed the vote of thanks.</p>

List of participants

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2. Shri Sanjay Wahi, Director, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
3. Shri J.Srihari, Director (TC), GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
4. Shri P V Krishna Rao, Director, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
5. Shri S M J Basha, Director, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru (Legal, RTI and Vigilance)
6. Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, Director, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
7. Dr M.N. Praveen, Director, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
8. Shri K.V. Maruthi, Director, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
9. Shri K. Raju, Director, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
10. Shri K. N. Rajarama, Director, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
11. Shri Nibin G. Tom, Director, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
12. Shri Joe Joseph, Suptdg. Geologist, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
13. Shri R. Sajeev, Suptdg. Geologist, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
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17. Smt Salu S., Senior Geologist, SU:K&G, Bengaluru
18. Shri Rajasekar S., Sr.Geologist, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
19. Ms Rashmi Tripathi, Geologist, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
20. Shri Ananda Ganeshan, Executive Engineer, RSAS and SU: K&G, Bangalore
21. Shri Yagna Pal, Store Officer, GSI, SU: K&G, Bengaluru
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