

Administering Authority
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Notice Inviting Tender

“Invitation of Bids for Grant of Operating Rights of Offshore Areas”

In exercise of the power of auction conferred by Section 12 of the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002 to the Administering Authority to grant composite license for all minerals in the offshore areas including any mineral prescribed by notification under clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 (33 of 1962) except mineral oils and hydrocarbons related thereto and in accordance with the Offshore Areas Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2024 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of India through the Administering Authority, Ministry of Mines has identified **13 Mineral Blocks for grant of Composite Licence** for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes.

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited: (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp>).

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

The date for commencement of sale of Tender Document is **03 December 2024**. The last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of a tender fee on website of e- auction platform provider is **18 February 2025** on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time) and the last date for submission of the bid is **27 February 2025** on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time).

The Price of Tender Document is Rs. 3,00,000 (Rs. Three Lakh Only) plus applicable GST. GST is payable under the Reverse Charge Mechanism.

Please find the list of mineral blocks below:

List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

No.	Name of the Block	Mineral	Offshore Region	Coast/ Sea	PL/CL	Reserve Price
1.	Kollam CS Block-1	Construction Sand	Off Kerala	West Coast, Arabian Sea	CL	01.00%
2.	Kollam CS Block-2	Construction Sand	Off Kerala	West Coast, Arabian Sea	CL	01.00%
3.	Kollam CS Block-2	Construction Sand	Off Kerala	West Coast, Arabian Sea	CL	01.00%
4.	Porbandar LM Block-1	Limemud	Off Gujarat	West Coast, Arabian Sea	CL	01.00%
5.	Porbandar LM Block-2	Limemud	Off Gujarat	West Coast, Arabian Sea	CL	01.00%
6.	Porbandar LM Block-3	Limemud	Off Gujarat	West Coast, Arabian Sea	CL	01.00%
7.	West Sewell Ridge PMNC Block-1	Polymetallic nodules and crusts	Off Great Nicobar Island	Andaman Sea	CL	01.00%
8.	West Sewell Ridge PMNC Block-2	Polymetallic nodules and crusts	Off Great Nicobar Island	Andaman Sea	CL	01.00%
9.	West Sewell Ridge PMNC Block-3	Polymetallic nodules and crusts	Off Great Nicobar Island	Andaman Sea	CL	01.00%
10.	West Sewell Ridge	Polymetallic	Off Great	Andaman	CL	01.00%

	PMNC Block-4	nodules and crusts	Nicobar Island	Sea		
11.	West Sewell Ridge PMNC Block-5	Polymetallic nodules and crusts	Off Great Nicobar Island	Andaman Sea	CL	01.00%
12.	West Sewell Ridge PMNC Block-6	Polymetallic nodules and crusts	Off Great Nicobar Island	Andaman Sea	CL	01.00%
13.	West Sewell Ridge PMNC Block-7	Polymetallic nodules and crusts	Off Great Nicobar Island	Andaman Sea	CL	01.00%

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