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No. EPA/EIA/Placer Gold/Mining/Block-A/Globacore/Swabi/25/156-59

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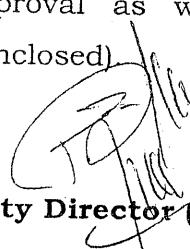
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Subject:

**DECISION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
(EIA) REPORT OF PLACER GOLD MINING (BLOCK-A) BY M/S
GLOBACORE METALS LIMITED AT DISTRICT SWABI.**

With reference to the subject cited above, please find enclosed herewith the Construction Phase Environmental Approval/Decision Note on EIA Report of the subject project for your information and further implementation.

Moreover, **Schedule-X** must be submitted to this Agency within a month on Stamp Paper as an undertaking for the compliance of terms and conditions as mentioned in the Environmental Approval as well as mitigation measures proposed in the EIA Report. (Copy enclosed).


Deputy Director (Legal)

Copy for information and necessary action to the;

- Director (Center), EPA Central Directorate, Peshawar.
- AD IT/GIS Specialist, EPA, HQ, Peshawar.
- P.A to Director General EPA, KP.

SCHEDULE-VII **Decision on EIA**

1. Name and address of Proponent:

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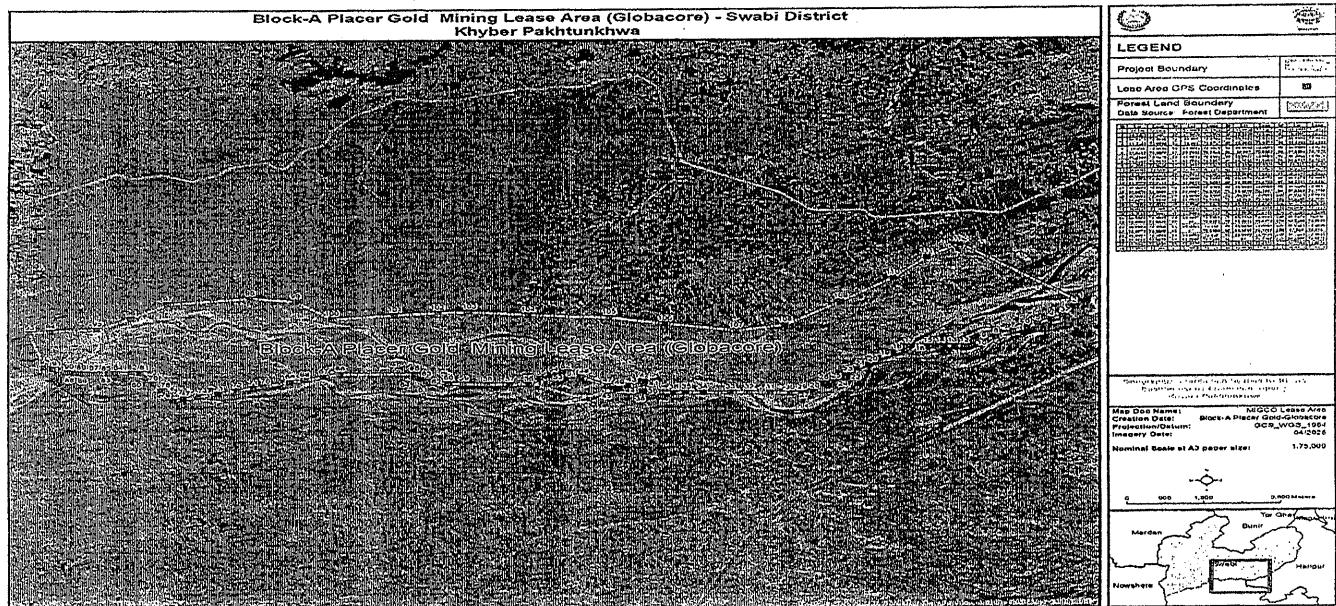
2. Description of Project:

The proposed project is a Placer Gold Mining project under the title of "**M/S Globacore Metals Limited (Block A)**" located along the Indus River within District Swabi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The total lease area spans approximately 50 square kilometers, whereas the proposed mineral processing facility will occupy 600 square meters only. The project involves open-pit mining and stream deposit excavation for the recovery of placer gold, utilizing gravity-based separation techniques during the initial phase. These methods are internationally recognized as environmentally sound and non-toxic for the extraction of gold from alluvial sediments. Sediment will be excavated using mechanical equipment such as excavators and loaders. The excavated material will be transported via dump trucks and conveyor systems to designated stockpiles and onward to the washing plant. The washing plant will comprise a trommel and water-based screening system to remove coarse debris, gravel, and unwanted material from finer sediments. The finer fraction will be processed using centrifugal concentrators, sluice boxes, and shaking tables. These units operate solely on particle density differentials to isolate gold from sand and silt. No hazardous chemicals (e.g., mercury or cyanide) will be utilized at any stage of the process. The recovered placer gold concentrate will be securely stored and dispatched off-site for further refining. Subject to economic viability and yield assessment, the project proponent may establish a small-scale processing unit (600 m²) within the lease area. This facility will house an electric furnace for melting placer gold and producing small gold bars or aggregates. Only borax and silica fluxes recognized as benign and widely accepted in small-scale mineral processing will be used to refine the product and remove impurities. Total Estimated Project Cost: PKR 380 Million

3. Location of project

The project is located at bank of River Indus, District Swabi.

4. GIS map/GPS Coordinates:



#	Lat	Long	#	Lat	Long	#	Lat	Long	#	Lat	Long
1	34.022	72.6416	29	33.9929	72.5829	57	33.9953	72.5209	85	33.9997	72.4537
2	34.0205	72.6407	30	33.9928	72.5804	58	33.9959	72.5161	86	33.9997	72.4325
3	34.0176	72.6383	31	33.993	72.5761	59	33.9961	72.5111	87	33.9998	72.4312
4	34.0163	72.6359	32	33.993	72.5717	60	33.9963	72.5077	88	33.9998	72.4298
5	34.015	72.6331	33	33.9931	72.5676	61	33.9965	72.5045	89	33.9999	72.4285
6	34.0138	72.6308	34	33.9931	72.5619	62	33.997	72.5032	90	34.0001	72.4273
7	34.0126	72.6278	35	33.9931	72.5581	63	33.9977	72.5019	91	34.0012	72.4242
8	34.0108	72.6241	36	33.9931	72.5557	64	33.9982	72.5006	92	34.0017	72.4225
9	34.0094	72.6216	37	33.9933	72.5517	65	33.9994	72.5006	93	34.013	72.4193
10	34.0081	72.619	38	33.9933	72.5507	66	33.9994	72.4849	94	34.0134	72.4237
11	34.0077	72.6176	39	33.9937	72.5492	67	33.9984	72.4814	95	34.0143	72.4335
12	34.0078	72.6154	40	33.9958	72.5495	68	33.9974	72.4773	96	34.0176	72.4406
13	34.0079	72.6132	41	33.9973	72.5494	69	33.9968	72.4742	97	34.0221	72.4484
14	34.0079	72.6114	42	33.9968	72.5485	70	33.9953	72.4686	98	34.0239	72.4637
15	34.0078	72.6096	43	33.9954	72.5459	71	33.9948	72.4664	99	34.0228	72.4753
16	34.0061	72.6059	44	33.9945	72.5444	72	33.994	72.4631	100	34.0173	72.4831
17	34.0078	72.6045	45	33.9942	72.5435	73	33.993	72.4591	101	34.0185	72.4984
18	34.0058	72.6022	46	33.9946	72.5428	74	33.9921	72.4549	102	34.0192	72.5054
19	34.0037	72.599	47	33.9953	72.5416	75	33.9913	72.4518	103	34.0195	72.5123
20	34.0019	72.5967	48	33.9983	72.5359	76	33.9908	72.4496	104	34.0185	72.5248
21	34.0006	72.5945	49	33.9997	72.5338	77	33.9918	72.4488	105	34.0176	72.542
22	33.9995	72.5923	50	34	72.5332	78	33.9941	72.4472	106	34.0156	72.5539
23	33.9985	72.5908	51	34.0001	72.532	79	33.9963	72.4454	107	34.0131	72.5669
24	33.9973	72.5895	52	34	72.5309	80	33.9983	72.4439	108	34.015	72.5794
25	33.9964	72.5885	53	33.9995	72.529	81	33.9999	72.4426	109	34.0225	72.5911
26	33.9959	72.5875	54	33.9989	72.5283	82	34	72.4409	110	34.0299	72.6022
27	33.9942	72.5855	55	33.9979	72.5272	83	33.9999	72.4374	111	34.0369	72.6094
28	33.9933	72.584	56	33.9958	72.525	84	33.9998	72.436	112	34.0411	72.6164

5. Date of filing of EIA.

6. After careful review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and comments thereon, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord its **Construction Phase Environmental Approval** to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report of "**Placer Gold Mining Project of M/s Globacore Metals Limited (Block A), District Swabi**" in accordance with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. This approval is accorded under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act 2014.
- b. This Approval is accorded in light of the decision taken under Agenda Item No. 06 in the 2nd Environmental Protection Council (EPC) meeting held dated 11/09/2024 and Administrative Department Notification No. SO(Env)/CCFEWD/4-2/2023/EPC/V-III dated 22/01/2025.
- c. This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or clearance that may be required under any law in force. The proponent shall have to obtain NOCs required from other departments under the prevailing laws/rules of the Government before the start of the project.
- d. The proponent shall adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures identified in EIA report, replies submitted against various queries of this Agency, as well as any un-anticipated impacts during the construction and operation phase of project.
- e. Dust suppression through water sprinkling and green belt development shall be ensured during excavation and transportation activities.
- f. Noise control shall be maintained through acoustic insulation of noisy equipment and scheduled restricted operation times to minimize nuisance to nearby communities.
- g. All the vehicles shall be properly covered during transportation of the excavated materials.
- h. All mine tailings, waste rocks, and overburden shall be stored at designated safe disposal sites away from flood-prone or ecologically sensitive zones.
- i. Hazardous waste must be handled as per the Hazardous Substances Rules, 2003 and disposed of through licensed facilities.
- j. No open burning of waste shall be carried out. Waste shall be segregated, labeled, and disposed of as per NEQS and solid waste management protocols.
- k. All vehicles, generators and other equipment shall be properly tuned and maintained in good working condition in order to minimize emission of pollutants.
- l. The proponent is bound to control its emissions, noise and effluents & shall not exceed the permissible limit of National Environmental Quality Standard (NEQS).
- m. Solid waste of the project shall properly be disposed of in environmentally friendly manner. The waste shall not be disposed of or burnt openly.
- n. The proponent shall ensure that the proposed activity does not encroach upon any designated forest area or any other sensitive receptors.
- o. All mining equipment and vehicles shall be kept in good mechanical order and will be tuned-up regularly to maximize efficiencies and minimize fuel consumption and exhaust emissions.
- p. Wildlife protection measures must be in place. No hunting, trapping, or trading of wildlife shall be permitted in the project area.
- q. Any change in project location, design, scope, production capacity, or technology shall be communicated to EPA-KP and shall require prior approval.
- r. The proponent shall implement the full Environmental Management Plan (EMP) as presented in the EIA report, and all mitigation measures must be followed and adhered to throughout the project lifecycle.
- s. Monitoring should be conducted as per NEQS and reports should be submitted to EPA.
- t. Dredge ponds shall be isolated from the River by an embankment that prevents mixing of these waters as well as dredge and sediment ponds shall be maintained as a zero discharge, closed circuit system.
- u. Sediment barriers and silt traps must be installed to prevent erosion and turbidity in adjacent waterbodies. Furthermore, the mining activity shall not damage the ecosystem.
- v. Surface water abstraction must be sustainable and based on a permit from the Irrigation Department.
- w. The proponent shall not discharge untreated waste water into the surface water body. All the effluents shall be properly treated to achieve NEQS compliance before final discharge.
- x. The proponent shall ensure the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities implementation. A periodic implementation report shall be submitted to this Agency.
- y. Mining shall be done in such a way as not to disturb the natural flow of the river/watershed and water requirement of the lower riparian of the area.

- z. Proper mitigation measures shall be adopted to ensure the natural flow of the watershed/seasonal river and water requirement of the lower riparian in the mining leased area.
- aa. Sign Boards shall be installed at the proper site having precautions/instructions for the workers/visitors. Existing Right of Way (RoW) shall not be disturbed.
- bb. The use of mercury and cyanide is strictly prohibited under all circumstances. These substances shall not be used for gold extraction or for any other process associated with the project.
- cc. As submitted on the Affidavit, the proponent shall be responsible for the use of mercury in the leased area as well as for both legal and illegal mining.
- dd. Plantation shall be carried out as per the submitted plan and in addition to that annual 2000 trees shall be planted and raised within the ambit of 1 km area of the project site.
- ee. The proponent must establish an on-site clinic/first aid facility, provide clean drinking water, and ensure health safety for all workers.
- ff. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be provided to all employees, including gloves, masks, safety boots, earplugs, and helmets. Health and safety training must be conducted quarterly for all workers. All workers shall be insured for accident, injury, and life.
- gg. Risk Management and Emergency Response Plans (ERP) addressing potential accidents, chemical spills and natural hazards must be developed and periodically updated for spills, floods, landslides, and accidents.
- hh. The proponent shall ensure that all excavated areas are backfilled with tailings and overburden material in properly compacted layers so as to prevent ground subsidence.
- ii. In case original topsoil is removed, the same shall be stockpiled separately and subsequently reapplied over restored areas to reclaim and maintain soil fertility.
- jj. If natural drainage channels are altered or disturbed during mining or allied operations, the proponent shall reconstruct and stabilize the same to maintain natural flow regimes and prevent waterlogging and erosion.
- kk. Should soil degradation occur as a result of project activities, the proponent shall apply organic manure or compost in affected areas to enhance soil structure and productivity.
- ll. In case of vegetation clearance, the proponent shall undertake compensatory plantation of indigenous trees, shrubs, and grasses suited to the local ecological and climatic conditions.
- mm. Where bare or unstable surfaces are created, fast-growing pioneer species shall be planted immediately to stabilize the soil and establish canopy cover.
- nn. Upon completion of initial stabilization works, fruit-bearing and fodder species shall be introduced progressively to promote ecological restoration and support local community livelihoods.
- oo. Where project operations are situated in proximity to water bodies or access roads, the proponent shall establish green belts and buffer zones to serve as natural barriers against dust dispersion, noise, and surface runoff.
- pp. In case tailings are generated during the course of mineral processing, their storage and management shall be carried out in a manner that prevents contamination of surface and groundwater resources, strictly adhering to the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS).
- qq. During site restoration, all rehabilitated pits shall be properly leveled, graded, and compacted to preclude the formation of depressions or stagnant water bodies, thereby eliminating potential public health and vector-breeding risks.
- rr. Grievance redress mechanisms must be in place for the local community, including a complaints register, contact hotline, and a community liaison officer.
- ss. The company shall constitute local committees for surface rent, CSR, resettlement, and other issues, and share the details with this Agency.
- tt. All the issues regarding land acquisition (if any) and surface rent shall be settled prior to the commencement of excavation work on priority basis.
- uu. Preference shall be given to local communities in employment and training opportunity. Non-technical jobs shall be provided to the locals. Details of the same shall be shared with this Agency.
- vv. Quarterly Environmental Compliance Reports shall be submitted to this Agency including: Monitoring reports (air, water, soil, noise), Waste generation and disposal logs, Community consultation updates, CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiatives.
- ww. The company shall conduct quarterly soil and water quality testing in the presence of EPA laboratory representatives.
- xx. The management shall be bound to adopt any additional mitigation measures suggested by EPA from time to time during construction & operation of the project activities.
- yy. The proponent shall bear sole civil and criminal responsibility for any direct or indirect environmental damage, contamination, accident, or illegal mining activity occurring within or adjacent to the leased area during or after project operations.
- zz. If at any stage, the data, commitments, or documents submitted by the proponent or its consultant are found to be false, misleading, or incomplete, this Environmental Approval shall automatically stand revoked.

without prior notice, and legal action may be initiated under Sections 17(2) and 24 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014.

aaa. The affidavit submitted by the proponent holding itself responsible for legal and illegal mining within the lease area shall be treated as a legally binding instrument enforceable under the law. Any breach or negligence in controlling illegal activities within the lease shall be deemed a violation of the KP Environmental Protection Act, 2014.

bbb. The proponent shall indemnify and hold harmless this Agency, and its officers from any claims, losses, damages, or litigation arising out of project activities, accidents, or environmental contamination.

ccc. This approval is non-transferable. Any change in project ownership, management, or lease transfer shall automatically suspend the approval until revalidation by EPA upon submission of updated documents and compliance record.

ddd. In case of any environmental damage resulting from floods, landslides, or natural disasters, the proponent shall immediately implement restoration and compensation measures at its own cost, and report to this Agency immediately.

eee. EPA reserves the right to conduct surprise inspections, compliance audits, or environmental sampling at any time without prior notice. The cost of third-party monitoring or analytical verification, if deemed necessary, shall be borne by the proponent.

fff. Any violation of these terms, non-compliance with quarterly monitoring requirements, or failure to control illegal mining within the lease area shall render this approval null and void and shall trigger enforcement action under Sections 17 and 18 of the KP EPA Act, 2014.

ggg. The proponent shall remain responsible for environmental degradation or contamination discovered within and after closure or abandonment of the project, if such impacts are proven to be linked to its operations.

hhh. The proponent shall ensure continuous coordination with local administration, Irrigation, Fisheries, and Wildlife Departments. Any interdepartmental dispute, encroachment issue, or local grievance unresolved within 30 days shall trigger EPA's intervention, and cost of resolution shall be borne by the proponent.

iii. EPA shall not be held liable for any environmental, social, or economic losses resulting from the project activities.

7. The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information supplied by the environmental consultant.

8. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Rule 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 & 21 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.

9. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.

10. There shall be no legal case pending in the courts against the project.

11. This approval shall be treated as null and void if all or any of the conditions mentioned above is/are not complied with.

12. In exercise of the power under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the undersigned is pleased to approve the EIA Report for Construction Phase Environmental Approval of "**Placer Gold Mining Project of M/s Globacore Metals Limited (Block A), District Swabi**". with the above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: 17/11/2025

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