Request for Proposal

TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR GEMSTONE EXPLORATION, RESOURCE ESTIMATION, GEMSTONE EVALUATION AND PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT (PEA) OF THE HUNZA RUBY PROJECT, AHMEDABAD, HUNZA, GILGIT-BALTISTAN

(Consultancy Services)

National

Single Stage-Two Envelope

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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES

1. The **Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC))** has reserved Funds for the procurement planned for FY **2026-27**. The **Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC))** intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Fund to cover eligible payments under the contract for the consultancy services of "**TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR GEMSTONE EXPLORATION, RESOURCE ESTIMATION, GEMSTONE EVALUATION AND PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT (PEA) OF THE HUNZA RUBY PROJECT, AHMEDABAD, HUNZA, GILGIT-BALTISTAN**" with the reference of "**P81103**"

2. The **Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC))** invites RFP through **EPADS v2.0** from eligible Bidders registered on **EPADS v2.0** for provision of Consultancy Services.

3. **Single Stage-Two Envelope** Procedure of Principal Method of Procurement (i.e. Open Competitive Bidding) will be used by adopting **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** Technique for the subject procurement, in line with the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and any Regulations, and Instructions issued by the Authority (from time to time).

4. All proposals must be accompanied by a Bid Security described in Bid Security Section in Bidding Document in the form of **Pay Order, Banker's Cheque, Call at Deposit, Demand Draft** or Bid Securing Declaration on the prescribed format described.

5. E-Bidding documents, containing detailed terms & conditions, specifications and requirements etc. are available on **e-Pak Acquisition and Disposal System (EPADS)** at **https://epads.gov.pk/opportunities/federal/procurements/81103**.

6. The RFP, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the e-Bidding documents, must be submitted through **EPADS v2.0** on or before **Friday, August 21, 2026 03:00 PM**. Proposals will be opened on the same day at **Friday, August 21, 2026 03:30 PM**. Manual submission of RFPs shall not be entertained. Those consultants/Firm who have not yet registered on the new version of **EPADS v2.0,** may register themselves on https://vendors.epads.gov.pk/. A tutorial to explain the registration process is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNW6T38v7tc

In terms of Rules 48 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004 Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) is notified for the subject procurement and notification copy is available on the procuring agency's website and also available on **EPADS v2.0** as well as Authority's website at (www.ppra.org.pk).

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Instructions to Bidders

A. General Provisions

1. **Introduction**

1.1. The Procuring Agency named in the Data Sheet intends to select a consultant, in accordance with the method of selection specified in the Data Sheet. The eligible Consultants are invited to submit a proposal, as specified in the Data Sheet, for consulting services required for the assignment named in the Data Sheet.

1.2. The Consultants should familiarize themselves with the local conditions and take them into account in preparing their Proposals, including attending a pre-proposal conference if one is specified in the Data Sheet. Attending any such pre-proposal conference is optional and is at the Consultants' expense.

1.3. The Procuring Agency will timely provide, at no cost to the Consultants, the inputs, relevant project data, and reports required for the preparation of the Consultant's Proposal as specified in the Data Sheet.

2. **Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices**

2.1. The procuring agencies and the consultant are required to compliance Procurement Regulatory Framework in regard to corrupt and fraudulent practices as defined under Rule 2(1)(f) of the Public Procurement Rules.

B. Preparation of Proposals

3. **General Considerations**

3.1. In preparing the Proposal, the Consultant is expected to examine the RFP in detail. Material deficiencies in providing the information requested in the RFP may result in rejection of the Proposal.

4. **Language**

5. The Proposal, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Proposal exchanged between the Consultant and the Procuring Agency, shall

be written in the language(s) specified in the Data Sheet.

Documents Comprising the Proposal

5.1. The Proposal shall comprise the documents and forms listed in the Data Sheet.

6. **Only One Proposal**

6.1. The Consultant (including the individual members of any Joint Venture) shall submit only one Proposal, either in its own name or as part of a Joint Venture in another Proposal. If a Consultant, including any Joint Venture member, submits or participates in more than one proposal, all such proposals shall be disqualified and rejected. This does not, however, preclude a Sub-consultant, or the Consultant's staff from participating as Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal when circumstances justify and if stated in the **Data Sheet** and subject to regulatory instructions, if any.

7. **Proposal Validity**

7.1. Proposals shall remain valid for the period specified in the Data Sheet after the Proposal submission deadline prescribed by the Procuring Agency (PA). To ensure the validity of proposal, it shall contain bid security or bid Securing declaration as a complementary bid securing instrument having the validity twenty-eight days more than the bid validity period.

7.2. During this period, the Consultant shall maintain its original Proposal without any change, including the availability of the Key Experts, the proposed rates and the total price.

7.3. If it is established that any Key Expert nominated in the Consultant's Proposal was not available at the time of Proposal submission or was included in the Proposal without his/her confirmation, such Proposal shall be disqualified and rejected for further evaluation, and may be subject to blacklisting and debarment in accordance with Clause 5 of this ITC.

7.4. **Extension of Validity Period**

7.4.1. If considered necessary, an extension in the bid validity can be made in accordance with the provision of public procurement rules, 2004 or any instructions issued in this regard.

8. **Bid security/Bid Securing Declaration**

8.1. The consultant shall submit bid security in the form and amount specified by the procuring agency before the submission deadline. Provided that in case where the procuring agency does not require the bid security, the bidder shall submit bid securing declaration on the format prescribed by the Authority in Standard Procurement Documents.

8.2. Any Proposal not accompanied by a Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration shall be rejected by the Procuring Agency as non-responsive.

8.3. The Bid Securing Declaration of a joint venture must be in the name of the joint venture submitting the Proposal indicating all the members are jointly and severely responsible.

8.4. The successful Consultant's Bid Securing Declaration will be discharged upon the signing the contract with the Successful Consultant, and furnishing the performance security

9. C**larification and Amendment of RFP**

9.1. The Consultant may request a clarification of any part of the RFP during the period indicated in the Data Sheet before three days prior to the Proposals' submission deadline through **EPADS v2.0** only. The Procuring Agency will respond to the same through **EPADS v2.0**. Should the Procuring Agency deem it necessary to amend the RFP as a result of a clarification or at its own initiative, it shall do so following the procedure described below:

9.1.1. At any time before the proposal submission deadline, the Procuring Agency may amend the RFP by issuing an amendment through **EPADS v2.0**.

9.1.2. If the amendment is substantial, the Procuring Agency may extend the proposal submission deadline to give the Consultants reasonable time to take an amendment into account in their Proposals.

9.2. The Consultant who has already submitted the proposal prior to any amendments in the RFP, may submit a modified Proposal based on the respective amendment in the RFP at any time prior to the proposal submission deadline. No modifications to the Technical or Financial Proposal shall be accepted after the deadline.

10. **Preparation of Proposals – Specific Considerations**

10.1. While preparing the Proposal, the Consultant must give particular attention to the following:

10.1.1. The Procuring Agency may indicate in the Data Sheet the estimated Key Experts' time input (expressed in person-month) or the Procuring Agency's estimated total cost of the assignment, but not both. This estimate is indicative and the Proposal shall be based on the Consultant's own estimates for the same.

10.1.2. If stated in the Data Sheet, the Consultant shall include in its Proposal at least the same time input (in the same unit as indicated in the Data Sheet) of Key Experts, failing which the Financial Proposal will be adjusted for the purpose of comparison of proposals and decision for award in accordance with the procedure in the Data Sheet.

10.1.3. For assignments under the Fixed-Budget selection method, the estimated Key Experts' time input is not disclosed. Total available budget, with an indication whether it is inclusive or exclusive of taxes, is given in the Data Sheet, and the Financial Proposal shall not exceed this budget.

10.1.4. The proposal may be subject to price adjustment in accordance with Data sheet and formula specified.

11. **Financial Proposal**

11.1. The Financial Proposal shall be prepared using the Standard Forms provided in the RFP. It shall list all costs associated with the assignment, including (a) remuneration for Key Experts and Non-Key Experts, (b) reimbursable expenses indicated in the Data Sheet.

12. **Taxes**

12.1. The proposal submitted shall be inclusive of all the taxes unless otherwise stated in the Data Sheet. The Consultant and its Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless stated otherwise in the Data Sheet. Information on taxes in the Procuring Agency's country is provided in the Data Sheet.

13. **Currency of Proposal**

13.1. The Consultant may express the price for its Services in the currency or currencies as stated in the Data Sheet. If indicated in the Data Sheet, the portion of the price representing local cost shall be stated in the national currency. Payment shall also be made in the currency specified in the data sheet or condition of the contract.

C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation

14. **Submission/withdrawal of Proposals**

14.1. The Consultant shall submit proposal through **EPADS v2.0** before the submission deadline.

14.2. A Proposal submitted by a Joint Venture shall be submitted through **EPADS v2.0** from the account of Lead Member. Reference to the EPADS account of all the JV Member shall be provided along with the proposal. Incase any of Member is not registered on the **EPADS v2.0**, may be registered on the **EPADS v2.0** or all his credential shall be provided along with the proposal for the evaluation of the procuring agency. JV agreement signed by all the members shall also be provided along with the proposal.

14.3. A Consultant may withdraw its Proposal after it has been submitted before the submission deadline.

15. **Opening of Proposal**

15.1. The Procuring Agency will open all Proposal though **EPADS v2.0**.

15.2. Financial Proposal, will remain unopened till the prescribed financial Proposal opening date.

16. **Evaluation of Technical Proposals**

16.1. The Procuring Agency's evaluation committee shall evaluate the Technical Proposals on the basis of their responsiveness to the Terms of Reference and the RFP, applying the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria, and point system specified in the Data Sheet. Each responsive Proposal will be given a technical score. A Proposal shall be rejected at this stage if it does not respond to important aspects of the RFP or if it fails to achieve the minimum technical score indicated in the Data Sheet.

17. **Opening of Financial Proposals**

17.1. After the technical evaluation is completed, the Procuring Agency shall issue the Technical Evaluation Report containing all the information regarding responsiveness or non-responsiveness of the consultant along with the technical scores (if any). The Procuring shall notify those Consultants that have achieved the minimum overall technical score and inform them of the date andtime for the opening of the Financial Proposals.

17.2. The Financial Proposals shall be opened and evaluated through **EPADS v2.0.**

18. **Correction of Errors**

18.1. Activities and items described in the Technical Proposal but not priced in the Financial Proposal, shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other activities or items, and no corrections are made to the Financial Proposal.

18.2. The Procuring Agency's evaluation committee will

(a) correct any computational or arithmetical errors, and

(b) adjust the prices if they fail to reflect all inputs included for the respective activities or items in the Technical Proposal. In case of discrepancy between (i) a partial amount (sub-total) and the total amount, or (ii) between the amount derived by multiplication of unit price with quantity and the total price, or (iii) between words and figures, the former will prevail. In case of discrepancy between the Technical and Financial Proposals in indicating quantities of input, the Technical Proposal prevails and the Procuring Agency's evaluation committee shall correct the quantification indicated in the Financial Proposal so as to make it consistent with that indicated in the Technical Proposal, apply the relevant unit price included in the Financial Proposal to the corrected quantity, and correct the total Proposal cost.

19. **Conversion to Single Currency**

19.1. For the evaluation purposes, prices shall be converted to a single currency using the selling rates of exchange, source and date indicated in the Data Sheet.

20. **Selection Technique**

20.1. **Quality and Cost Based Selection**

In the case of QCBS, the total score is calculated by weighting the technical and financial scores and adding them as per the formula and instructions in the Data Sheet. The Consultant achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for negotiations.

20.2. **Fixed-Budget Selection (FBS)**

20.2.1. In the case of FBS, those Proposals that exceed the budget indicated in the Data Sheet shall be rejected.

20.2.2. The Procuring Agency will select the Consultant that submitted the highest-ranked Technical Proposal that does not exceed the budget indicated in the RFP, and invite such Consultant to negotiate the Contract.

20.3. **Least-Cost Selection.**

In the case of Least-Cost Selection (LCS), the Procuring Agency will select the Consultant with the lowest evaluated total price among those consultants that achieved the minimum technical score, and invite such Consultant for discussion on technical issues, without changing the cost and scope of services.

D. Negotiations and Award

21. **Negotiations**

21.1. The negotiations will be held at the date and address indicated in the Data Sheet with the Consultant's representative(s) who must have written power of attorney to negotiate and sign a Contract on behalf of the Consultant.

21.2. The negotiations include discussions of the Terms of Reference (TORs), the proposed methodology, the Procuring Agency's inputs, the special conditions of the Contract, and finalizing the "Description of Services" part of the Contract. These discussions shall not alter the original scope of services under the TORs or the terms of the contract, lest the quality of the final product, its price, or the relevance of the initial evaluation be affected.

22. **Availability of Key Experts**

22.1. The invited Consultant shall confirm the availability of all Key Experts included in the Proposal as a pre-requisite to the negotiations, or, if applicable, a replacement in accordance with Clauses of ITC. Failure to confirm the Key Experts' availability may result in the rejection of the Consultant's Proposal and the Procuring Agency proceeding to negotiate the Contract with the next-ranked Consultant.

22.2. Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts at the negotiations may be considered if due solely to circumstances outside the reasonable control of and not foreseeable by the Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall offer a substitute Key Expert within the period of time specified in the letter of invitation to negotiate the Contract, who shall have equivalent or better qualifications and experience than the original candidate.

23. **Award of Contract**

23.1. The Procuring Agency will award the Contract to the Consultant whose Proposal has been determined to be substantially responsive to the RFP Documents and who has been declared as Successful Consultant, provided that the same is not in conflict with any other law or policy of the Federal Government

24. **Grievance Redressal Mechanism**

24.1. Grievance shall be redressed in accordance with procedure and mechanism defined under Rule 48 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and Redressal of Grievance regulations.

25. **Mechanism of Blacklisting**

25.1. The Blacklisting shall be carried out in accordance with provision of Rule 19 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and for Procedure of Filing and Disposal of Review Petition under Rule 19 (3), 2021, to be read with the Regulations on "Mechanism for Blacklisting and Debarment of Bidders or Contractors Regulations, 2024".

26. **Environmental objectives**

26.1. As per Rule 4 of Public Procurement Rules, 2004, The procuring agency may seek to procure services with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to services with the same primary function that may otherwise be procured

Bid Data Sheet

Proposal Data Sheet (BDS)

The following specific data for the procurement of Consultancy Services to be procured shall complement, supplement, or amend the provisions in the Instructions to Bidders (ITB). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in ITB.

BDS Clause Number
ITB Number

Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the Instruction to Bidders

A. General

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1.1

Name of Procuring Agency: **Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC))**

The subject of procurement is: **TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR GEMSTONE EXPLORATION, RESOURCE ESTIMATION, GEMSTONE EVALUATION AND PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT (PEA) OF THE HUNZA RUBY PROJECT, AHMEDABAD, HUNZA, GILGIT-BALTISTAN**

Financial year for the operations of the Procuring Agency: **2026-27**

Name and identification number of the Contract: **P81103**

BDS Clause Number 2
ITB Number 1.2 & 9.1

The Bidders may seek clarifications through **EPADS v2.0**: Clarification Date: Friday, August 14, 2026

B. Preparation of Proposals

BDS Clause Number 3
ITB Number 4.1

The language of the proposals is: **English**

BDS Clause Number 4
ITB Number 6.1

Participation of Sub-consultants, Key Experts and Non-Key Experts in more than one Proposal is permissible? **No**

BDS Clause Number 6
ITB Number 7.1

Proposals shall be valid until **90 Days**

BDS Clause Number 7
ITB Number 9.1

List of documents required along with the bid: **No**

BDS Clause Number 8
ITB Number 10.2

The Consultant's Proposal must include the minimum Key Experts' time-input of __________person-months.

For the evaluation and comparison of Proposals only: if a Proposal includes less than the required minimum time-input, the missing time-input (expressed in person-month) is calculated as follows:

The missing time-input is multiplied by the highest remuneration rate for a Key Expert in the Consultant's Proposal and added to the total remuneration amount. Proposals that quoted higher than the required minimum of time-input will not be adjusted.]

BDS Clause Number 9
ITB Number 105

The price shall be **Fixed**.

Price schedule will be provided according to the format defined and acquired. see section price schedule.

BDS Clause Number 10
ITB Number 11.1

The qualification criteria to establish the supply / production capability of the bidder.

see Eligibility Criteria

BDS Clause Number 11
ITB Number 7.6
Services and Their related documents:
See section Required Services and ToR

C. Submission, Opening and Evaluation

BDS Clause Number 12
ITB Number 8.1 & 8.2

The amount of Bid Security shall be as defined in Bid Security Section for items and lots given in **BDS 6**
The Bid Security shall be in the form of: **Pay Order, Banker's Cheque, Call at Deposit, Demand Draft**

BDS Clause Number 13
ITB Number 13.1

Currency of the Bids shall be : **PKR**

BDS Clause Number 14
ITB Number 14.1

Proposal shall be submitted online on EPADS v2.0 whereas hard copy of the bid security should be submitted to the following;

PMDC Head Office 13, Sector H-9., Islamabad Capital Territory

Bids that are not submitted on EPADS v2.0 shall be disqualified.

The deadline for Bids submission is: **Friday, August 21, 2026 03:00 PM**

BDS Clause Number 15
ITB Number 15.1

The Bids opening shall take place on **EPADS v2.0**.

Day : ***Friday***

Date: ***Friday, August 21, 2026***

Time : ***03:30 PM***

BDS Clause Number 16
ITB Number 20

Selection technique adopted will be: **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)**
see Evaluation Criteria

F. Negotiation and Award

BDS Clause Number 18
ITB Number 21.5

The Performance guarantee shall: **5.00%**.

The Performance Guarantee shall be acceptable in the form of: **Pay Order, Banker's Cheque, Call at Deposit, Bank Guarantee, Demand Draft**

G. Review of Procurement Decisions

BDS Clause Number 19
ITB Number 24.1

Grievence against this procurement shall be submitted online on **EPADS v2.0**.

Eligibility Criteria

Bidder's Type	Required Registration
Any	NADRA CITIZENSHIP (CNIC/NICOP) FBR (NTN) FBR (GSTN)

Eligibility Criteria	Document
Letter of Application (As per Annexure-A)	Yes
Company Profile and particulars of applicants (Annexure B)	Yes
Power of Attorney	Yes
Audited Financial Statements last three years	Yes
JV/Consortium Agreement (if applicable)	Yes
CVs of Key Experts	Yes
Similar Project Experience	Yes
Technical Approach, Methodology & Work Plan to be presented to PMDC after submission of proposal.	Yes
Software/Equipment Details	Yes

Evaluation Criteria

Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)

Technical Marks	**80**
Passing Marks	**56**
Senior Economic Geologist / Gemstone Specialist / Competent Person (5 Marks)	
Degree in Geology or related discipline (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Minimum 10 years of gemstone exploration experience (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in gemstone-hosting mineral systems (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in exploration targeting and geological interpretation (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in gemstone deposit evaluation and resource estimation in accordance with internationally recognized reporting standards such JORC Code, NI 43 101 or equivalent (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Geochemist (5 Marks)	
Relevant degree in Geochemistry, Geology, or related discipline (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Minimum 7 years of experience in exploration geochemistry (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in designing geochemical sampling programs (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in QA/QC procedures (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in interpretation of geochemical datasets (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Geophysicist (5 Marks)	

Relevant degree in Geophysics, Geology, or related discipline (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Minimum 7 years of experience in mineral exploration geophysics (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in planning geophysical surveys (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in supervision and processing of geophysical data (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in interpretation of geophysical surveys relevant to hard-rock mineral exploration (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Mining Engineer / Environmental & Social Specialist (5 Marks)	
Relevant degree in Mining Engineering, Environmental Sciences, or related discipline (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Minimum 7–10 years of relevant experience (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in mine planning and preliminary mining studies (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in environmental and social management (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
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Relevant Firm Experience (25 Marks)	
The international consortium partner must have prior experience of working and engagements with Government of Pakistan in the minerals and mining sector. Compliance with this requirement is mandatory to qualify under the technical evaluation criteria. (Qualitative)(Doc Required)	20
Completed gemstone exploration and resource estimation projects with international reporting standards (JORC Code, NI 43-101 or equivalent) 2.5 Marks per project. (Qualitative)(Doc Required)	5
Project Director / Team Leader (5 Marks)	

Advanced degree in Geology, Mining Engineering, Earth Sciences, or related discipline (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Minimum 15 years of relevant experience (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in leading exploration and resource evaluation projects (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in managing multidisciplinary technical teams (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Experience in project management, reporting, and stakeholder engagement (Quantitative)(Doc Required)	1
Geophysical Instruments, Technical Approach, Methodology & Work Plan (20 Marks)- To be presented to PMDC team after technical bid submission.	
Availability of Magnetometers, IP/Resistivity meters, and Gravity Meters in Pakistan in good condition with third party inspection certificate (Physical Inspection by PMDC Team) (Qualitative)(Doc Required)	10
Understanding of project objectives, geology and scope of work (Qualitative)(Doc Required)	3
Proposed exploration methodology and resource estimation approach (Qualitative)(Doc Required)	3
Work plan, schedule, deliverables and resource allocation (Qualitative)(Doc Required)	2
Risk assessment, quality assurance and HSE management approach (Qualitative)(Doc Required)	2
Financial Capability (10) Marks)Average Annual Turnover (PKR) During Last Three Years	
Above PKR 3 Billion (Quantitative)(Doc Required) Above PKR 3 Billion 10 **(10)** Above PKR 1 Billion – 3 Billion **(7)** PKR 550 Million – 1 Billion **(4)**	10

Required Services

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Bid Security : 2000000 PKR

Position	Delivery Schedule	Quantity
Data Review and Reconnaissance Exploration as per RFP Details (2.1.1)	**Address:** Hunza, Gilgit Baltistan **Schedule:** September 2026 to March 2027 **Quantity:** 3138/acre	3138
Target Generation as per RFP details (2.1.2)	**Address:** Hunza, Gilgit Baltistan **Schedule:** March 2027 to November 2027 **Quantity:** 3138/acre	3138
Resource Drilling & PEA (assumed 1500-meter drilling) as per RFP 2.1.3	**Address:** Hunza, Gilgit Baltistan **Schedule:** November 2027 to November 2028 **Quantity:** 3138/acre	3138

Related Services :

No

TORS (Terms of References)

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Position: Data Review and Reconnaissance Exploration as per RFP Details (2.1.1)

Specifications / Requirements:

- 1.

    1.1. Phase 1 Data Review and Reconnaissance Exploration (September 2026 – March 2027)

- Review all available internal and public geological, exploration, mining and production related historical project data. Bibliographic research and satellite imagery analysis.
- Data validation, digitization and georeferencing. Delivery of a Gap Analysis Report summarizing the review, validation, and interpretation of all geological, exploration, mining and related datasets. The report shall identify data deficiencies and exploration gaps and provide recommendations and strategies for addressing such gaps during Project execution.
- Implementation of systematic geochemical sampling, QA/QC protocols, and database management systems.
- Reconnaissance site visit to Hunza ruby deposit and exploration license/ lease area by International Consultant in association with selected local Pakistani partner firm. To include Regional Risk Assessment including safe access of underground workings

and working at altitude.

- Two-month (September–October) reconnaissance-scale mapping and sampling of Hunza ruby deposit and exploration license/ lease area.
- Data interpretation and analysis of Phase 1 exploration results.
- Delivery of Project Inception Report to include revised Phase 2 exploration strategy and timeframe. The Inception Report will fully detail the Consultant’s understanding of the Project, review of available data, proposed methodology, work plan, implementation schedule, mobilization strategy, staffing plan, health and safety procedures, quality assurance/quality control protocols, and overall Project execution framework.

Position: Target Generation as per RFP details (2.1.2)

Specifications / Requirements:

- 1.

    1.1. Phase 2 Target Generation (March 2027 – November 2027)

- Detailed geological, lithological, and structural mapping of the exploration license/ lease area.
- Detailed geochemical sampling programs of surface and underground workings. Sampling methods to be defined during Phase 1 though are anticipated to include rock chip sampling, talus fines sampling, trenching and bulk sampling.

- Relevant petrological and mineral studies including preliminary gemstone quality assessment.
- Execution of applicable geophysical surveys (where and if required), to support target identification and interpretation.
- Identify key ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) considerations related to the Project.
- Identify and propose high-level sustainable mining, safety, and sector formalization measures for the ASM (artisanal and small-scale miners) operating in the region.
- Regional assessment and target generation report on potential of wider Hunza ruby deposit including prospectivity analysis and Project ranking.
- Benchmark the Hunza Project against other operating ASM in wider Hunza District. Identify operating strategies for small-scale ruby mining operations.
- Delivery of Phase 2 Geological and Exploration Report to include stage-gate recommendation to proceed to Phase 3 or exit Hunza ruby exploration project. Regional assessment and prospectivity analysis of wider Hunza ruby deposit.

Position: Resource Drilling & PEA (assumed 1500-meter drilling) as per RFP 2.1.3

Specifications / Requirements:

- 1.

  1.1. Phase 3 Resource Drilling & PEA (November 2027 – November 2028)

- 1500 meters resource drilling to delineate the size, geometry, and grade of the deposit.
- Detailed geological and structural studies.
- Advanced bulk sampling.
- Detailed laboratory testing and gemmological valuation to include:

  1. Supervision of sample preparation, laboratory testing, and gemstone quality assessment.
  2. Detailed mineralogical & petrographic analysis and studies.
  3. Gemmological evaluation of ruby mineralization.
  4. Establish grade and quality classification criteria for ruby resources.
  5. Market Research

- Resource Estimation (assuming intersection of economic ruby mineralization)

  1. Develop geological models of the deposit.
  2. Develop a three-dimensional (3D) geological and resource model using industry-standard software in accordance with internationally accepted practices.
  3. Estimate gemstone resources in accordance with NI 43-101.

4. Delivery of a NI 43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) Technical Report signed by a Qualified/Competent Person to evaluate the potential viability of a ruby mineral deposit in exploration license/ lease area at Hunza.

Price Schedule

For Individual Positions

#	Position Title	Quantity	Unit Price (PKR)	Total Price (PKR)	Delivery Location	Delivery Period / Year	Country of Origin
1							
2							

For Lots

#	Lot Title	Total Lot Price (PKR)	Country of Origin
1	[Lot 1 Title]		

General Conditions of Contract

A. General Provisions

1. **Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms whenever used in this Contract have the following meanings:

1.1. “**Affiliate(s)**” means an individual or an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Consultant.

1.2. “**Applicable Law**” means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in Pakistan or as may be specified in the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), as they may be issued and in force from time to time.

1.3. “**Consultant**” means an individual consultant or a consulting firm as the case may be;

1.4. “**Contractor’s Personnel**” means personnel whom the Contractor utilizes in the execution of its contract, including the staff, labor and other employees of the Contractor and each subcontractor; and any other personnel assisting the Contractor in the execution of the contract to be supervised by the Consultant (if applicable).

1.5. “**Day**” means calendar day unless indicated otherwise.

1.6. “**Effective Date**” means the date on which this Contract comes into force and effect pursuant to Clause GCC 11.

1.7. “**Experts**” means, collectively, Key Experts, Non-Key Experts, or any other personnel of the Consultant, Sub-consultant or JV member(s) assigned by the Consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.

1.8. “**Foreign Currency**” means any currency other than the Pakistani Rupees.

1.9. “**GCC**” means these General Conditions of Contract.

1.10. “**Government**” means the Government of Pakistan.

1.11. “**Joint Venture (JV)**” means an association with or without a legal personality distinct from that of its members, of more than one entity where one member has the authority to conduct all businesses for and on behalf of any and all the members of the JV, and where the members of the JV are jointly and severally liable to the Procuring Agency for the performance of the Contract.

1.12. “**Key Expert(s)**” means an individual professional whose skills, qualifications, knowledge and experience are critical to the performance of the Services under the Contract and whose Curricula Vitae (CV) was taken into account in the technical evaluation of the Consultant’s proposal.

1.13. “**Local Currency**” means the currency of Pakistan

1.14. “**Non-Key Expert(s)**” means an individual professional provided by the Consultant or its Sub-consultant to perform the Services or any part thereof under the Contract.

1.15. “**Party**” means the Procuring Agency or the Consultant, as the case may be, and “Parties” means both of them.

1.16. Procuring Agency’s Personnel” refers to the staff, labor and other employees (if any) of the Procuring Agency engaged in fulfilling the Procuring Agency’s obligations under the Contract; and any other personnel identified as Procuring Agency’s Personnel, by a notice from the Procuring Agency to the Consultant

1.17. “**Proposal**” means the Technical Proposal and/or the Financial Proposal of the Consultant.

1.18. “**RFP**” means the Request for Proposals to be prepared by the Procuring Agency for the selection of consultants, based on the SRFP.

1.19. “**SCC**” means the Special Conditions of Contract by which the GCC may be amended or supplemented but not over-written.

1.20. “**Site**” (if applicable) means the land and other places where Works are to be executed or facilities to be installed, and such other land or places as may be specified in the Contractor’s Contract as forming part of the Site.

1.21. “**SRFP**” means the Standard Request for Proposals, which must be used by the Procuring Agency as the basis for the preparation of the RFP.

1.22. “**Sub-consultants**” means an entity to whom/which the Consultant subcontracts any part of the Services while remaining solely liable for the execution of the Contract.

1.23. “**Third Party**” means any person or entity other than the Government, the Procuring Agency, the Consultant or a Sub-consultant.

1.24. “**TORs**” means the Terms of Reference that explain the objectives, scope of work, activities, and tasks to be performed, respective responsibilities of the Procuring Agency and the Consultant, and expected results and deliverables of the assignment.

2. **Relationship between the Parties**

2.1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing a relationship of master and servant or of principal and agent as between the Procuring Agency and the Consultant. The Consultant, subject to this Contract, has complete charge of the Experts and Sub-consultants, if any, performing the Services and shall be fully responsible for the Services performed by them or on their behalf hereunder.

3. **Law Governing Contract**

3.1. The contract shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Pakistan, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

4. **Language**

4.1. The Contract as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Contract exchanged between the Consultant and the Procuring Agency, shall be written in the English language unless otherwise stated in the SCC. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Contract may be in another language provided these are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in English, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Contract, this translation shall govern.

5. **Headings**

5.1. The headings shall not limit, alter or affect the meaning of this Contract.

6. **Communications**

6.1. Any communication required or permitted to be given or made pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing in the language specified in Clause GCC 4. Any such notice, request or consent shall be deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person to an authorized representative of the Party to whom the communication is addressed, or when sent to such Party at the address specified in the SCC.

6.2. A Party may change its address for notice hereunder by giving the other Party any communication of such change to the address specified in the SCC.

7. Location

7.1. The Services shall be performed at such locations as are specified in Appendix A hereto and, where the location of a particular task is not so specified, at such locations, whether in the Government's country or elsewhere, as the Procuring Agency may approve.

8. **Authority of Member in Charge**

8.1. In case the Consultant is a Joint Venture, the members hereby authorize the member specified in the SCC to act on their behalf in exercising all the Consultant's rights and obligations towards the Procuring Agency under this Contract, including without limitation the receiving of instructions and payments from the Procuring Agency.

9. **Authorized Representatives**

9.1. Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any document required or permitted to be executed under this Contract by the Procuring Agency or the Consultant may be taken or executed by the officials specified in the SCC.

10. **Fraud and Corruption**

10.1. Public Procurement Regulatory Authority requires that Procuring Agencies (including beneficiaries of Government funded projects) as well as Applicants/Bidders/Suppliers/Contractors under Government financed contracts, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts in accordance with the requirement of Procurement Regulatory Framework

B. Commencement, Completion, Modification and Termination of Contract

11. **Effectiveness of Contract**

11.1. This Contract shall come into force and effect on the date (the "Effective Date") of the Procuring Agency's notice to the Consultant instructing the Consultant to begin carrying out the Services. This notice shall confirm that the effectiveness conditions, if any, listed in the SCC have been met.

12. **Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective**

12.1. If this Contract has not become effective within such time period after the date of Contract signature as specified in the SCC, either Party may, by not less than twenty two (22) days written notice to the other Party, declare this Contract to be null and void, and in the event of such a declaration by either Party, neither Party shall have any claim against the other Party with respect hereto.

13. **Commencement of Services**

13.1. The Consultant shall confirm availability of Key Experts and begin carrying out the Services not later than the number of days after the Effective Date specified in the SCC.

14. **Expiration of Contract**

14.1. Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Clause GCC 19 hereof, this Contract shall expire at the end of such time period after the Effective Date as specified in the SCC.

15. **Entire Agreement**

15.1. This Contract contains all covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed by the Parties. No agent or representative of either Party has authority to make, and the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or agreement not set forth herein.

16. **Modifications or Variations**

16.1. Any modification or variation of the terms and conditions of this Contract, including any modification or variation of the scope of the Services, may only be made by written agreement between the Parties. However, each Party shall give due consideration to any proposals for modification or variation made by the other Party.

16.2. In cases of any modifications or variations, the prior written consent of the Procuring Agency is required.

17. **Force Majeure**

17.1. **Definition**

17.1.1. For the purposes of this Contract, “Force Majeure” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of a Party, is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and makes a Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder impossible or so impractical as reasonably to be considered impossible under the circumstances, and subject to those requirements, includes, but is not limited to, war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood or other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts or other industrial action confiscation or any other action by Government agencies.

17.1.2. Force Majeure shall not include (i) any event which is caused by the negligence or intentional action of a Party or such Party’s Experts, Sub-consultants or agents or employees, nor (ii) any event which a diligent Party could reasonably have been expected to both take into account at the time of the conclusion of this Contract, and avoid or overcome in the carrying out of its obligations hereunder.

17.1.3. Force Majeure shall not include insufficiency of funds or failure to make any payment required hereunder.

17.2. **No Breach of Contract**

17.2.1. The failure of a Party to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder shall not be considered to be a breach of, or default under, this Contract insofar as such inability arises from an event of Force Majeure, provided that the Party affected by such an event has taken all reasonable precautions, due care and reasonable alternative measures, all with the objective of carrying out the terms and conditions of this Contract.

17.3. **Measures to be Taken**

17.3.1. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the consequences of any event of Force Majeure.

17.3.2. A Party affected by an event of Force Majeure shall notify the other Party of such event as soon as possible, and in any case not later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the occurrence of such event, providing evidence of the nature and cause of such event, and shall similarly give written notice of the restoration of normal conditions as soon as possible.

17.3.3. Any period within which a Party shall, pursuant to this Contract, complete any action or task, shall be extended for a period equal to the time during which such Party was unable to perform such action as a result of Force Majeure.

17.3.4. During the period of their inability to perform the Services as a result of an event of Force Majeure, the Consultant, upon instructions by the Procuring Agency, shall either:

17.3.4.1. demobilize, in which case the Consultant shall be reimbursed for additional costs they reasonably and necessarily incurred, and, if required by the Procuring Agency, in reactivating the Services; or

17.3.4.2. continue with the Services to the extent reasonably possible, in which case the Consultant shall continue to be paid under the terms of this Contract and be reimbursed for additional costs reasonably and necessarily incurred.

17.3.5. In the case of disagreement between the Parties as to the existence or extent of Force Majeure, the matter shall be settled according to Clauses GCC 49& 50.

18. **Suspension**

18.1. The Procuring Agency may, by written notice of suspension to the Consultant, suspend all payments to the Consultant hereunder if the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, including the carrying out of the Services, provided that such notice of suspension (i) shall specify the nature of the failure, and (ii) shall request the Consultant to remedy such failure within a period not exceeding thirty (30) calendar days after receipt by the Consultant of such notice of suspension.

19. **Termination**

19.1. This Contract may be terminated by either Party as per provisions set up below:

a) **By the Procuring Agency**

19.1.1. The Procuring Agency may terminate this Contract in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this Clause. In such an occurrence the Procuring Agency shall give at least thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the Consultant in case of the events referred to in (a) through (d); at least sixty (60) days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (e); and at least five (5) days' written notice in case of the event referred to in (f):

(a) If the Consultant fails to remedy a failure in the performance of its obligations hereunder, as specified in a notice of suspension pursuant to Clause GCC 18;

(b) If the Consultant becomes (or, if the Consultant consists of more than one entity, if any of its members becomes) insolvent or bankrupt or enter into any agreements with their creditors for relief of debt or take advantage of any law for the benefit of debtors or go into liquidation or receivership whether compulsory or voluntary;

(c) If the Consultant fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration proceedings pursuant to Clause GCC 49

(d) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days;

(e) If the Procuring Agency, in its sole discretion and for any reason whatsoever, decides to terminate this Contract;

(f) If the Consultant fails to confirm availability of Key Experts as required in Clause GCC 13.

19.1.2. if the Consultant, in the judgment of the Procuring Agency has engaged in Fraud and Corruption, in competing for or in executing the Contract, then the Procuring Agency may, after giving fourteen (14) calendar days written notice to the Consultant, terminate the Consultant's employment under the Contract.

19.2. **By the Consultant**

The Consultant may terminate this Contract, by not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the Procuring Agency, in case of the occurrence of any of the events specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Clause.

(a) If the Procuring Agency fails to pay any money due to the Consultant pursuant to this Contract and not subject to dispute pursuant to Clauses GCC 49.1 within forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the Consultant that such payment is overdue.

(b) If, as the result of Force Majeure, the Consultant is unable to perform a material portion of the Services for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.

(c) If the Procuring Agency fails to comply with any final decision reached as a result of arbitration pursuant to Clause GCC 49.1.

(d) If the Procuring Agency is in material breach of its obligations pursuant to this Contract and has not remedied the same within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Consultant may have subsequently approved in writing) following the receipt by the Procuring Agency of the Consultant's notice specifying such breach.

19.3. **Cessation of Rights and Obligations**

Upon termination of this Contract pursuant to Clauses GCC 12 or GCC 19 hereof, or upon expiration of this Contract pursuant to Clause GCC 14, all rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder shall cease, except

(i) such rights and obligations as may have accrued on the date of termination or expiration,

(ii) the obligation of confidentiality set forth in Clause GCC 22,

(iii) the Consultant's obligation to permit inspection, copying and auditing of their accounts and records set forth in Clause GCC 25 and to cooperate and assist in any inspection or investigation, and (iv) any right which a Party may have under the Applicable Law.

19.4. **Cessation of Services**

19.4.1. Upon termination of this Contract by notice of either Party to the other pursuant to Clauses GCC 19a or GCC 19b, the Consultant shall, immediately upon dispatch or receipt of such notice, take all necessary steps to bring the Services to a close in a prompt and orderly manner and shall make every reasonable effort to keep expenditures for this purpose to a minimum. With respect to documents prepared by the Consultant and equipment and materials furnished by the Procuring Agency, the Consultant shall proceed as provided, respectively, by Clauses GCC 27 or GCC 28.

19.5. **e.Payment upon Termination**

Upon termination of this Contract, the Procuring Agency shall make the following payments to the Consultant:

(a) remuneration for Services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination, and reimbursable expenditures for expenditures actually incurred prior to the effective date of termination; and pursuant to Clause 43;

(b) in the case of termination pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) of Clause GCC 19.1.1, reimbursement of any reasonable cost incidental to the prompt and orderly termination of this Contract, including the cost of the return travel of the Experts.

C. Obligations of the Consultant

20. **General**

20.1. **Standard of Performance**

20.1.1. The Consultant shall perform the Services and carry out the Services with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted professional standards and practices, and shall observe sound management practices, and employ appropriate technology and safe and effective equipment, machinery, materials and methods. The Consultant shall always act, in respect of any matter relating to this Contract or to the Services, as a faithful adviser to the Procuring Agency, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Procuring Agency's legitimate interests in any dealings with the third parties.

20.1.2. The Consultant shall employ and provide such qualified and experienced Experts and Sub-consultants as are required to carry out the Services.

20.1.3. The Consultant may subcontract part of the Services to an extent and with such Key Experts and Sub-consultants as may be approved in advance by the Procuring Agency

20.2. **Law Applicable to Services**

20.2.1. The Consultant shall perform the Services in accordance with the Contract and in accordance with the Law of Pakistan and shall take all practicable steps to ensure that any of its Experts and Sub-consultants, comply with the Applicable Law.

21. **Conflict of Interests**

21.1. The Consultant shall hold the Procuring Agency’s interest’s paramount, without any consideration for future work, and strictly avoid conflict with other assignments or their own corporate interests.

21.1.1. **Consultant Not to Benefit from Commissions, Discounts, etc.**

21.1.1.1. The payment of the Consultant pursuant to GCC F (Clauses GCC 42 through 47) shall constitute the Consultant’s only payment in connection with this Contract and, subject to Clause GCC 21.1.3, the Consultant shall not accept for its own benefit any trade commission, discount or similar payment in connection with activities pursuant to this Contract or in the discharge of its obligations hereunder, and the Consultant shall use its best efforts to ensure that any Sub-consultants, as well as the Experts and agents of either of them, similarly shall not receive any such additional payment.

21.1.1.2. Furthermore, if the Consultant, as part of the Services, has the responsibility of advising the Procuring Agency on the procurement of goods, works or services. Any discounts or commissions obtained by the Consultant in the exercise of such procurement responsibility shall be for the account of the Procuring Agency.

21.1.2. **Consultant and Affiliates Not to Engage in Certain Activities**

21.1.2.1. The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, as well as any Sub-consultants and any entity affiliated with such Sub-consultants, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or non-consulting services resulting from or directly related to the Consultant’s Services for the preparation or implementation of the project, unless otherwise indicated in the SCC.

21.1.3. **Prohibition of Conflicting Activities**

21.1.3.1. The Consultant shall not engage, and shall cause its Experts as well as its Sub-consultants not to engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or professional activities that would conflict with the activities assigned to them under this Contract.

21.1.4. **Strict Duty to Disclose Conflicting Activities**

21.1.4.1. The Consultant has an obligation and shall ensure that its Experts and Sub-consultants shall have an obligation to disclose any situation of actual or potential conflict that impacts their capacity to serve the best interest of their Procuring Agency, or that may reasonably be perceived as having this effect. Failure to disclose said situations may lead to the disqualification of the Consultant or the termination of its Contract.

22. **Confidentiality**

22.1. Except with the prior written consent of the Procuring Agency, the Consultant and the Experts shall not at any time communicate to any person or entity any confidential information acquired in the course of the Services, nor shall the Consultant and the Experts make public the recommendations formulated in the course of, or as a result of, the Services.

23. **Liability of the Consultant**

23.1. Subject to additional provisions, if any, set forth in the SCC, the Consultant's liability under this Contract shall be as determined under the Applicable Law.

24. **Insurance to be Taken out by the Consultant**

24.1. The Consultant (i) shall take out and maintain, and shall cause any Sub-consultants to take out and maintain, at its (or the Sub-consultants', as the case may be) own cost but on terms and conditions approved by the Procuring Agency, insurance against the risks, and for the coverage specified in the SCC, and (ii) at the Procuring Agency's request, shall provide evidence to the Procuring Agency showing that such insurance has been taken out and maintained and that the current premiums therefore have been paid. The Consultant shall ensure that such insurance is in place prior to commencing the Services as stated in Clause GCC 13.

25. **Accounting, Inspection and Auditing**

25.1. The Consultant shall keep, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cause its Sub-consultants to keep, accurate and systematic accounts and records in respect of the Services in such form and detail as will clearly identify relevant time changes and costs.

25.2. Pursuant to paragraph 1.23 (e) of Attachment 1 to the General Conditions, the Consultant shall permit and shall cause its agents (where declared or not), subcontractors, sub-consultants, service providers, suppliers, and personnel, to permit, the procuring agency to inspect the site and/or the accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process, selection and/or contract execution, and to have such accounts, records and other documents. The Consultant's and its Subcontractors' and sub-consultants' attention is drawn to Sub-Clause 10.1 (Fraud and Corruption) which provides, inter alia, that acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Procuring Agency's inspection and audit rights constitute a prohibited practice subject to contract termination.

26. **Reporting Obligations**

26.1. The Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Agency the reports and documents specified in Appendix A, in the form, in the numbers and within the time periods set forth in the said Appendix.

27. **Proprietary Rights of the Procuring Agency in Reports and Records**

27.1. Unless otherwise indicated in the SCC, all reports and relevant data and information such as maps, diagrams, plans, databases, other documents and software, supporting records or material compiled or prepared by the Consultant for the Procuring Agency in the course of the Services shall be confidential and become and remain the absolute property of the Procuring Agency. The Consultant shall, not later than upon termination or expiration of this Contract, deliver all such documents to the Procuring Agency, together with a detailed inventory thereof. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents, data and/or software but shall not use the same for purposes unrelated to this Contract without prior written approval of the Procuring Agency.

27.2. If license agreements are necessary or appropriate between the Consultant and third parties for purposes of development of the plans, drawings, specifications, designs, databases, other documents and software, the Consultant shall obtain the Procuring Agency's prior written approval to such agreements, and the Procuring Agency shall be entitled at its discretion to require recovering the expenses related to the development of the program(s) concerned. Other restrictions about the future use of these documents and software, if any, shall be specified in the SCC.

28. **Equipment, Vehicles and Materials**

28.1. Equipment, vehicles and materials made available to the Consultant by the Procuring Agency, or purchased by the Consultant wholly or partly with funds provided by the Procuring Agency, shall be the property of the Procuring Agency and shall be marked accordingly. Upon termination or expiration of this Contract, the Consultant shall make available to the Procuring Agency an inventory of such equipment, vehicles and materials and shall dispose of such equipment, vehicles and materials in accordance with the Procuring Agency's instructions. While in possession of such equipment, vehicles and materials, the Consultant, unless otherwise instructed by the Procuring Agency in writing, shall insure them at the expense of the Procuring Agency in an amount equal to their full replacement value.

28.2. Any equipment or materials brought by the Consultant or its Experts into the Procuring Agency's country for the use either for the project or personal use shall remain the property of the Consultant or the Experts concerned, as applicable.

29. **Code of Conduct**

29.1. The Procuring Agencies and the Consultant are bound to follow the Code of Ethics to be issued by the Authority.

D. Consultant's Experts and Sub-Consultants

30. **Description of Key Experts**

30.1. The title, agreed job description, minimum qualification and time-input estimates to carry out the Services of each of the Consultant's Key Experts are described in Appendix B.

30.2. If required to comply with the provisions of Clause GCC 20a, adjustments with respect to the estimated time-input of Key Experts set forth in Appendix B may be made by the Consultant by a written notice to the Procuring Agency, provided (i) that such adjustments shall not alter the original time-input estimates for any individual by more than 10% or one week, whichever is larger; and (ii) that the aggregate of such adjustments shall not cause payments under this Contract to exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 42.2.

30.3. If additional work is required beyond the scope of the Services specified in Appendix A, the estimated time-input for the Key Experts may be increased by agreement in writing between the Procuring Agency and the Consultant. In case where payments under this Contract exceed the ceilings set forth in Clause GCC 42.2, the Parties shall sign a Contract amendment.

31. **Replacement of Key Experts**

31.1. Except as the Procuring Agency may otherwise agree in writing, no changes shall be made in the Key Experts.

31.2. Notwithstanding the above, the substitution of Key Experts during Contract execution may be considered only based on the Consultant's written request and due to circumstances outside the reasonable control of the

Consultant, including but not limited to death or medical incapacity. In such case, the Consultant shall forthwith provide as a replacement, a person of equivalent or better qualifications and experience, and at the same rate of remuneration.

32. **Approval of Additional Key Experts**

32.1. If during execution of the Contract, additional Key Experts are required to carry out the Services, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Agency for review and approval a copy of their Curricula Vitae (CVs). If the Procuring Agency does not object in writing (stating the reasons for the objection) within twenty two (22) days from the date of receipt of such CVs, such additional Key Experts shall be deemed to have been approved by the Procuring Agency.
The rate of remuneration payable to such new additional Key Experts shall be based on the rates for other Key Experts position which require similar qualifications and experience.

33. **Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants**

33.1. If the Procuring Agency finds that any of the Experts or Sub-consultant has committed serious misconduct or has been charged with having committed a criminal action, or shall the Procuring Agency determine that a Consultant's Expert or Sub-consultant has engaged in Fraud and Corruption while performing the Services, the Consultant shall, at the Procuring Agency's written request, provide a replacement.

33.2. In the event that any of Key Experts, Non-Key Experts or Sub-consultants is found by the Procuring Agency to be incompetent or incapable in discharging assigned duties, the Procuring Agency, specifying the grounds therefore, may request the Consultant to provide a replacement.

33.3. Any replacement of the removed Experts or Sub-consultants shall possess better qualifications and experience and shall be acceptable to the Procuring Agency.

34. **Replacement/ Removal of Experts – Impact on Payments**

34.1. Except as the Procuring Agency may otherwise agree, (i) the Consultant shall bear all additional travel and other costs arising out of or incidental to any removal and/or replacement, and (ii) the remuneration to be paid for any of the Experts provided as a replacement shall not exceed the remuneration which would have been payable to the Experts replaced or removed.

35. **Working Hours, Overtime, Leave, etc.**

35.1. Working hours and holidays for Experts are set forth in Appendix B. To account for travel time to/from the Procuring Agency's country, experts carrying out Services inside the Procuring Agency's country shall be deemed to have commenced or finished work in respect of the Services such number of days before their arrival in, or after their departure from, the Procuring Agency's country as is specified in Appendix B.

35.2. The Experts shall not be entitled to be paid for overtime nor to take paid sick leave or vacation leave except as specified in Appendix B, and the Consultant's remuneration shall be deemed to cover these items.

35.3. Any taking of leave by Key Experts shall be subject to the prior approval by the Consultant who shall ensure that absence for leave purposes will not delay the progress and or impact adequate supervision of the Services.

E. Obligations of the Procuring Agency

36. Assistance and Exemptions

36.1. Unless otherwise specified in the SCC, the Procuring Agency shall use its best efforts to:

36.1.1. Assist the Consultant with obtaining work permits and such other documents as shall be necessary to enable the Consultant to perform the Services.

36.1.2. Facilitate prompt clearance through customs of any property required for the Services and of the personal effects of the Experts and their eligible dependents.

36.1.3. Issue to officials, agents and representatives of the Government all such instructions and information as may be necessary or appropriate for the prompt and effective implementation of the Services.

36.1.4. Assist the Consultant and the Experts and any Sub-consultants employed by the Consultant for the Services with obtaining exemption from any requirement to register or obtain any permit to practice their profession or to establish themselves either individually or as a corporate entity in the Procuring Agency's country according to the applicable law in the Procuring Agency's country.

36.1.5. Assist the Consultant, any Sub-consultants and the Experts of either of them with obtaining the privilege, pursuant to the applicable law in the Procuring Agency's country, of bringing into the Procuring Agency's country reasonable amounts of foreign currency for the purposes of the Services or for the personal use of the Experts and of withdrawing any such amounts as may be earned therein by the Experts in the execution of the Services.

36.1.6. Provide to the Consultant any such other assistance as may be specified in the SCC.

37. **Access to Project Site**

37.1. The Procuring Agency warrants that the Consultant shall have, free of charge, unimpeded access to the project site in respect of which access is required for the performance of the Services. The Procuring Agency will be responsible for any damage to the project site or any property thereon resulting from such access and will indemnify the Consultant and each of the experts in respect of liability for any such damage, unless such damage is caused by the willful default or negligence of the Consultant or any Sub-consultants or the Experts of either of them.

38. **Change in the Applicable Law Related to Taxes and Duties**

38.1. If, after the date of this Contract, there is any change in the applicable law in the Procuring Agency's country with respect to taxes and duties which increases or decreases the cost incurred by the Consultant in performing the Services, then the remuneration and reimbursable expenses otherwise payable to the Consultant under this Contract shall be increased or decreased accordingly by agreement between the Parties hereto, and corresponding adjustments shall be made to the ceiling amounts specified in Clause GCC 42.2.

39. **Services, Facilities and Property of the Procuring Agency**

39.1. The Procuring Agency shall make available to the Consultant and the Experts, for the purposes of the Services and free of any charge, the services, facilities and property described in the Terms of Reference (Appendix A) at the times and in the manner specified in said Appendix A.

39.2. In case that such services, facilities and property shall not be made available to the Consultant as and when specified in Appendix A, the Parties shall agree on (i) any time extension that it may be appropriate to grant to the Consultant for the performance of the Services, (ii) the manner in which the Consultant shall procure any such services, facilities and property from other sources, and (iii) the additional payments, if any, to be made to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 42.3.

40. **Counterpart Personnel**

40.1. The Procuring Agency shall make available to the Consultant free of charge such professional and support counterpart personnel, to be nominated by the Procuring Agency with the Consultant's advice, if specified in Appendix A.

40.2. If counterpart personnel are not provided by the Procuring Agency to the Consultant as and when specified in Appendix A, the Procuring Agency and the Consultant shall agree on (i) how the affected part of the Services shall be carried out, and (ii) the additional payments, if any, to be made by the Procuring Agency to the Consultant as a result thereof pursuant to Clause GCC 42.3.

40.3. Professional and support counterpart personnel, excluding Procuring Agency's liaison personnel, shall work under the exclusive direction of the Consultant. If any member of the counterpart personnel fails to perform adequately any work assigned to such member by the Consultant that is consistent with the position occupied by such member, the Consultant may request the replacement of such member, and the Procuring Agency shall not unreasonably refuse to act upon such request.

41. **Payment Obligation**

41.1. In consideration of the Services performed by the Consultant under this Contract, the Procuring Agency shall make such payments to the Consultant and in such manner as is provided by GCC F below.

F. Payments to the Consultant

42. **Ceiling Amount**

42.1. An estimate of the cost of the Services is set forth in Appendix C (Remuneration) and Appendix D (Reimbursable expenses).

42.2. Payments under this Contract shall not exceed the ceilings in foreign currency and in local currency specified in the SCC.

42.3. For any payments in excess of the ceilings specified in GCC42.2, an amendment to the Contract shall be signed by the Parties referring to the provision of this Contract that evokes such amendment.

43. **Remuneration and Reimbursable Expenses**

43.1. The Procuring Agency shall pay to the Consultant (i) remuneration that shall be determined on the basis of time actually spent by each Expert in the performance of the Services after the date of commencing of Services or such other date as the Parties shall agree in writing; and (ii) reimbursable expenses that are actually and reasonably incurred by the Consultant in the performance of the Services.

43.2. All payments shall be at the rates set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D.

43.3. Unless the SCC provides for the price adjustment of the remuneration rates, said remuneration shall be fixed for the duration of the Contract.

43.4. The remuneration rates shall cover: (i) such salaries and allowances as the Consultant shall have agreed to pay to the Experts as well as factors for social charges and overheads (bonuses or other means of profit-sharing shall not be allowed as an element of overheads), (ii) the cost of backstopping by home office staff not included in the Experts' list in Appendix B, (iii) the Consultant's profit, and (iv) any other items as specified in the SCC.

43.5. Any rates specified for Experts not yet appointed shall be provisional and shall be subject to revision, with the written approval of the Procuring Agency, once the applicable remuneration rates and allowances are known.

44. **Taxes and Duties**

44.1. The Consultant, Sub-consultants and Experts are responsible for meeting any and all tax liabilities arising out of the Contract unless it is stated otherwise in the SCC.

44.2. As an exception to the above and as stated in the SCC, all local identifiable indirect taxes (itemized and finalized at Contract negotiations) are reimbursed to the Consultant or are paid by the Procuring Agency on behalf of the Consultant.

45. **Currency of Payment**

45.1. Any payment under this Contract shall be made in the currency(ies) specified in the SCC.

46. **Mode of Billing and Payment**

46.1. Billings and payments in respect of the Services shall be made as follows:
(a) Advance payment. Within the number of days after the Effective Date, the Procuring Agency shall pay to the Consultant an advance payment as specified in the SCC. Unless otherwise indicated in the SCC, an advance payment shall be made against an advance payment bank guarantee acceptable to the Procuring Agency in an amount (or amounts) and in a currency (or currencies) specified in the SCC. Such guarantee (i) is to remain effective until the advance payment has been fully set off, and (ii) is to be in the form set forth in Appendix E, or in such other form as the Procuring Agency shall have approved in writing. The advance payments will be set off by the Procuring Agency in equal installments against the statements for the number of months of the Services specified in the SCC until said advance payments have been fully set off.
(b) The Itemized Invoices. As soon as practicable and not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar month during the period of the Services, or after the end of each time interval otherwise indicated in the SCC, the Consultant shall submit to the Procuring Agency, in duplicate, itemized invoices, accompanied by the receipts or other appropriate supporting documents, of the amounts payable pursuant to Clauses GCC 45 and GCC 46 for such interval, or any other period indicated in the SCC. Separate invoices shall be submitted for expenses incurred in foreign currency and in local currency. Each invoice shall show remuneration and reimbursable

expenses separately.

(c) The Procuring Agency shall pay the Consultant’s invoices within sixty (60) days after the receipt by the Procuring Agency of such itemized invoices with supporting documents. Only such portion of an invoice that is not satisfactorily supported may be withheld from payment. Should any discrepancy be found to exist between actual payment and costs authorized to be incurred by the Consultant, the Procuring Agency may add or subtract the difference from any subsequent payments.

(d) The Final Payment .The final payment under this Clause shall be made only after the final report and a final invoice, identified as such, shall have been submitted by the Consultant and approved as satisfactory by the Procuring Agency. The Services shall be deemed completed and finally accepted by the Procuring Agency and the final report and final invoice shall be deemed approved by the Procuring Agency as satisfactory ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of the final report and final invoice by the Procuring Agency unless the Procuring Agency, within such ninety (90) calendar day period, gives written notice to the Consultant specifying in detail deficiencies in the Services, the final report or final invoice. The Consultant shall thereupon promptly make any necessary corrections, and thereafter the foregoing process shall be repeated. Any amount that the Procuring Agency has paid or has caused to be paid in accordance with this Clause in excess of the amounts payable in accordance with the provisions of this Contract shall be reimbursed by the Consultant to the Procuring Agency within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Consultant of notice thereof. Any such claim by the Procuring Agency for reimbursement must be made within twelve (12) calendar months after receipt by the Procuring Agency of a final report and a final invoice approved by the Procuring Agency in accordance with the above.

(e) All payments under this Contract shall be made to the accounts of the Consultant specified in the SCC.

(f) With the exception of the final payment under (d) above, payments do not constitute acceptance of the Services nor relieve the Consultant of any obligations hereunder.

47. **Interest on Delayed Payments**

47.1. If the Procuring Agency had delayed payments beyond fifteen (15) days after the due date stated in Clause GCC 46.1 (c), interest shall be paid to the Consultant on any amount due by, not paid on, such due date for each day of delay at the annual rate stated in the SCC.

G. Fairness and Good Faith

48. **Good Faith**

48.1. The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other’s rights under this Contract and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization of the objectives of this Contract.

H. Settlement of Disputes

49. **Amicable Settlement**

49.1. Any dispute of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Procuring Agency and the Service Provider in connection with or arising out of the Contract, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, or the execution of the Project –whether during developing phase or after their completion and whether before or after the termination, abandonment or breach of the Contract – the parties shall seek to resolve any such dispute or difference by mutual consultation. If the parties fail to resolve such a dispute or difference even after negotiations or mediation, then the dispute shall be referred within fourteen (14) days in writing by either party to the Arbitrator, with a copy to the other party.

49.2. Any dispute in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given, in accordance with GCC sub-clause 45.1, shall be finally settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after completion of the Project. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Arbitration Act 1940.

49.3. Notwithstanding any reference to the arbitration herein, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree that the Procuring Agency shall pay the Service Provider any monies due the Service Provider.

Special Conditions of Contract

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The following Special Conditions of Contract shall supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the Conditions of Contract. The corresponding clause number of the GCC is indicated in parentheses.

Number of GC Clause

Amendments of, and Supplements to, Clauses in the General Conditions of Contract>

Number of GC Clause 3.1

The Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Number of GC Clause 4.1

The language is **English**

Number of GC Clause 6.1 and 6.2

The addresses are:

The Procuring Agency is: Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC)), Assistant Vice President (AVP) PMDC Head Office 13, Sector H-9., Islamabad Capital Territory

The Consultant Address:

The title of the subject procurement is:TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR GEMSTONE EXPLORATION, RESOURCE ESTIMATION, GEMSTONE EVALUATION AND PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT (PEA) OF THE HUNZA RUBY PROJECT, AHMEDABAD, HUNZA, GILGIT-BALTISTAN

Number of GC Clause 8.1

[Note: If the Consultant consists only of one entity, state "N/A";Or

The Lead Member on behalf of the JV is ___________ ______________________________ *[insert name of the member]*

Number of GC Clause 9.1

The Authorized Representatives are:

The Authorized Representatives are:

For the Procuring Agency:

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC)), Assistant Vice President (AVP)
PMDC Head Office 13, Sector H-9., Islamabad Capital Territory
+92-317-177-8158
pmdcproch.9@gmail.com

For the Bidder:

Name: ………………………

Designation: ……………..

Address: ……………………………..

Number of GC Clause 11.1

[Note: If there are no effectiveness conditions, state "N/A"]OR

List here any conditions of effectiveness of the Contract]

The effectiveness conditions are the following: *[insert "N/A" or list the conditions]*

Termination of Contract for Failure to Become Effective:

The time period shall be ______________________ *[insert time period, e.g.: four months]*.

Commencement of Services:

The number of days shall be________________ *[e.g.: ten]*.

Confirmation of Key Experts' availability to start the Assignment shall be submitted to the Procuring Agency in writing as a written statement signed by each Key Expert.

Expiration of Contract:

The time period shall be _______________________ *[insert time period, e.g.: twelve months]*.

Number of GC Clause 23.1

No additional provisions.

The following limitation of the Consultant's Liability towards the Procuring Agency can be subject to the Contract's negotiations:

Number of GC Clause 24.1

The insurance coverage against the risks shall be as follows:

(a) Professional liability insurance, with a minimum coverage of _____________________ *[insert amount and currency which should be not less than the total ceiling amount of the Contract]*;

Number of GC Clause 33. Removal of Experts or Sub-consultants

[Note to Procuring Agency: include the following for supervision of infrastructure contracts (such as Plant or Works) and for other consulting service where the social risks are substantial or high, otherwise delete.]

Price adjustment on the remuneration …………….. *[insert* **"applies"** *or* **" does not apply"]**

[If the Contract is less than 18 months, price adjustment does not apply.

If the Contract has duration of more than 18 months, a price adjustment provision on the remuneration for foreign and/or local inflation shall be included here. The adjustment should be made every 12 months after the date of the contract for remuneration in foreign currency and – except if there is very high inflation in the Procuring Agency's country, in which case more frequent adjustments should be provided for – at the same intervals for remuneration in local currency. Remuneration in foreign currency should be adjusted by using the relevant index for salaries in the country of the respective foreign currency (which normally is the country of the Consultant) and remuneration in local currency by using the corresponding index for the Procuring Agency's country. A sample provision is provided below for guidance:

Payments for remuneration made in [foreign *and/or* local] currency shall be adjusted as follows:

{or }

where

R_f is the adjusted remuneration;

R_{fo} is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (**Appendix C**) in foreign currency;

I_f is the official index for salaries in the country of the foreign currency for the first month for which the adjustment is supposed to have effect; and

I_{fo} is the official index for salaries in the country of the foreign currency for the month of the date of the Contract.

{or }

where

R_l is the adjusted remuneration;

R_{lo} is the remuneration payable on the basis of the remuneration rates (**Appendix D**) in local currency;

I_l is the official index for salaries in the Procuring Agency's country for the first month for which the adjustment is to have effect; and

I_{lo} is the official index for salaries in the Procuring Agency's country for the month of the date of the Contract.

The currency of payment shall be the following: *PKR*

[The advance payment could be in either the foreign currency, or the local currency, or both; select the correct wording in the Clause here below. The advance bank payment guarantee should be in the same currency(ies)]

The following provisions shall apply to the advance payment and the advance bank payment guarantee:

Following is the guidance for Dispute Resolution

i. If any dispute of any kind whatsoever shall arise between the Authority and the Bidder in connection with or arising out of the Contract, including without prejudice to the generality of foregoing, any question regarding its existence, validity, termination and the execution of the Contract – whether during developing phase or after their completion and whether before or after the termination, abandonment or breach of the Contract – the parties shall seek to resolve any such dispute or difference by mutual diligent negotiations in good faith within 14 (fourteen) days following a notice sent by one Party to the other Party in this regard**.**

ii. At future of negotiation the dispute shall be resolved through mediation and mediator shall be appointed with the mutual consent of the both parties**.**

iii. At the event of failure of mediation to resolve the dispute relating to this contract such dispute shall finally be resolved through binding Arbitration by sole arbitrator in accordance with Arbitration Act 1940. The arbitrator shall be appointed by mutual consent of the both parties**.** The Arbitration shall take place in Islamabad, Pakistan and proceedings will be conducted in English language.

iv. The cost of the mediation and arbitration shall be shared by the parties in equal proportion however the both parties shall bear their own costs and lawyer's fees regarding their own participation in the mediation and arbitration. However, the Arbitrator may make an award of costs upon the conclusion of the arbitration making any party to the dispute liable to pay the costs of another party to the dispute**.**

v. Arbitration proceedings as mentioned in the above clause regarding resolution of disputes may be commenced prior to, during or after completion of the contract.

Notwithstanding any reference to the arbitration herein, the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree that the Authority shall pay the Bidder any monies due to the Bidder.

Arbitrator's fee:

The fee shall be specified in Pak Rupees, as determined by the Arbitrator, which shall be shared equally by both parties**.**

Appointing Authority for Arbitrator:

By the Mutual Consent or in accordance with the provisions of Arbitration Act, 1940, in case the parties fail to reach a consensus on the name of sole arbitrator, any party may submit an application to the Chief Justice Islamabad High Court for appointment of sole arbitrator. The Chief Justice IHC may appoint a former judge of any High Court or Supreme Court as the sole arbitrator to resolve the dispute between the parties.

Rules of procedure for arbitration proceedings:

Any dispute between the Authority and a Bidder who is a national of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan arising in connection with the present Contract shall be referred to adjudication or arbitration in accordance with the laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan including Arbitration Act 1940, however above provision shall prevail in referring the case to the Arbitrator.

Place of Arbitration and Award:

The arbitration shall be conducted in English language and place of arbitration shall be at Islamabad. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and shall be binding on the parties.

Bid Securing Declaration

Bid Securing Declaration

Date: *[insert date (as day, month and year)]*

Bid No.:***P81103***

To: **Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC)), Assistant Vice President (AVP) PMDC Head Office 13, Sector H-9., Islamabad Capital Territory**

We, the undersigned, declare that:

We understand that, according to your conditions, Bids must be supported by a Bid Securing Declaration.

We accept that we will be blacklisted and henceforth cross debarred for participating in respective category of public procurement proceedings for a period of (not more than) six months, if fail to abide with a bid securing declaration, however without indulging in corrupt and fraudulent practices, if we are in breach of our obligation(s) under the Bid conditions, because we:

1. have withdrawn or modified our Bid during the period of Bid Validity specified in the Form of Bid;
2. Disagreement to arithmetical correction made to the Bid price; or
3. having been notified of the acceptance of our Bid by the Procuring Agency during the period of Bid Validity, (i) failure to sign the contract if required by Procuring Agency to do so or (ii) fail or refuse to furnish the Performance Security or to comply with any other condition precedent to signing the contract specified in the Bidding Documents.

We understand this Bid Securing Declaration shall expire if we are not the successful

Bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of your notification to us of the name of the successful Bidder; or (ii) twenty-eight (28) days after the expiration of our Bid.

Contract Form

FORM OF CONTRACT

This CONTRACT (hereinafter called the “Contract”) is made the *[number]* day of the month of *[month]*, *[year]*, between, on the one hand, *[name of Procuring Agency or Recipient]* (hereinafter called the “Procuring Agency”) and, on the other hand, *[name of Consultant]* (hereinafter called the “Consultant”).

[If the Consultant consist of more than one entity, the above should be partially amended to read as follows: “…(hereinafter called the “Procuring Agency”) and, on the other hand, a Joint Venture consisting of the following entities, each member of which will be jointly and severally liable to the Procuring Agency for all the Consultant’s obligations under this Contract, namely, *[name of member]* and *[name of member]* (hereinafter called the “Consultant”).]

WHEREAS

1. the Procuring Agency has requested the Consultant to provide certain consulting services as defined in this Contract (hereinafter called the “Services”);

2. the Consultant, having represented to the Procuring Agency that it has the required professional skills, expertise and technical resources, has agreed to provide the Services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract;

3. the Procuring Agency has received [*or* has applied for] a loan [*or* credit *or* grant] from the *[Insert as appropriate:)]* toward the cost of the Services and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this [loan/credit/grant] to eligible payments under this Contract, it being understood that (i) payments will be made only at the request of the Procuring Agency; (ii) such payments will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the [loan/financing/grant] agreement, including prohibitions of withdrawal from the [loan/credit/grant] account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import.

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

The following documents attached hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part of this Contract:

- The General Conditions of Contract
- The Special Conditions of Contract;
- Appendices: Appendix
  - Terms of Reference Appendix
  - Key Experts Appendix
  - Remuneration Cost Estimates Appendix)
  - Reimbursable Cost Estimates Appendix
  - Form of Advance Payments Guarantee

In the event of any inconsistency between the documents, the following order of precedence shall prevail: the Special Conditions of Contract; the General Conditions of Contract, including Attachment 1; Appendix A;

Appendix B; Appendix C and Appendix D; and Appendix E. Any reference to this Contract shall include, where the context permits, a reference to its Appendices.

2. The mutual rights and obligations of the Procuring Agency and the Consultant shall be as set forth in the Contract, in particular:

(a) the Consultant shall carry out the Services in accordance with the provisions of the Contract; and

(b) the Procuring Agency shall make payments to the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written.

For and on behalf of *[Name of Procuring Agency]*

[Authorized Representative of the Procuring Agency – name, title and signature]

For and on behalf of *[Name of Consultant or Name of a Joint Venture]*

[Authorized Representative of the Consultant – name and signature]

[For a joint venture, either all members shall sign or only the lead member, in which case the power of attorney to sign on behalf of all members shall be attached.]

For and on behalf of each of the members of the Consultant [insert the name of the Joint Venture]

[Name of the lead member]

[Authorized Representative on behalf of a Joint Venture]

[add signature blocks for each member if all are signing]

Integrity Pact

Integrity Pact

DECLARATION OF FEES, COMMISSION AND BROKERAGE ETC. PAYABLE BYTHE SUPPLIERS OF GOODS, SERVICES & WORKS IN CONTRACTS WORTH RS.10.00 MILLION OR MORE

Contract Number: Contract Value: Contract Title:

Dated:

[Name of Supplier] hereby declares that it has not obtained or induced the procurement of any contract, right, interest, privilege or other obligation or benefit from Government of Pakistan or any administrative subdivision or agency thereof or any other entity owned or controlled by it (GoP) through any corrupt business practice.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing [Name of Supplier] represents and warrants that it has fully declared the brokerage, commission, fee etc. paid or payable to anyone and not given or agreed to give and shall not give or agree to give to anyone within or outside Pakistan either directly or indirectly through any natural or juridical person, including its affiliate, agent, associate, broker, consultant, director, promoter, shareholder, sponsor or subsidiary, any commission, gratification, bribe, finder's fee or kickback, whether described as consultations fee or otherwise, with the object of obtaining or inducing the procurement of a contract, right, interest, privilege or other obligation or benefit in whatsoever form from GoP, except that which has been expressly declared pursuant hereto.

[Name of Supplier] certifies that it has made and will make full disclosure of all agreements and arrangements with all persons in respect of or related to the transaction with GoP and has not taken any action or will not take any action to circumvent the above declaration, representative or warranty.

[Name of Supplier] accepts full responsibility and strict liability for making and false declaration, not making full disclosure, misrepresenting fact or taking any action likely to defeat the purpose of this declaration, representation and warranty. It agrees that any contract, right interest, privilege or other obligation or benefit obtained or procured as aforesaid shall, without prejudice to any other right and remedies available to GoP under any law, contract or other instrument, be voidable at the option of GoP.

Notwithstanding any rights and remedies exercised by GoP in this regard, [Name of Supplier] agrees to indemnify GoP for any loss or damage incurred by it on account of its corrupt business practices and further pay compensation to GoP in an amount equivalent to ten time the sum of any commission, gratification, bribe, finder's fee or kickback given by [Name of Supplier] as aforesaid for the purpose of obtaining or inducing the procurement of any contract, right, interest, privilege or other obligation or benefit in whatsoever form from GoP.

Performance Guarantee Form

Performance Guarantee Form

To: **Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC)), Assistant Vice President (AVP) PMDC Head Office 13, Sector H-9., Islamabad Capital Territory**

WHEREAS *[name of Bidder]* (hereinafter called "the Bidder") has undertaken, in pursuance of Contract No. *[reference number of the contract]* dated *[insert date]* for provision of Goods*(*hereinafter called "the Contract").

AND WHEREAS it has been stipulated by you in the said Contract that the Bidder shall furnish you with a Bank Guarantee by a reputable bank for the sum specified therein as security for compliance with the Bidder's performance obligations in accordance with the Contract.

AND WHEREAS we have agreed to give the Bidders guarantee:

THEREFORE, WE hereby affirm that we are Guarantors and responsible to you, on behalf of the Bidder, up to a total of *[amount of the guarantee in words and figures]*, and we undertake to pay you, upon your first written demand declaring the Bidder to be in default under the Contract and without cavil or argument, any sum or sums within the limits of *[amount of guarantee]* as aforesaid, without your needing to prove or to show grounds or reasons for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee is valid until the: *[insert date]*

Signature and seal of the Guarantors

[name of bank or financial institution]

[address]

[date}

Annexure

Technical Submission

Technical Submission (Vendor)

Document Required

See Form Under Additional Forms and Documents: **Technical Submission** (page number: 69)

Procurement Forms

Additional Forms and Documents

Request for Proposals (RFP)

FROM CONSORTIA/JOINT VENTURES COMPRISING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL FIRMS

FOR

"TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR GEMSTONE EXPLORATION, RESOURCE ESTIMATION, GEMSTONE EVALUATION AND PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT (PEA) OF THE HUNZA RUBY PROJECT, AHMEDABAD, HUNZA, GILGIT-BALTISTAN"

August 2026

PAKISTAN MINERAL DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation
Plot 13, H-9, Islamabad

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Disclaimer

This Request for Proposal (RFP) document has been prepared by Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) to invite proposals from qualified and experienced consulting firms, mining companies, geological consultants, and technical service providers for undertaking gemstone exploration, resource estimation, gemstone evaluation and a preliminary economic assessment (PEA) for the Hunza Ruby Project in Ahmedabad, Hunza, Gilgit Baltistan. Local Pakistani firms may also participate through a consortium, joint venture, or strategic partnership with an eligible international firm possessing the requisite technical expertise and experience required under this RFP.

The information contained in this RFP is provided in good faith to assist interested applicants in preparing and submitting their proposals. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information contained herein, the PMDC does not make any representation or warranty, express or implied, regarding the completeness, reliability, or suitability of the information provided.

Applicants are advised to conduct their own investigations, site assessments, technical reviews, and due diligence regarding the Project area, geological conditions, logistical arrangements, regulatory framework, and any other factors that may affect the preparation of their proposals.

The issuance of this RFP does not constitute a commitment by the PMDC to award any contract, nor does it create any obligation whatsoever on the part of the Procuring Agency to compensate applicants for costs incurred in the preparation or submission of proposals.

PMDC reserves the right to:

- Amend, modify, or withdraw this RFP at any stage;
- Reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason;
- Cancel the procurement process wholly or partially;
- Accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Project.
- Accept proposal for any phase or to stop the work at completion of any phase

By submitting a proposal, the applicant acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in this RFP document.

Definitions

Applicant / Bidder	A firm, company, consortium, joint venture, or other legal entity submitting a Proposal in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP).
Assignment / Project	The Gemstone Exploration, Resource Estimation, Gemstone Evaluation and Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) of the Hunza Ruby Deposit/Project Ahmedabad, Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan, including all services, studies, investigations, analyses, and deliverables required under this RFP.
Client / PMDC	Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC), a state-owned enterprise operating under the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), Government of Pakistan.
Competent Person (CP) / Qualified Person (QP)	A professional having the qualifications, experience, and professional accreditation required for preparation and certification of technical reports and resource estimates under internationally recognized reporting standards such as JORC Code, NI 43-101 or equivalent
Consortium / Joint Venture (JV)	An association of two or more firms formed for the purpose of submitting a Proposal and executing the Assignment, with one member designated as the Lead Partner.
Consultant	The successful Bidder selected by PMDC to undertake the Assignment pursuant to this RFP and the subsequent Contract.
Contract	The formal agreement executed between PMDC and the successful Consultant for execution of the Assignment.
Deliverables	All reports, maps, models, databases, drawings, technical studies, recommendations, and other outputs required under the Scope of Work and Contract.
Exploration Activities	All geological, geochemical, geophysical, trenching, sampling, drilling, logging, surveying, mapping, laboratory testing, and related activities undertaken during execution of the Project/Assignment.
Financial Proposal	The cost proposal submitted by a Bidder in accordance with the requirements of this RFP.
Gemmological Evaluation	The assessment and characterization of ruby and associated gemstones, including quality, grade, color, clarity, cut potential, and other gemstone properties.

Gemstone Resource Estimation (GRE)	The process of evaluating, modeling, classifying, and estimating gemstone resources using accepted geological and statistical methods in accordance with internationally recognized reporting standards such as JORC Code, NI 43-101 or equivalent.
Inception Report	The initial report submitted by the Consultant, detailing methodology, work plan, staffing, schedule, mobilization plan, and execution strategy for the Assignment.
Key Personnel	Professional experts proposed by the Consultant for execution of the Assignment, including geologists, mining engineers, resource estimation specialists, gemmologists, environmental specialists, and other technical personnel.
Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA)	Means a study, other than a pre-feasibility or feasibility study, that includes an economic analysis of the potential viability of mineral resources.
Project Area	The approximately 12.70 km² ruby-bearing Lease area located in Ahmedabad, Hunza District, Gilgit-Baltistan, and any additional area outside this Lease approved by PMDC and in agreement with the Consultant, for investigation under the Assignment (Figures 1 and 2).
Proposal	The complete submission made by a Bidder/ Applicant in response to this RFP, including both Technical and Financial Proposals.
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control procedures implemented to ensure the accuracy, reliability, consistency, and integrity of exploration and analytical data.
RFP	This Request for Proposal document, including all appendices, schedules, amendments, clarifications, and addenda issued by PMDC.
Mineral Resource	The terms "mineral resource", "inferred mineral resource", "indicated mineral resource" and "measured mineral resource" have the meanings ascribed to those terms by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, as the CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves adopted by CIM Council, as amended.
Technical Proposal	The technical submission prepared by the Bidder/Applicant describing qualifications, experience, methodology, staffing, work plan, equipment, and approach for execution of the Assignment.

Working Day	Any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday observed by the Government of Pakistan.
Year	A calendar year unless otherwise specified.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

1. All relevant bidders are requested to submit two separate proposals "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" and "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" on or before [August 21, 2026] at [03:00 PM] online through EPADS-V2.0. Technical proposal will be open on the same day at 03:30 PM on EPADS-V2.0. PMDC shall not be responsible for delayed receipt, loss, or breach of confidentiality of proposals during transit. Original bid security pay order to be delivered prior to bid opening at PMDC head office, Islamabad. Technical proposals shall be opened on the same day in the presence of representatives of the bidders who choose to attend. Financial proposals of only technically qualified firms securing the minimum qualifying score shall be opened subsequently.
2. The selection of the consulting firm shall be carried out under the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method in accordance with applicable PPRA Rules and PMDC procurement procedures.
3. Incomplete proposals or proposals lacking the required supporting documents, signatures, or mandatory information may be rejected without further evaluation.
4. All proposals shall be duly signed by a person legally authorized to bind the firm/consortium. In case of a company or consortium, the proposal must bear the official seal/stamp of the organization and be accompanied by valid authorization documents or Power of Attorney.
5. In case of any ambiguity regarding interpretation of any part of this RFP document, the bidder shall clearly state its interpretation and assumptions in the proposal submission. PMDC reserves the right to accept or reject such interpretations.
6. Proposals shall remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of opening of technical proposals.
7. All expenses incurred in preparation and submission of the proposals, including site visits, meetings, presentations, and negotiations, shall be borne entirely by the bidder. PMDC shall not reimburse any such costs under any circumstances.
8. All proposals, reports, correspondence, and supporting documents submitted under this RFP shall be in the English language.
9. The Financial Proposal shall be submitted on lumpsum basis against each phase in PKR inclusive of all applicable taxes, duties, levies, logistics, mobilization/demobilization, insurance, accommodation, security, transportation, any re performance of rejected work, laboratory/testing charges, drilling, drilling supervision costs, software usage, reporting, and all other associated expenses required for complete execution of the Assignment. Financial proposals shall be quoted in PKR.

11. The consulting firm shall undertake to perform the services with the highest standards of professional competence, technical excellence, integrity, transparency, and ethical conduct in accordance with internationally recognized mining and exploration practices.

12. The selected Consultant shall be fully responsible for timely completion of the Assignment and achievement of all Project deliverables within the agreed schedule. Failure to meet PMDC-approved timelines without justified reasons may result in penalties, termination of contract, forfeiture of performance security, and blacklisting proceedings as per applicable rules.

13. Payments to the Consultant shall be subject to deduction of taxes and duties in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of the Government of Pakistan.

14. The Consultant shall maintain strict confidentiality regarding all geological, technical, commercial, financial, operational, and strategic information provided by PMDC or generated during execution of the Assignment. Such information shall not be disclosed to any third party without prior written approval of PMDC. Upon completion or termination of the Assignment, all data, reports, maps, models, drawings, databases, samples, photographs, digital records, and related documents shall become the exclusive property of PMDC and shall be handed over accordingly.

15. Any queries regarding technical aspects of this RFP may be addressed through email to Mr. Taj Muhammad Manager of PMDC Geoscience Department (taj.muhammad@pmdc.gov.pk) within the timeline specified in the RFP schedule.

16. In case of non-completion of the Assignment within the agreed timeframe after signing of the contract, PMDC reserves the right to terminate the agreement, forfeit performance security, blacklist the firm, and initiate legal proceedings as deemed necessary.

17. Bid Security in the amount of [2,000,000 PKR] in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft issued by a scheduled bank in Favor of Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) shall accompany the Bid. Proposals without valid bid security shall be considered non-responsive.

18. The successful bidder shall furnish Performance Security equivalent to five percent (5%) of the total contract value within the prescribed time after issuance of Letter of Acceptance. The Performance Security shall remain valid until satisfactory completion of the Assignment.

19. Conditional proposals, unsigned proposals, proposals containing overwriting/cutting without proper authentication, or proposals submitted through fax/email (unless specifically permitted) shall not be accepted.

20. The consulting firm shall provide audited financial statements and tax returns for the last three (3) financial years.

21. The consulting firm shall demonstrate proven international experience in mineral exploration, resource estimation, preferably for gemstones. Documentary evidence including work orders, completion certificates, technical reports, or client references shall be provided.

22. The consulting firm shall provide details and copies of relevant professional registrations, certifications, software licenses, technical accreditations, and memberships related to mineral exploration, resource estimation, and geological modeling.
23. The consulting firm shall provide details of the exploration technologies, software packages, geological modeling tools, laboratory/testing facilities, surveying equipment, drilling supervision capabilities, GIS/Remote Sensing tools, and other technical resources proposed for execution of the Project.
24. Detailed resumes/CVs of all proposed key experts and technical personnel shall be submitted along with the proposal, clearly indicating qualifications, professional certifications, relevant project experience, and role in the Assignment.
25. The successful Consultant shall sign a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with PMDC prior to commencement of the Assignment.
26. PMDC reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal wholly or partially in accordance with PPRA Rules and PMDC procurement procedures.
27. The estimated duration for completion of the Assignment shall be twenty-six (26) months from the date of issuance of the work order/commencement notice.
28. The consulting firm, its subsidiary companies, directors, partners, or immediate family members shall not be involved in litigation, arbitration, or unresolved disputes with PMDC. PMDC shall be the sole authority for determination of conflict/dispute status.
29. The consulting firm shall provide a complete list of owners, directors, shareholders, management personnel, and key technical staff along with brief professional profiles.
30. Only duly authorized representatives possessing original authority letters issued by the bidding firm shall be allowed to attend proposal opening meetings.
31. Payments shall be made on milestone basis upon satisfactory completion and acceptance of deliverables by PMDC in accordance with the agreed payment schedule under the contract.
32. All applicable taxes shall be deducted at source as per prevailing Government of Pakistan tax laws and regulations. Where applicable and practicable, PMDC shall facilitate and support the Consultant in availing any available relief under applicable Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs). However, such facilitation shall not impose any financial, legal, or other liability or obligation on PMDC.
33. Payment to the Consultant by PMDC of invoices submitted by the Consultant will be made in two weeks. PMDC will ensure that all deliverables by the Consultant will be reviewed and communicated to the Consultant within two weeks.
34. The Consultant can apply to PMDC for an advance payment of up to 10% at the start of each phase of the work to cover mobilization and related costs. Any advance payment shall be released only against the submission of a valid and acceptable bank guarantee of an

equivalent amount. The Consultant shall be eligible to claim the advance for the subsequent phase only upon successful completion of the preceding phase, as certified by PMDC.

35. In the event of failure to perform the services in accordance with the agreed specifications, quality standards, timelines, or contractual obligations, PMDC reserves the right to terminate the contract and forfeit the Performance Security.

36. Any dispute arising out of, or relating to, this RFP or subsequent contract shall initially be resolved amicably through mutual consultation. In case of failure to reach amicable settlement, the dispute shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act, 1940 of Pakistan. The Managing Director, PMDC or his nominee shall act as Arbitrator, whose decision shall be final and binding upon both parties.

37. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

1. Introduction and Background of the Project

1.1. Purpose

The Purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to invite detailed technical and financial proposals from international consulting firms or consortium/ joint ventures comprising local and international firms for carrying out Gemstone exploration, gemstone resource estimation (GRE), and delivery of a preliminary economic assessment (PEA) for the ruby deposit at Ahmedabad, Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan. Through this RFP, Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) seeks to engage a qualified and experienced consulting firm capable of completing the project scope and studies in full accordance with internationally recognized reporting standards.

1.2. Introduction

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) is a state-owned enterprise operating under the administrative control of the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), Government of Pakistan. PMDC is mandated to explore, develop, mine, process, and market mineral resources of Pakistan in a sustainable and economically viable manner. The corporation is actively engaged in the development of strategic mineral projects across the country and aims to promote scientific mineral exploration, resource evaluation, and value addition in the mining sector.

PMDC intends to undertake the "Gemstone Exploration, Resource Estimation, Gemstone Evaluation and Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) for the Ruby Project at Ahmedabad, Hunza, Gilgit Baltistan." The Project aims to carry out systematic geological and gemstone exploration activities for delineation and evaluation of ruby mineralization, preparation of resource estimates in accordance with internationally recognized standards. The Project also includes developing a conceptual framework for the sustainable extraction and development of ruby deposits within the prospective gemstone-bearing EL area of Gilgit Baltistan.

Through this Request for Proposal (RFP), PMDC invites proposals from international consulting firms or local firms in consortium with international consultants possessing the required technical expertise and professional capability to submit technical and financial proposals to execute the Assignment in accordance with the scope of work, applicable industry standards, and Project objectives.

1.3. Project Background

Gilgit Baltistan is endowed with significant potential for precious and semi-precious gemstones, including ruby, emerald, aquamarine, topaz, and tourmaline. Among these, the ruby deposits of Hunza possess considerable economic and commercial importance due to their geological setting and gemstone quality potential. Despite the presence of substantial gemstone resources in the region, systematic scientific exploration, gemstone resource estimation, and mine development activities have remained limited. Most gemstone mining in the region has traditionally been carried out through informal and small-scale practices without comprehensive geological evaluation or modern mining techniques.

Recognizing the strategic importance of the gemstone sector and its potential contribution towards economic growth, employment generation, and export development, the Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division), Government of Pakistan, has assigned Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) to undertake initiatives for exploration, gemstone resource estimation (GRE), gemstone evaluation and developing a conceptual framework for the sustainable extraction and development of ruby deposits within the prospective gemstone-bearing areas of Gilgit-Baltistan.

PMDC is now issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) to invite detailed technical and financial proposals from international consulting firms or a consortium/ joint venture comprising of local and international firms for execution of the Project.

1.4. Accessibility

The Project area located in Ahmedabad, Hunza District, Gilgit-Baltistan is reasonably accessible through the existing road network. The area can be approached via the Karakoram Highway (N-35), which serves as the main transportation route connecting the region with major cities of Pakistan. From N-35, access to the Project site is available through Aliabad and further onwards through Ahmedabad via local roads and tracks leading to the ruby-bearing area.

Figure 1. Showing location and accessibility of exploration license over an a rea of 12.70-km^2 for Hunza ruby

1.5. Geological Setting

The ruby mineralization in the Ahmedabad–Hunza area, Gilgit Baltistan, is hosted within marble units derived from limestone of the Darkot Group of Permo-Carboniferous age. The Hunza Ruby Belt extends approximately 15 miles from Murtazabad to Sarat and comprises thick marble sequences ranging from about 7,000 to 10,000 feet in thickness.

The marble units are coarse crystalline, white to grey banded in appearance, and have undergone intense regional metamorphism and isoclinal folding. Structurally, the marble sequence is situated between the Karakoram Granodiorite Batholith to the north and garnetiferous schist units to the south, reflecting a complex tectono-metamorphic setting favorable for gemstone mineralization.

The marble is intruded by acidic dykes including aplite, granite, and pegmatite bodies. Ruby mineralization is predominantly associated with altered zones developed adjacent to these intrusive bodies. Based on geological observations, the mineralization is interpreted to be mainly of hydrothermal origin rather than solely related to regional metamorphic processes.

1.6. PMDC Hunza Ruby Exploration Project 1978

The previous exploratory work carried out by PMDC on the Hunza Ruby Project represents a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach aimed at systematic evaluation of gemstone mineralization in the Hunza region. The exploration program included exploratory mining operations, such as the development of exploratory drifts, adits, and tunnels, along with controlled open quarrying and excavation of shallow pits and channels oriented at approximately 90° to bedding planes to effectively expose and assess mineralized zones within the host marble. In parallel, sampling and laboratory investigations were conducted, involving systematic geochemical sampling, mineralogical, and petrographical, analyses, as well as qualitative and quantitative grade determination of ruby-bearing marble to establish gemstone quality and distribution characteristics.

In addition, detailed geological and structural studies were undertaken, including the preparation of geological maps, construction of cross-sections at selected exploratory points, and structural interpretation of gemstone bearing zones to delineate the spatial extent and continuity of the Hunza ruby belt. These efforts helped in defining the geological controls and structural framework governing mineralization. The program also incorporated a resource estimation and grade reporting component, where volumes of ore bodies were estimated at identified sites, reserves of mineralized marble were calculated, and gemstone grades were reported in carats per ton (ct/t), along with area-wise reserve evaluation to support preliminary resource assessment and classification.

Furthermore, PMDC initiated value addition activities through cutting and polishing of gemstones at its Lapidary Centre in Peshawar, aiming to enhance gemstone quality and assess market readiness and commercial potential of the recovered material. Collectively, these integrated activities provided a foundational understanding of the geological potential, resource distribution, and preliminary economic viability of the Hunza ruby deposits, forming a critical baseline for future detailed exploration, feasibility studies, and potential mine development.

1.7. Selection of Consultant

In view of the above context, Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) intends to engage a consortium/ JV comprising local and international firms, possessing relevant technical expertise and demonstrated experience, through a competitive bidding process to act as Consultant for the Hunza Ruby Project, Ahmedabad, Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan. The selected Consultant shall be fully responsible for the execution and delivery of the Project in accordance with internationally accepted standards and best practices.

The Consultant shall also undertake Resident Supervision of all field and technical activities throughout the Project lifecycle, ensuring compliance with internationally recognized reporting standards including JORC Code, NI 43-101 or equivalent. The scope of work of the Consultant is mentioned below in detail. Applicants are encouraged to propose any improvements or refinements to the scope of work to enhance technical effectiveness and ensure successful implementation of the Project.

1.8. Consortium / Joint Venture Participation

JV and Consortiums along International consulting firms, mining companies, geological consultants, and technical service providers may participate if meeting the criteria.

Local Pakistani firms are also eligible to lead the consortium, joint venture (JV), or strategic partnership with an international firm possessing the requisite experience and expertise in mineral exploration, resource estimation, and related technical disciplines. Under such arrangements, the local firm may undertake field-based activities, logistical support, sampling, mapping, and other on-ground operations, while the international firm shall provide overall technical supervision, quality assurance, interpretation of results, resource estimation and oversight of all Project deliverables.

The international firm shall serve as the Lead Technical Partner and shall be responsible for ensuring that all work is performed in accordance with internationally recognized standards and the requirements of this RFP.

The contractual lead for the contract will be the local Pakistani firm who will be responsible for the calculation of necessary taxes and duties to be included in the bid and subsequent invoices to PMDC.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1. Scope of Work

The scope of this Assignment is to establish an internationally compliant gemstone mineral resource estimate for the Project and undertake the technical and economic studies required to evaluate the potential viability of the mineral resources in the project area. The Assignment also includes developing a conceptual framework for the sustainable extraction and development of ruby deposits within the prospective gemstone bearing areas in Ahmedabad, Hunza, Gilgit Baltistan. The Assignment includes exploration, gemstone resource estimation and gemstone evaluation for the Hunza Ruby deposit located over an area of approximately 12.70 km^2 in the Ahmedabad area, Hunza District.

The exploration program in the Hunza RFP is divided into industry standard stage-gate phases 1, 2 and 3 and will be executed according to internationally recognized reporting standards such as JORC Code, NI 43-101 or equivalent. Phases 1 and 2 are fixed programs. Execution of Phase 3 is contingent on positive results from Phase 2. Phase 2 includes a wider regional analysis of the Hunza ruby deposit to include a study of the ASM (artisanal and small-scale miners) operating in the region (access permitting) and a prospectivity ranking of the main ruby occurrences. Exploration programs will be planned and executed to maximize the operating field season in the Hunza Valley and are expected to commence in September 2026.

The selected Consultant shall undertake the following scope of work for the Project.

2.1.1. Phase 1 Data Review and Reconnaissance Exploration (September 2026 – March 2027)

- Review all available internal and public geological, exploration, mining and production related historical project data. Bibliographic research and satellite imagery analysis.
- Data validation, digitization and georeferencing. Delivery of a Gap Analysis Report summarizing the review, validation, and interpretation of all geological, exploration, mining and related datasets. The report shall identify data deficiencies and exploration gaps and provide recommendations and strategies for addressing such gaps during Project execution.
- Implementation of systematic geochemical sampling, QA/QC protocols, and database management systems.
- Reconnaissance site visit to Hunza ruby deposit and exploration license/ lease area by International Consultant in association with selected local Pakistani partner firm. To include Regional Risk Assessment including safe access of underground workings and working at altitude.
- Two-month (September–October) reconnaissance-scale mapping and sampling of Hunza ruby deposit and exploration license/ lease area.
- Data interpretation and analysis of Phase 1 exploration results.
- Delivery of Project Inception Report to include revised Phase 2 exploration strategy and timeframe. The Inception Report will fully detail the Consultant's understanding of the Project, review of available data, proposed methodology, work plan, implementation schedule, mobilization strategy, staffing plan, health and safety procedures, quality assurance/quality control protocols, and overall Project execution framework.

2.1.2. Phase 2 Target Generation (March 2027 – November 2027)

- Detailed geological, lithological, and structural mapping of the exploration license/ lease area.
- Detailed geochemical sampling programs of surface and underground workings. Sampling methods to be defined during Phase 1 though are anticipated to include rock chip sampling, talus fines sampling, trenching and bulk sampling.
- Relevant petrological and mineral studies including preliminary gemstone quality assessment.

* Execution of applicable geophysical surveys (where and if required), to support target identification and interpretation.
* Identify key ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) considerations related to the Project.
* Identify and propose high-level sustainable mining, safety, and sector formalization measures for the ASM (artisanal and small-scale miners) operating in the region.
* Regional assessment and target generation report on potential of wider Hunza ruby deposit including prospectivity analysis and Project ranking.
* Benchmark the Hunza Project against other operating ASM in wider Hunza District. Identify operating strategies for small-scale ruby mining operations.
* Delivery of Phase 2 Geological and Exploration Report to include stage-gate recommendation to proceed to Phase 3 or exit Hunza ruby exploration project. Regional assessment and prospectivity analysis of wider Hunza ruby deposit.

2.1.3. Phase 3 Resource Drilling & PEA (November 2027 – November 2028)

* 1500 meters resource drilling to delineate the size, geometry, and grade of the deposit.
* Detailed geological and structural studies.
* Advanced bulk sampling.
* Detailed laboratory testing and gemmological valuation to include:

a) Supervision of sample preparation, laboratory testing, and gemstone quality assessment.
b) Detailed mineralogical & petrographic analysis and studies.
c) Gemmological evaluation of ruby mineralization.
d) Establish grade and quality classification criteria for ruby resources.
e) Market Research

* Resource Estimation (assuming intersection of economic ruby mineralization)

a) Develop geological models of the deposit.
b) Develop a three-dimensional (3D) geological and resource model using industry-standard software in accordance with internationally accepted practices.
c) Estimate gemstone resources in accordance with NI 43-101.
d) Delivery of a NI 43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) Technical Report signed by a Qualified/Competent Person to evaluate the potential viability of a ruby mineral deposit in exploration license/ lease area at Hunza.

2.1.4. Reporting and Deliverables

* Submit interim progress reports and final technical reports.

- Provide complete digital databases, geological and resource models, maps, drawings, analytical results, and supporting technical documentation to Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC).

2.2. Project Deliverables

The selected Consultant shall provide the following deliverables during the execution of the Assignment:

2.2.1. Inception Report

- A comprehensive report detailing the Consultant's understanding of the Project, review of available data, proposed exploration strategy, work plan, implementation schedule, mobilization strategy, staffing plan, health and safety procedures, quality assurance/quality control protocols, and overall Project execution framework.

2.2.2. Data Review and Gap Analysis Report

- A report summarizing the review, validation, and interpretation of all available geological, exploration, mining, and related datasets. The report shall identify data deficiencies and exploration gaps and provide recommendations and strategies for addressing such gaps during the Project.

2.2.3. Gemmological and Exploration Report

- A comprehensive report documenting all exploration activities undertaken during the Project, including geological mapping, trenching, sampling, drilling, logging, structural studies, survey data, quality assurance/quality control procedures, and interpretation of exploration results. The report shall include all relevant maps, plans, cross-sections, and supporting databases.
- Draft Geological and Exploration Report to be submitted for Client's review and comments.
- Final Geological and Exploration Report to be submitted after incorporation of Client comments on the Draft Geological and Exploration Report.

2.2.4. Laboratory and Gemmological Report

- A detailed report presenting the results of laboratory analyses and gemmological investigations, including gemstone characterization, mineralogical and petrographic studies, analytical results, quality assessment, grading, and evaluation of ruby and associated gemstone occurrences.
- Draft Laboratory and gemmological Report to be submitted for Client's review and comments.

- Final Laboratory and gemmological Report to be submitted after incorporation of Client comments on the Draft Laboratory and gemmological Report.

2.2.5. Geological and Resource Models

- Comprehensive geological interpretation and three-dimensional geological and resource models of the Project area, including lithological, structural, mineralization, and resource domains. All associated digital databases, model files, maps, sections, and supporting documentation shall be provided to the Client.

2.2.6. Resource Estimation Report

- A detailed Mineral Resource Estimation Report prepared by a Competent Person, including resource classification, estimation methodology, assumptions, geological interpretation, grade estimation, and resource statements.
- Draft Resource Estimation Report to be submitted for Client's review and comments.
- Final Resource Estimation Report to be submitted after incorporation of Client comments on the Draft Resource Estimation Report.

2.2.7. Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) Report

- Delivery of a NI 43-101 Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) Technical Report signed by a Qualified/Competent Person to evaluate the potential viability of a ruby mineral deposit in exploration license/ lease area at Hunza, to include:

a) Mineral Resource Estimation: Geological data mapping the size, grade, and distribution of ruby mineralization.

b) Gemstone Recovery and Metallurgy: Tailored processing methods—such as washing, screening, and optical sorting—designed to recover rubies from primary deposits.

c) Mining Method and Mine Plan: Scoping parameters for open-pit, underground, or artisanal-mechanized hybrid extraction, detailing production rates and mine life.

d) Capital and Operating Costs (CAPEX/OPEX): High-level estimates for pre-production equipment, processing plant construction, site infrastructure, and ongoing labour or security.

e) Market and Pricing Analysis: Projected valuation structures based on ruby size, colour, clarity, and carat weight.

f) Economic Projections and Cash Flow: High-level financial models highlighting Net Present Value (NPV), Internal Rate of Return (IRR), and payback periods under baseline pricing scenarios.

g) Environmental and Social Impact: Early identification of local water management, land restoration, and community engagement requirements.

h) Hunza Ruby Project options for both commercial-scale mining and regulated and well organized ASM cooperatives

2.2.8. Environmental and Sustainability Report

- A report assessing environmental and social aspects of the Project, including identification of potential impacts, environmental baseline conditions, sustainability considerations, mitigation measures, community engagement framework, and recommendations for responsible Project development.
- Draft Environmental and Sustainability Report to be submitted for Client's review and comments.
- Final Environmental and Sustainability Report to be submitted after incorporation of Client comments on the Draft Environmental and Sustainability Report.

2.2.9. Interim Progress Reports

- Throughout the duration of the Project, monthly and more detailed bi-monthly progress reports describing activities completed, progress against the approved work plan and schedule, key findings, challenges encountered, corrective measures adopted, and planned activities for the subsequent reporting period.
- At the completion of each exploration phase, the Consultant shall provide a technical and high-level economic assessment of the results obtained and make a clear recommendation on whether the Project should proceed to the next phase of exploration. The assessment shall include justification regarding the prospectively, economic potential, technical viability, and risks associated with further investment in the Project.

2.2.10. Final Project Report

- A comprehensive integrated report consolidating all Project activities, methodologies, exploration results, geological interpretations, resource estimates, feasibility assessments, environmental findings, maps, models, databases, laboratory results, and recommendations. The Final Project Report shall be accompanied by all digital datasets, GIS files, model files, drawings, photographs, and supporting documentation generated during the execution of the Project.

2.3. Project Duration

The total duration of the Project will be twenty-six (26) months depending on field conditions, accessibility, and scope of exploration activities.

The Project will be executed in phases, including initial desk study and planning, field-based geological and exploration work, laboratory and analytical studies, resource modeling, and final reporting.

A detailed activity-wise timeline will be provided in the Inception Report, along with a milestone-based implementation schedule to ensure timely completion of all deliverables.

2.4. Payment terms

- Payments shall be made in a phased manner linked to deliverables and milestones as per the approved work plan.
- Advance payment of 10% of contract value of phases 1, and phase 2 may be released against a bank guarantee. However, completion of phase 1 is necessary to claim advance payment for next phase.
- Subsequent payments will be released upon submission and acceptance of respective reports/deliverables by PMDC as per the contract after deduction of advance payment adjustment.
- Each payment shall be subject to verification, satisfactory performance as contractually defined, and approval of the competent Government authority.
- Applicable taxes and statutory deductions will be withheld as per Government of Pakistan rules. Where applicable and practicable, PMDC may, upon the Consultant's request, provide reasonable assistance to facilitate the Consultant's application for relief under any applicable Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA). Such assistance shall be provided on a best-efforts basis only and shall not create any financial, legal, tax, or other liability or obligation on PMDC.
- Payments will be completed within two weeks on submission of clear invoices along supporting documents.
- The final payment shall be released after submission and acceptance of the Final Project Report along with all supporting datasets, maps, and models.
- In the event that the Project is discontinued at any stage based on technical, economic, or strategic evaluation, payments shall only be made for the completed and accepted deliverables up to that stage, and no claims shall be admissible for unperformed or remaining scope of work.

2.5. Confidentiality

The Consultant shall treat all Project-related information, data, maps, reports, samples, and findings as strictly confidential. No data or deliverables shall be disclosed, shared, published, or used for any purpose other than the execution of this Project without prior written consent of PMDC.

All intellectual property, raw data, processed data, interpretations, and final outputs generated during the Project shall remain the sole property of PMDC. The Consultant shall ensure that all team members and associated personnel also comply with this confidentiality obligation.

This clause shall remain valid during and after the completion of the Project, unless otherwise agreed in writing by PMDC.

2.6. HSE requirements

The Consultant/ Contractor shall comply with all applicable HSE laws, regulations, and best industry practices. All field activities must ensure safety of personnel and local communities through proper risk assessment, use of PPE, and emergency preparedness.

Environmental protection measures shall be strictly followed to minimize disturbance to land, water, and vegetation. The Consultant shall remain fully responsible for HSE compliance throughout the Project duration.

2.7. Conflict of Interest

The Consultant shall not engage in any activity that may constitute a conflict of interest during the execution of this Project. The Consultant must disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest prior to contract award and throughout the Project duration.

The Consultant shall ensure that its personnel are independent and free from any financial, professional, or personal interest that could influence the impartial performance of services. Any breach of this clause may result in termination of the contract.

2.8. Standard and compliance requirement

All exploration, evaluation, and reporting activities shall be conducted in accordance with internationally recognized industry standards and best practices. The Project shall comply with applicable national regulations and guidelines of Pakistan, including those issued by relevant geological and mining authorities. The client will assist the Consultant in providing this information when requested to do so.

Resource estimation and reporting must follow internationally accepted codes such as JORC Code, NI 43-101 or equivalent recognized internationally accepted reporting standards, ensuring transparency, reliability, and technical validity. All geological, geochemical, geophysical, and laboratory analyses shall adhere to standardized QA/QC protocols to maintain data accuracy and reproducibility.

Environmental and social aspects of the Project shall comply with applicable environmental protection laws, sustainability frameworks, and occupational health and safety standards. All field operations must follow strict safety protocols to ensure personnel safety and environmental protection.

All data, interpretations, and deliverables shall be prepared using industry-standard software and documented in a transparent, auditable, and reproducible format suitable for international regulatory review and reporting.

3. Team and Key Personnel

3.1. Team Composition and Staffing

- The Consultant shall propose a team composition and staffing level sufficient to successfully complete the Assignment within the required schedule and in accordance with the Terms of Reference.
- The proposal shall identify all Key Personnel and supporting staff, their qualifications, relevant experience, assigned responsibilities, and estimated level of effort (person-months/person-days).
- The Consultant shall demonstrate that the proposed team possesses the technical expertise and capacity necessary to undertake all aspects of the Assignment. PMDC reserves the right to assess the adequacy and suitability of the proposed staffing and may request clarification or justification where considered necessary.

3.2. Key Personnel Requirements

(a) Project Director / Team Leader

- Advanced degree in Geology, Mining Engineering, Earth Sciences, or related discipline.
- Minimum 15 years of professional experience in mineral exploration and Project management.
- Demonstrated experience in leading exploration and resource evaluation Projects.
- Experience in managing multidisciplinary technical teams.
- Responsible for overall Project execution, quality assurance, stakeholder engagement, and reporting.

(b) Senior Economic Geologist / Gemstone Specialist / Competent Person

- Degree in Geology or related discipline.
- Minimum 10 years of relevant experience in mineral exploration and evaluation preferably in gemstones.
- Experience in exploration targeting, geological interpretation, mineral deposit evaluation and resource estimation in accordance with internationally recognized reporting standards such as JORC Code, NI 43-101, or equivalent.

(c) Geochemist

- Minimum 7 years of experience in exploration geochemistry.
- Experience in designing sampling programs, QA/QC procedures, and interpretation of geochemical datasets.

(d) Geophysicist

- Minimum 7 years of experience in mineral exploration geophysics.
- Experience in planning, supervision, processing, and interpretation of geophysical surveys relevant to hard-rock mineral exploration.

(e) Mining Engineer/ Environmental & Social Specialist

- Minimum 10 years of experience in mine planning, mining studies, environmental and social management.
- Experience in conceptual mine design, mine development planning, and preliminary economic evaluations.

3.3. General Requirements

- The Consultant shall clearly identify the Team Leader and all Key Personnel.
- CVs shall be signed by the respective experts and endorsed by the Consultant.
- Substitution of Key Personnel after contract award shall require prior approval of PMDC.
- The Consultant shall ensure availability of Key Personnel throughout the Assignment.
- PMDC reserves the right to assess the suitability of proposed personnel and request replacement of personnel who do not meet the required qualifications or experience.

3.4. Evaluation Preference

Preference will be given to Consultant whose proposed Key Personnel have:

- Direct experience in gemstone exploration projects.

- Experience in mountainous and remote terrain.
- Experience in Pakistan, Central Asia, South Asia, or comparable geological settings.
- Experience with international reporting standards such as JORC Code, NI 43-101 or equivalent.
- Successful completion of Assignments for government agencies, mining companies, or international organizations.

4. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on a **quality and cost-based selection basis**, considering both technical competence and financial competitiveness.

4.1. Technical Proposal Evaluation (80) Marks)

A. Key Personnel and Team Composition (25 Marks)

A-1: Project Director / Team Leader (5 Marks)

Criteria	Marks
Advanced degree in Geology, Mining Engineering, Earth Sciences, or related discipline	1
Minimum 15 years of relevant experience	1
Experience in leading exploration and resource evaluation projects	1
Experience in managing multidisciplinary technical teams	1
Experience in project management, reporting, and stakeholder engagement	1
Maximum Marks	**5**

A-2: Senior Economic Geologist / Gemstone Specialist / Competent Person (5 Marks)

Criteria	Marks
Degree in Geology or related discipline	1
Minimum 10 years of gemstone exploration experience	1
Experience in gemstone-hosting mineral systems	1
Experience in exploration targeting and geological interpretation	1
Experience in gemstone deposit evaluation and resource estimation in accordance with internationally recognized reporting standards such JORC Code, NI 43 101 or equivalent	1
Maximum Marks	**5**

A-3: Geochemist (5 Marks)

Criteria	Marks
Relevant degree in Geochemistry, Geology, or related discipline	1
Minimum 7 years of experience in exploration geochemistry	1
Experience in designing geochemical sampling programs	1
Experience in QA/QC procedures	1
Experience in interpretation of geochemical datasets	1
Maximum Marks	**5**

A-4: Geophysicist (5 Marks)

Criteria	Marks
Relevant degree in Geophysics, Geology, or related discipline	1
Minimum 7 years of experience in mineral exploration geophysics	1
Experience in planning geophysical surveys	1
Experience in supervision and processing of geophysical data	1
Experience in interpretation of geophysical surveys relevant to hard-rock mineral exploration	1
Maximum Marks	**5**

A-5: Mining Engineer / Environmental & Social Specialist (5 Marks)

Criteria	Marks
Relevant degree in Mining Engineering, Environmental Sciences, or related discipline	1
Minimum 7–10 years of relevant experience	1
Experience in mine planning and preliminary mining studies	1
Experience in environmental and social management	1
Experience in stakeholder engagement and regulatory compliance	1
Maximum Marks	**5**

B. Relevant Firm Experience (25 Marks)

Criteria	Scoring Basis	Maximum Marks
The international consortium partner must have prior experience of working and engagements with Government of Pakistan in the minerals and mining sector. Compliance with this requirement is mandatory to qualify under the technical evaluation criteria.	20	

Completed gemstone exploration and resource estimation projects with international reporting standards (JORC Code, NI 43-101 or equivalent)	2.5 marks per project	5
Maximum Marks		**25**

C. Geophysical Instruments, Technical Approach, Methodology & Work Plan (20 Marks)- To be presented to PMDC team after technical bid submission.

Criteria	Maximum Marks
Availability of Magnetometers, IP/Resistivity meters, and Gravity Meters in Pakistan in good condition with third party inspection certificate (Physical Inspection by PMDC Team)	10
Understanding of project objectives, geology and scope of work	3
Proposed exploration methodology and resource estimation approach	3
Work plan, schedule, deliverables and resource allocation	2
Risk assessment, quality assurance and HSE management approach	2
Maximum Marks	**20**

D. Financial Capability (10) Marks)

Average Annual Turnover (PKR) During Last Three Years	Marks
PKR 550 Million – 1 Billion	4
Above PKR 1 Billion – 3 Billion	7
Above PKR 3 Billion	10
Maximum Marks	**10**

Total Technical Score = 80 Marks

Only Applicants obtaining at least 70% of the Technical Score (56 out of 80 marks) shall qualify for opening of the Financial Proposal.

4.2. Financial Proposal Evaluation (20 Marks)

The Financial Proposal of only technically qualified Applicants shall be opened.

The lowest evaluated financial proposal (Fm) shall receive the maximum Score of 20 marks.

Financial scores for financial proposal of other Applicants shall be calculated as follows:

Sf = 20 × (Fm / F)+ Financial Capability Score

Where:

- **Sf** = Financial Score
- **Fm** = Lowest Evaluated Financial Proposal
- **F** = Financial Proposal under Consideration

Maximum Financial Score = 20 Marks

4.3. Final Combined Evaluation

Component	Weight
Technical Proposal	80%
Financial Proposal	20%
Total	**100%**

Final Score = Technical Score + Financial Score

The Applicant obtaining the highest combined score shall be ranked first and recommended for contract award, subject to successful negotiations and approval by PMDC.

5. Proposal Submission Checklist

1	Letter of Application (Annexure A)
2	Company Profile and particulars of applicants (Annexure B)
3	Technical Proposal
4	Financial Proposal
5	Power of Attorney
6	Bid Security
7	NTN/GST Certificates
8	Audited Financial Statements
9	JV/Consortium Agreement (if applicable)
10	CVs of Key Experts
11	Similar Project Experience
12	Methodology & Work Plan
13	Software/Equipment Details

6. Preparation of Technical and Financial Proposals

6.1. Technical Proposal Checklist

The Technical Proposal must clearly include:

- Understanding of the Project and objectives
- Proposed methodology and work plan
- Project implementation schedule and timeline
- Team composition with CVs of key personnel
- Relevant experience of the firm in similar projects (especially mineral/gemstone exploration)
- List of equipment, software, and technical resources
- QA/QC procedures and data management plan
- Past project references and performance history

6.2. Financial Proposal Checklist

The Financial Proposal must include:

- Detailed cost breakdown (manpower, fieldwork, lab analysis, logistics, reporting, etc.)
- Lump sum or milestone-based pricing structure
- Applicable taxes clearly mentioned
- Currency of bid (PKR)
- Validity period of financial offer

7. Lease Sketch of the Area

Lease Sketch of the Area for Hunza Ruby Exploration

Points	Longitude	Latitude
A	74.745152°	36.310684°
B	74.745062°	36.338628°
C	74.811057°	36.325491°
D	74.785489°	36.307502°
E	74.785139°	36.305542°
F	74.776059°	36.310115°
G	74.760431°	36.313514°
Total Area Covered: 12.7sq.km		

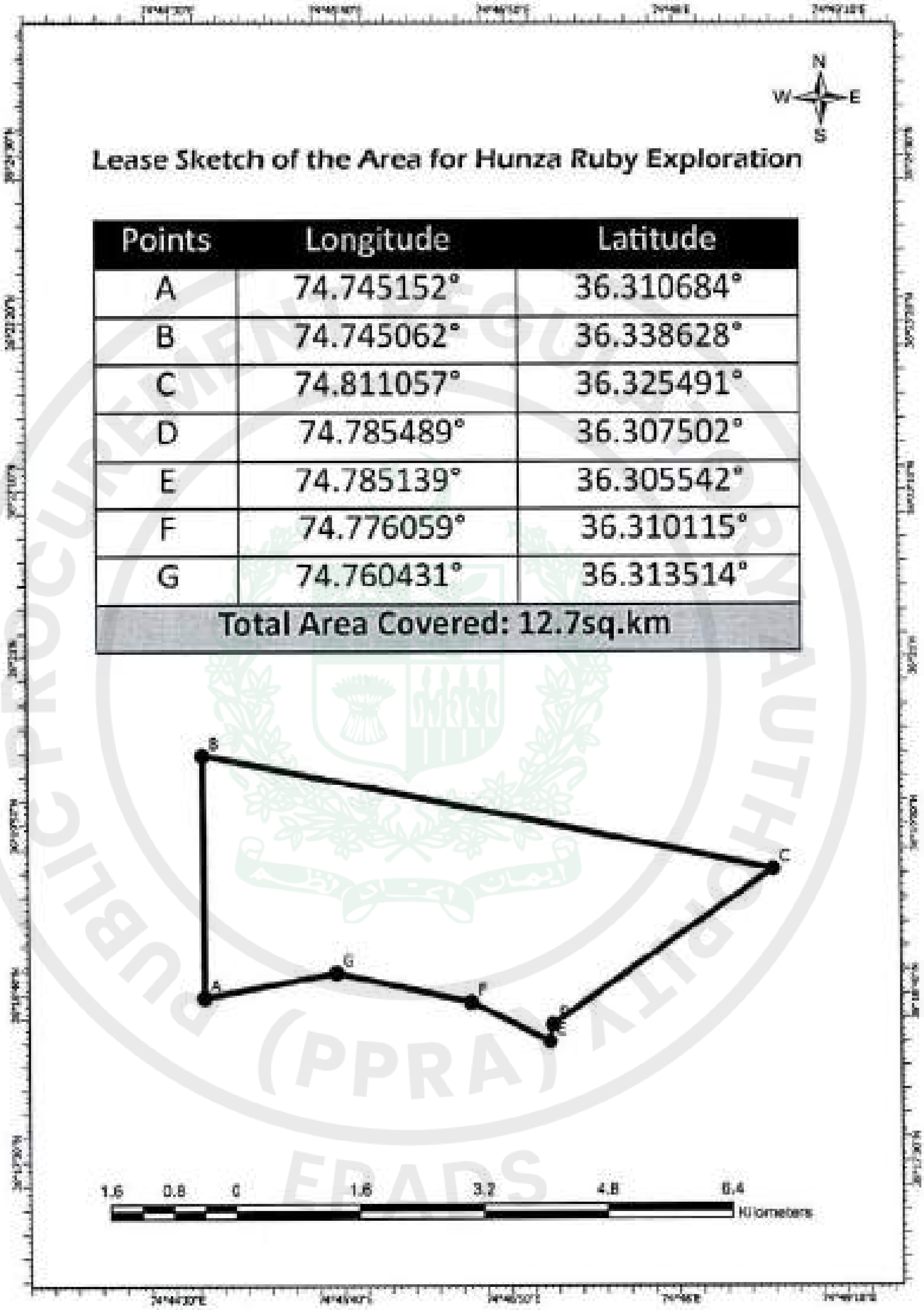

Figure 2. Lease sketch of the area

8. Annexure A
Letter of Application

(This letter shall be submitted by the Applicant or lead member, in case of a Consortium, on its letter head)

Date: ....

To:

Assistant Vice President (HR&Procurement)

PMDC HO, Plot -13, H-9,

Islamabad

Subject: Submission of Proposal for Hunza Ruby Exploration, Resource Estimation and Preliminary Economic Assessment

Dear Sir,

The undersigned, being duly authorized to represent and act on behalf of **[Name of Applicant / Lead Member of Consortium]** (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant"), is pleased to submit this Proposal for undertaking the **Hunza Ruby Exploration, Resource Estimation, Gemstone Evaluation and Preliminary Economic Assessment in Ahmedabad Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan**, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

a. We have carefully examined the RFP documents and have no reservations whatsoever regarding the requirements, scope of work, conditions, procedures, and evaluation criteria contained therein.

b. We agree to comply with all applicable procurement rules, laws, regulations, and instructions issued by Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) and other relevant authorities governing this procurement process.

c. We accept the exclusive application of the laws of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan with respect to the procedures and contractual obligations arising from this procurement process.

d. We acknowledge and accept PMDC's right to:

- Request additional information, clarifications, or supporting documents required for evaluation of this application;

- Amend, modify, clarify, or supplement the RFP requirements and procedures;
- Extend, revise, suspend, or cancel the prequalification and bidding process at any stage.

e. We understand that PMDC reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any time and is under no obligation to accept any application or proposal received, nor to invite any applicant to submit a subsequent proposal.

f. We understand that all information, qualifications, experience, financial capability, and supporting documents submitted by the Applicant may be verified by PMDC at any stage of the procurement process.

g. **[Name of Applicant / Lead Member in case of Consortium]** hereby represents and warrants that, as of the date of this application:

i. All information and documentation submitted with this application are true, complete, accurate, and not misleading in any respect.

ii. Neither the Applicant nor any consortium member has been subject to voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, liquidation, or similar proceedings during the last five (5) years.

iii. The Applicant and all consortium members have fulfilled all tax obligations and statutory requirements in their respective jurisdictions, except where such obligations are being contested through lawful proceedings.

iv. Neither the Applicant nor any consortium member has been blacklisted, suspended, or debarred by any government agency, international financial institution, or public-sector organization.

h. Where the application is submitted by a consortium or joint venture, all members shall be jointly and severally responsible for the performance of the Assignment and shall provide a valid consortium/JV agreement identifying the Lead Partner.

PMDC and its authorized representatives may contact the following person(s) for further information, clarification, or verification purposes:

Contact Person

Name: ______________________________

Designation: _________________________

Telephone: __________________________

Mobile: _____________________________

Email: ______________________________

The undersigned hereby declares that the information provided and statements made in this application are complete, true, and correct in every detail.

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

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Name and Title of Signatory:

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For and on behalf of:

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(Name of Applicant / Lead Consortium Member)

Address:

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Company Seal

9. Annexure B

Particulars of Applicant(s)

If the Bidder fails to provide any of the information requested on this form, or to enclose any of the specified supporting information, your application may be rejected.

1.	Company Name	
2.	Abbreviated Name (if any)	
3.	Form of Business: *(Enclose Registration Copy)*	
4.	Principal Business Activity:	
5.	Registered Office Address: Telephone: Fax:	

	Email:	
6.	N.T.N: Sales Tax Registration No.	*Please attach copies of NTN, GST and Incorporation Certificates*
7.	Name and designation of the person to whom queries relating to this application should be addressed. Name: Designation: Telephone/Fax/Cell:	
8.	Number of Permanent Employees with brief details	

9.	Business average turnover for last three years in PKR	Year	Turnover
10.	Highest and lowest values of individual orders/contracts undertaken in the last three years.	Highest	Lowest
11.	Disclosure (to be submitted on Company's Letter Head)	Whether your company or its owners/ directors/ partners have any other contracts / business relation with PMDC	
12.	Fine/ Litigation/ Arbitration	Has your company been subjected to any fine/ litigation in the past five years (if yes, please elaborate)	
13.	Undertaking (to be submitted on non-judicial stamp paper)	The applicant to provide an affidavit confirming that all answers and all documents submitted with this Form are complete and true and nothing has been concealed. Firm, its partners, directors, owners are not blacklisted by any procuring/regulatory body in Pakistan.	
14.	I / We understand PMDC may use some or all of the information provided to make inquiries of third parties regarding our firm, its experience, finances and qualifications and do hereby consent to the use of such information for these purposes and to PMDC making such inquiries as it deems necessary in the circumstances. I/We waive any claim I/We may have against PMDC resulting from the use of the foregoing information and / or PMDC making inquiries concerning our firm.		
Signed:			

(company stamp) Date:	

10. Annexure C

Financial Proposal

Phase #	Description	Total Amount in PKR inclusive of all taxes
1	Data Review and Reconnaissance Exploration as per RFP Details (2.1.1)	
2	Target Generation as per RFP details (2.1.2)	
3	Resource Drilling & PEA (assumed 1500-meter drilling) as per RFP 2.1.3	

Quote per meter drilling charges as separate if additional drilling is required in phase 3.

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