

## CHAPTER XII

### OFFSHORE MINING REGULATION SYSTEM

**73. Offshore mining regulation web portal.**— (1) The Indian Bureau of Mines, shall prepare an offshore mining regulation web portal, for implementation and compliance of the provisions of these rules.

(2) All aspects of regulatory functions being undertaken by the Indian Bureau of Mines or the administering authority or the authorised officer of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, as the case may be, for implementation and compliance of the provisions of these rules shall be recorded in standard process sheets or templates developed for these purposes, and the information in this regard shall be made available on the portal referred to in sub-rule(1):

Provided that access to the commercial information provided in the said web portal shall be so regulated that the information is accessible only by the holder of the operating right concerned, the Controller General, the Central Government, the administering authority, the authorised officer and the administrator of the web portal.

**74. Electronic Monitoring System.**— (1) The holder of an operating right shall deploy an electronic monitoring system, as specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines, which shall be capable of automatically recording all relevant data relating to exploration operations and production operations, as specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines, including but not limited to accurate tracking of vessels, monitoring of operations in offshore areas and recording of video feed for such operations.

(2) All such data collected under sub-rule (1) shall be furnished to the Indian Bureau of Mines in a manner as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines.

### THE FIRST SCHEDULE

#### FORM-A

(See rule 11)

(Notice of commencement of reconnaissance and exploration operations)

#### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING THE FORM

- i. This Form, duly filled in must reach the concerned authorities as prescribed within the rule, by online or Email:
  - (a) For commencement of exploration operations and reconnaissance operations, at least two months in advance about the commencement of exploration operations.
  - (b) For publishing on navigational charts and issue of NAVAREA warning for safety of mariners and local fishermen at sea, at least fifteen days before commencing reconnaissance operations and exploration operations.
- ii. This should also be sent to the Regional Controller in whose territorial jurisdiction the operating right falls as notified from time to time by the Controller General under rule 66 of the Offshore Areas Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2024.
- iii. The form should be digitally signed by the concerned person.

1.	Type of Operating Rights/Operation	Check which is applicable
	(a) Composite Licence	
	(b) Exploration Operation <i>(only applicable to agencies authorised under the</i>	

	<i>proviso to sub-section (1) of section 5)</i>	
	(c) Reconnaissance Operations <i>(only applicable to agencies authorised under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 5)</i>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>IBM Registration Number</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Unique IBM Operating Right Number</b>	
	(a) Composite Licence	
	(b) Exploration Operation/ Reconnaissance Operations number <i>(only applicable to agencies authorised under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 5)</i>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Name of the mineral or minerals for which reconnaissance operations or exploration operations will be undertaken or for which composite licence has been granted</b>	<i>(Information will be system generated. Linked with Entry 6 of Form 'F'.)</i>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Name and address of the licensee or agencies authorised under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 5</b>	<i>(Information will be system generated. Linked with Entry 6 of Form 'F'.)</i>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Particulars of Operating Right:</b>	<i>(Information will be system generated. Linked with Entry 6 of Form 'F'.)</i>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Location of the licence area/ exploration area/ reconnaissance area</b>	<i>(Information will be system generated. Linked with Entry 6 of Form 'F'.)</i>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Particulars of Geologist and Mining Engineer employed for the licence area/ exploration area/ reconnaissance area</b>	
	(a) Name and address	
	(b) E-mail address	
	(c) Phone Number and Mobile Number	
	(d) Qualification	
	(e) Date of Appointment	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Particulars of vessel to be deployed</b>	
	(a) Name of vessel:	
	(b) Dimensions:	
	(c) Draft of the vessel:	
	(d) Call sign:	
	(e) Country of registration:	
	(f) Year of registration:	
	(g) Whether all certificates are valid; if so, provide particulars of the certificates with date of validity:	
	(h) Whether all required clearances have been obtained for the vessel and personnel:	
	(i) Particulars of crew onboard:	
	(j) List of scientific equipment and machinery onboard:	
	(k) Details of technical people onboard to operate scientific equipment:	
	(l) Period for which the vessel will be deployed	

<b>10.</b>	<b>Other details</b>	
	(a) period of deployment of vessels, platform, installation or any other infrastructure in the licence area for undertaking such operations; and	
	(b) geographical coordinates of licence area where such operations are to be carried out.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of commencement of exploration operations/ reconnaissance operations</b>	

Place: Date:	<i>Signature</i>  Name in full: Designation: Owner/Geologist/Mining Engineer
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**FORM-B**

[See rules 13(1), 13(3), 13(4)]

**(Progress Update Report of the Exploration Operations carried out for the quarter/ year.....)****IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING THE FORM**

- i. This Form, duly filled in must reach the concerned authorities as prescribed within the rule, by online or Email:
  - (1) For holder of composite licence:
    - (a) within thirty days after the close of quarter in case of quarterly progress update report;
    - (b) within sixty days after the close of the year in case of yearly progress update report;
    - (c) within the period of thirty days from the date of abandonment of exploration operations.
  - (2) For agencies authorised under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 5:
    - (a) within sixty days after expiration of every twelve months from the date of commencement of reconnaissance operations or exploration operations in case of yearly progress update report;
    - (b) within the period of thirty days from the date of abandonment of reconnaissance operations or exploration operations.
- ii. This should also be sent to Regional Controller in whose territorial jurisdiction the operating right falls as notified from time to time by the Controller General under rule 66 of the Offshore Areas Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2024.
- iii. The form should be digitally signed by the concerned person.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Type of Operating Rights/Operation</b>	Check which is applicable
	(a) Composite Licence	
	(b) Exploration Operation <i>(only applicable to agencies authorised under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 5)</i>	