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GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN
GILGIT-BALTISTAN SECRETARIAT
(Mineral, Industries, Commerce & Labor Department)

NOTIFICATION

Gilgit, the 4th December, 2025

S. R. O. 2508(I)/2025.—In exercise of the power conferred by the Section 2 of the Regulation of Mines and Oil-field and Minerals Development (Government Control) Act, 7948 (XXIV of 1948) as adopted the Gilgit-Baltistan Government has been pleased to approve the following amendments in Gilgit Mining concession Rules, 2024.

1. **Short title, extent, and commencement.**—(i) These rule may be called the Gilgit-Baltistan Amendment Mining Concession Rules, 2025.

(ii) They shall come into force at once.

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Rule #	Proposed Rules for Amendments
202	Rule 202 GBMCR, 2024 shall stand deleted
7	**Applications:** (1) An application under these rules shall, unless otherwise provided: (a) Be submitted to the Directorate of Mines and Minerals, Gilgit-Baltistan online or as notified by Licensing Authority. d) Upon payment of the prescribed Application Processing Fee (APF), the applicant shall ensure that the coordinates are duly indicated filled in the online registration form or in any other manner as directed by the Licensing Authority. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in the rejection of the application. The application must be completed /uploaded within one (1) week of the payment; failing which, the APF shall be deemed forfeited and non-refundable. f) The applicant shall upload/submit all required documents in accordance with the relevant provision of GBMCR for each mineral titles within a period of one (1) month. The Director, Mines and Minerals, Gilgit-Baltistan, may grant a one-time extension of up to fifteen (15) days, provided the applicant furnishes satisfactory and cogent reasons justifying the delay. Failure to submit/upload the requisite documents even in extended period shall lead to cancellation of application being incomplete. The sub-rule 7, clauses (a), (b), (c), and (d) of Rule 7 of the GBMCR 2024 shall stand deleted.
8	8. (1) (a) (iii) shall stand deleted.
201	**201. Royalty Payment to the Community:** (i) The Lessee shall be responsible for paying the community royalty at the rate of twice of the government royalty mentioned in the Finance Bill or as notified by the Licensing Authority upon the recommendation of the Mines Committee.
13	13. (1)(m) **Evidence of financial status for Reconnaissance License (RL):** The applicant shall provide a closing bank balance as evidence of financial capability amounting to PKR 1.000 million for local applicant company/firm and PKR 10.000 million for national and international applicant company/firm. The prescribed amount shall be required separately for each application, and one closing bank balance shall be valid for one application only, or as notified by the Government.

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23(1)(i) Evidence of financial status for Exploration License (EL):

(a). Metallic Mineral:

(Precious & Semi-Precious and metals)

The closing bank balance required for all metallic mineral titles for the grant of Exploration License shall be as follows for each category. In case, the closing bank balance is submitted from the same bank account of the applicant company/firm for multiple applications, as authorized to one applicant company/firm under the rules, the prescribed amount shall be required separately for each application, and one closing bank balance shall be valid for one application only, or notified by the Government.

Titles	Category	Area max.	Bank statement/closing Bank Balance (PKR in M)	
			Locals	National /Internationals
Exploration License	Small	10 Sq.Km	1.000	30.000
	Medium	20 Sq.Km	10.000	60.000
	Large	60 Sq.Km	30.000	90.000

(c). Dimension stone:

(Granite, Marble, Nephrite and alike minerals)

The closing bank balance required for all Dimension Stone titles for the grant of Exploration License shall be as follows for each category. In case, the closing bank balance is submitted from the same bank account of the applicant company/firm for multiple applications, as authorized to one applicant company/firm under the rules, the prescribed amount shall be required separately for each application, and one closing bank balance shall be valid for one application only, or notified by the Government.

Titles	Category	Area max.	Bank statement/closing Bank Balance (PKR in M)	
			Locals	National/ International
Exploration License	Small	2 Sq.Km	1.000	20.000
	Medium	4 Sq.Km	5.000	30.000
	Large	20 Sq.Km	20.000	60.000

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d). Limestone for Cement Manufacturing:

The closing bank balance required for all Limestone for Cement Manufacturing mineral titles for the grant of Exploration License shall be as follows for each category. In case, the closing bank balance is submitted from the same bank account of the applicant company/firm for multiple applications, as authorized to one applicant company/firm under the rules, the prescribed amount shall be required separately for each application, and one closing bank balance shall be valid for one application only, or notified by the Government.

Titles	Category	Area max.	Bank statement/balance (PKR in M)	
			Locals	National /International
Exploration License	Small	10 Sq.Km	1.000	20.000
	Medium	20 Sq.Km	10.000	50.000
	Large	40 Sq.Km	30.000	70.000

(e). Industrial Mineral:

(Phosphate, Soapstone, Clay, Gypsum, Serpentine, Quartz, Silica, Sand and alike Mineral or shall declare by Licensing authority through notification from time to time).

The closing bank balance required for all Industrial Mineral titles for the grant of Exploration License shall be as follows for each category. In case, the closing bank balance is submitted from the same bank account of the applicant company/firm for multiple applications, as authorized to one applicant company/firm under the rules, the prescribed amount shall be required separately for each application, and one closing bank balance shall be valid for one application only, or notified by the Government.

Titles	Category	Area max.	Bank statement/closing Bank Balance (PKR in M)	
			Locals	National /Internationals
Exploration License	Small	4 Sq.Km	1.000	20.000
	Medium	10 Sq.Km	10.000	50.000
	Large	40 Sq.Km	30.000	70.000

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(f). Placer Gold:

The closing bank balance required for all Placer Gold mineral titles for the grant of Exploration License shall be as follows for each category. In case, the closing bank balance is submitted from the same bank account of the applicant company/firm for multiple applications, as authorized to one applicant company/firm under the rules, the prescribed amount shall be required separately for each application, and one bank statement shall be valid for one application only, or notified by the Government,:-

Titles	Category	Area max.	Bank statement/closing Balanc (PKR in M)	
			Locals	National /Internationals
Reconnaissance license	--	--	1.000	10.000
Exploration License	Small	5 Sq.Km	1.200	20.000
	Medium	10Sq.Km	10.000	50.000
	Large	20 Sq.Km	30.000	70.000

Note. In case of a Joint venture/partnership/shareholder between a local company/firm and a national or international firm/company, the closing bank balance required for Exploration License for each category provided in sub rules (a)(c)(d)(e)&(f) of rules 23 GBMCR shall be applied as per the values prescribed for national or international firm/company in the respective sub rules above at any stage.

31	**31(1)(m).** As evidence of the applicant's financial status, the required bank balance for a Mineral Deposit Retention License shall be the same as that required for an Exploration License under Rule 23(1) for each category, or as notified by the Licensing Authority from time to time.

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44	**44(1)** The maximum area for Mining Lease shall be half (1/2) of the area in size granted for Exploration License under the provision of Rule 23 (1) (i) of each category and type (small, medium and large scale). Other conditions mentioned in the rule of 23 (1)(i) and 6-month bank statement will be applicable for Mining Lease. The remaining area shall be granted to the same company/firm if it provides bank statement of equal amount of PKR 20 million for realistic business plan within one month otherwise the area shall be auctioned as per relevant rule. **44(2)(r).** As evidence of the applicant's financial status, the required bank statement for a period of 06 months for a Mining Lease shall have the same values as that required for an Exploration License under Rule 23(1) for each category, or as notified by the Licensing Authority from time to time.
Schedule 1D) Closing balance of bank account statement	Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, the requirement of closing bank balance specified under Schedule-I (D) shall stand deleted.

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