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Dissemination / pricing policy of published /unpublished report / map data products of  
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Preamble:

In Central Geological Programming Board as well as in the meetings of the Sub-Committee Gr- XI on Geo- informatics; it was a constant demand to develop a website and portal for all state departments of Mines and Geology for free and ready access of the data through website/portal. This policy also addressed the RTI Act 2005, sections 4(1), (2) & (3), which mandates all public authorities for proper documentation of the data and provide its easy accessibility to every citizen of the country. This is the maiden dissemination policy of the department. The guiding principle of this policy is to portray and to make available all the published or unpublished data/information gathered by the department for promotion of investment in mineral exploration and to assist in infrastructure planning, natural hazard management and to advice on several other societal issues such as environment, health and research etc.

Highlight of the policy:

**1. Published Maps**

**1. Small Scale Maps**

The small scale maps are restricted or unrestricted based on SOI and MOD clearance. Unrestricted small scale maps shall make available in digital formats in raster and some as vector data for free viewing in portal. In the hard copy policy, small scale maps are either restricted or unrestricted maps based on the SOI and MOD clearances. The restricted hard copies are made available only to Government agencies after obtaining safe custody certification and necessary authorization whereas the unrestricted hard copies are made available to all. Both restricted and unrestricted maps are priced, based on the cost of the processing and printing. Proposed changes: The unrestricted small scale maps should be made freely available to all in vector formats in the portal and / or as digital copies (CD/DVD) with cost for the media and the policy for hard copies should continue as earlier without any change.

**2. 1:50000 Maps:**

As for as the digital data is concerned, the 50K vector maps are available in portal for intranet users for viewing and not for general public. Hard copies of 50K print/photocopy/ammonia copy are available at a cost worked out on the basis of processing

and printing. The digital files of 50K in raster format, as standalone geological maps of each toposheet with proper layout should be made available in the portal for viewing. The vector layer of 50K maps will have to wait for the OSM topobases of SOI, as it needs to be overlain and matched, which are under preparation.

**(3) Large scale maps (larger than 50K):**

The digital maps larger than 50K are either 1:25000 maps or still larger scales i.e. 1:4000, 1:5000 or more; which are mainly related to mineral investigations. These maps are not available on portal. The hard copies are available along with the report and are priced as per the costing estimates. Proposed changes: The digital maps as raster maps for viewing can be made available for the general public. The vector maps and printed maps can be made available only to the Government agencies dealing with issuance of RP, PL & ML after recovery of incidental charges of the media /material.

**II. Published document**

**(i) Reports, Records, Memoirs, Journals**

The hard copies of the published document (reports, memoirs and journals) are priced on a no loss and no profit basis while the digital copies of the same will be made available after their release.

**(ii) Un-priced publications**

These will be made available in Department portal after their release and hard copies will be distributed freely.

These will be made available in departmental portal and final report on Mineral Exploration having economic Resource/ Reserves estimated will be printed and published and sold. The digital data in vector format of the map products (maps annexed in the report on all scales) will be made available to Government agencies.

**(iii) Unpublished Document**

Regarding the digital data, the text part of the report (without data on borehole logging and chemical analysis – in the descriptive text part and in the Annexure) with map of 1:50K and smaller scales will be uploaded in GSI Portal for viewing in the public domain. The hard copies of the report are available for sale under the existing pricing policy from the respective Regions.

The digital data of map products in vector format on all scales, borehole sections, LV sections, Level Plans, along with resource estimation and data on borehole logging and analysis of core samples of boreholes should be made available freely as soft copy to State Government agencies dealing with issuance of RP, PL & ML. However, for

Private Stakeholders and other Government agencies not dealing with issuance of RP, PL and ML, the existing policy will continue in the form of data uploading in Department Portal.

**III. Geological Reports**

Geological reports with 1:50K or 1:25K maps will be uploaded in GSI Portal without SOI data after 2 years of release/ circulation within department and government. This is the minimum time required for the author(s) of the report to publish their work in national and international journal. The hard copy of the report will be available for sale as per the existing pricing policy. The pricing of the report will be made as per the existing pricing policy of the department.

**IV. Restricted Reports & Sponsored Project reports**

No display in public domain and not available in hard copy.

**Important**

- All materials uploaded in the Portal will contain watermark of the Government of Jharkhand emblem.
- If anybody using these documents for scientific publication and or commercial purpose should acknowledge the contribution of the department.
- Any requisition for hard copy of un-priced reports that are available for free viewing, downloading and printing will be charged to realize the incidental costs for making hard copies.

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