

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Recognizing the Jonnagiri Gold Mine as 'Swarnagiri Gold Mine' and directions to M/s Geo Mysore Services India (P) Limited to formally rename the mine as 'Swarnagiri Gold Mine' with immediate effect and to take all consequential steps to update the name wherever required – Orders – Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.181

Dated:23.07.2026.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.106, Ind. & Com. (M-I) Dept., Date:08.10.2013.
2. G.O.Ms.No.77, Ind. & Com. (M.II) Dept., dt.19.05.2025.
3. From DM&G, A.P., eFile No. INC04/649/2026-D-10,(C.No.3333209), Dt:10.07.2026.

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ORDER:

In the G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above, Government granted Mining Lease for Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead, Zinc and all other Associated Minerals over an extent of 597.820 hectares in Sy.Nos. 128/P, 131/P, 132/P, 133 to 140, 147/P, 149/P, 150/P, 151 to 207/P, 208/P, 210/P, 388/P, 390/P, 406 to 409, 411 to 437, 439, 454 to 458, 465/P and 470/P of Pagidirayi Village, Sy.No. 598/P, 599/P,600, 601/P, 602/P, 611/P, 619/P, 620/P, 621 to 652, 676, 677/P, 678/P of Jonnagiri Village and Sy.Nos. 251 to 253 & 255 to 272, 454, 455 & 456 of Yerragudi Village, Tuggali Mandal, Kurnool District for a period of 30 years in favour of M/s. Geo Mysore Services India (P) Limited.

2. In the G.O 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government issued modification orders to the G.O 1<sup>st</sup> read above, over an extent of 597.820 Hec./1477.21 Acs. in survey numbers mentioned therein, as per the DGPS sketch of the Mining Lease area held by M/s. Geo Mysore (P) Limited in Jonnagiri, G.Yerragudi, Pagidirayi Villages of Tuggali Mandal of Kurnool District for Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead, Zinc and all other Associated Minerals, subject to maintenance of 50 Mts buffer zone to Roads, Railway lines and Temple and other Public importance structures and subject to satisfaction of M.C. Rules 1960 and also subject to the conditions imposed at the time of original grant.

3. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, on 24.06.2026, inaugurated commercial production of Gold in Processing Plant at Jonnagiri. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister noted the National Significance

of this mine, being the country's first private-sector large scale primary gold mine since Independence, and announced that the mine shall henceforth be named 'Swarnagiri Gold Mine' a name reflecting its character as a gold-yielding (swarnam) hill (giri) and its historical resonance as a landscape that has been worked for gold since ancient times. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also noted the mine's potential to grow into the highest gold-producing mine in the country.

4. In this regard, the DM&G, A.P., vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, has stated that, the Jonnagiri greenstone belt, part of the Eastern Dharwar Craton, has a long history of gold mineralisation. Ancient debris, pounding marks and old workings in the area indicate that early miners extracted gold in the region centuries ago, and these ancient workings had attracted the attention of the Geological Survey of India for detailed investigation. The DM&G, A.P., has also stated that this project is India's first large-scale private gold mine since Independence and the first private sector gold mine with an integrated processing facility in the country in the last 70 years, comprising an open pit mine and a processing plant with three-stage crushing, ball- mill grinding, Knelson concentrator gravity circuit, CIL leaching, elution, electro-winning and doré smelting.

5. The DM&G, A.P., has therefore, requested the Government to issue necessary orders recognizing the Jonnagiri Gold Mine as 'Swarnagiri Gold Mine' and issue directions to M/s Geo Mysore Services India (P) Limited to formally rename the mine as 'Swarnagiri Gold Mine' with immediate effect and to take all consequential steps to update the name wherever required, including in the Mining Plan, statutory clearances and all records with IBM, MoEFCC, APPCB and DGMS.

6. Government, after careful examination of the circumstances and facts submitted by the DM&G, A.P., hereby issue orders recognizing the Jonnagiri Gold Mine as 'Swarnagiri Gold Mine'. Accordingly, M/s Geo Mysore Services India (P) Limited is directed to formally rename the mine as 'Swarnagiri Gold Mine' with immediate effect and to take all consequential steps to update the name wherever required, including in the Mining Plan, statutory clearances and all records with IBM, MoEFCC, APPCB and DGMS etc.

7. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., shall take necessary further action accordingly, after satisfying himself that the required terms and conditions are fulfilled as stipulated in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(MINES)

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