

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF QUALIFIED EARTH-SCIENCE PERSONNEL UNDER MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, 1960: As per rule 22(B) of Mineral Concessions Rules, 1960 (amended to date), persons holding the following qualifications and experience and duly recognised by the Central Government would be authorised to prepare *mining plans* required to be submitted for grant and renewal of mining leases as well as modifications of an existing mining plan: i) a degree in mining engineering or a post-graduate degree in geology granted by a university established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act, including any institution recognised by the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 or any equivalent qualification granted by any university or institution outside India; and ii) professional experience of five years of working in a supervisory capacity in the field of mining after obtaining the degree. A Qualified Person Recognised under Rule 22(C) of MCR is also authorised to prepare mining plan and scheme of mining for operating mines under Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988. For further details write to: Chief Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, 'Indira Bhavan', Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON NEOTECTONIC MOVEMENTS AND THEIR GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (NETMOGEI), MYSORE, 27-29 NOVEMBER, 1996: organised by the Department of studies in Geology, University of Mysore. For further details write to: Prof. A. Balasubramanian, Convenor, NETMOGE/Dept. of Studies in Geology, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, Mysore - 570 006; Fax 91-821-52163; Phone: 0821-515256/514144.

Dr. PARIMAL KUMAR BASU OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, SOUTHERN REGION, HYDERABAD, has been awarded the "Sir Coggin Brown Gold Medal" for outstanding contributions in geological science by the Mining, Geological and Metallurgical Institute of India for 1994-95.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON QUATERNARY SEA-LEVEL VARIATION, SHORELINE DISPLACEMENT AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT, 20-26, JANUARY 1997, THANJAVUR: Organised by the Dept. of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur in collaboration with INQUA – Indian Ocean Shoreline Sub-commission. For further details write to: Prof. G. Victor Rajamanickam, Convenor, International Seminar, Dept. of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur - 613 005, India; Fax: 91-04362-40040; Tel: 91-04362-73219.

NATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL DATA CENTER, USA, has announced the availability of digital data on compact discs for 1996-1997 on several special topics in Geophysics, including Marine Geophysics. For further details write to: NOAA/National Geophysics Data Center, 325, Broadway, E/GC 4 Boulder, Co. 80303-328, USA; Phone: (303) 497-6826; Fax: (303) 497-6513; Voice/TDD: (303) 497-6958; Internet: (303) info@ngdc.noaa.gov.