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To

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Sub: Nomination for the Peer Review Committee of NIRM (2026-2028)

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to inform you that the 88th Governing Body of the National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM), held on 25 November 2025, under the Chair of Shri Piyush Goyal, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, has approved the reconstitution of a new Peer Review Committee (PRC) for the Institute.

Pursuant to this approval, and based on the nomination of domain experts, the Governing Body has confirmed your nomination as **the Member of the Peer Review Committee (PRC), NIRM** for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.

The mandate of the Peer Review Committee (PRC) is as indicated below:

1. Review the activities of various specialisations/departments of the Institute
2. Review and recommend R&D project proposals for the consideration of Ministry of Mines, other funding government departments/agencies
3. Review and recommend a clear, actionable short-term and long-term vision and action plan to ensure the Institute's continued self-sustainability.
4. As per the direction of the Governing Body, the Peer Review Committee (PRC) shall be the competent body to approve the specific list of items proposed for procurement, within the overall budget as approved by GB. The GB further directed that all purchases must strictly comply with GFR and other GoI rules and ensure financial propriety.
5. Identify new areas of development/research and suggest/recommend up-gradation of facilities
6. Look into any other matter referred by the NIRM Governing Body.

In this context, we shall be grateful if you would kindly accord your consent to serve as the Member of the Peer Review Committee (PRC) of NIRM for the above-mentioned tenure.

Upon your concurrence, we request you to kindly furnish any update in contact details (complete postal address, including office/residential telephone numbers, e-mail ID, and WhatsApp number) to facilitate official correspondence.



We earnestly look forward to your valuable guidance, counsel, and cooperation in steering the National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM) towards sustained scientific progress and institutional growth.

We shall appreciate receiving a formal confirmation of your acceptance at your convenience.

Thanking you, Sir.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Balasubramaniam VR".

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