

Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum Reviews PMDC's Exploration in Gilgit Baltistan

Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC), a state-owned enterprise, is taking decisive steps to unlock the vast mineral wealth of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB). Building on its pioneering exploration legacy since the 1970s, PMDC—together with OGDCL and the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan (GoGB)—hosted the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum during a high-level visit on 11–12 September 2025.

On 11th September, Senators visited polymetallic blocks in Skardu, inspecting mineralized zones and reviewing their exploration potential. The following day, a detailed briefing was held at the Deputy Commissioner's office, Skardu, with participation from PMDC, OGDCL, GoGB, and the Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP). PMDC presented:

- Updates on exploration activities in GB.
- Progress on joint initiatives with OGDCL.
- Proposed blocks for joint exploration.
- Future strategies for sustainable mineral development in GB.

The Committee acknowledged and commended PMDC's efforts and emphasized the need to accelerate mineral exploration to maximize benefits for both local communities and the national economy. It was agreed that a follow-up meeting will soon be convened with PMDC, OGDCL, and GoGB to decide the way forward.

This visit reaffirmed the government's commitment to a structured, strategic, and sustainable approach to mineral development—where PMDC's technical expertise and strong partnerships are driving regional progress and contributing to the growth of Pakistan's mineral sector.

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