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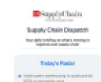


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India currently depends on imports to meet its potash requirements, sourcing from countries such as Canada, Belarus, and Jordan.

Hindustan Zinc has been declared the successful bidder for an amalgamated potash and halite mineral block in Rajasthan after completing the statutory requirements.

The block is located in the Jhandawali-Satipura CL Block in Hanumangarh district and spans over 1,800 hectares. It was awarded under Tranche V of the Government of India's e-auction process. The company had earlier been named the preferred bidder through a competitive auction conducted by the Union Government.



“Our transition from preferred bidder to successful bidder for the potash block reflects our strong execution capabilities and commitment to securing critical mineral resources for the country. As India continues to prioritise resource security and self-reliance, this milestone strengthens our strategic play in the critical minerals segment. We are well-positioned to leverage our exploration and mining expertise to unlock the full potential of this asset," said Arun Misra, Chief Executive Officer and Whole-time Director, Hindustan Zinc.

Part of wider push into critical minerals

The company said the development forms part of its strategy to expand its mineral portfolio. It recently secured a tungsten and associated mineral block in Andhra Pradesh after receiving a composite licence from the state government, and had earlier been declared the preferred bidder for a rare earth elements block in Uttar Pradesh.

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Potash is used in the production of fertilisers, particularly NPK variants. India currently depends on imports to meet its potash requirements, sourcing from countries such as Canada, Belarus, and Jordan.

The company said securing the potash and halite block could support efforts to reduce import dependence and improve domestic availability of fertiliser inputs.

Hindustan Zinc added that it aims to develop a portfolio of mineral assets aligned with its long-term strategy, using its experience in exploration and mining operations.

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