



Bureau of Indian Standards

Expression of Interest for Setting up Gold Assaying & Hallmarking Centres under the Central Assistance Scheme

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) invites Expression of Interest for 'Setting up of Gold Assaying and Hallmarking Centres' in India during 2009-10 in locations where no Assaying & Hallmarking Centre (assisted or otherwise) exists as on date. Under the scheme entrepreneurs would be given one time financial assistance @ 15% of cost of machinery & equipment subject to maximum of Rs. 15 lakhs per centre for all locations except locations of North Eastern States, Special Category States (J&K, HP& Uttarakhand) and Rural Areas (anywhere in India). For locations of NE States, Special Category States and Rural Areas entrepreneurs would be given one time financial assistance @ 30% of cost of machinery & equipment subject to maximum of Rs. 30 lakhs per centre. Municipal Acts concerned will be the basis for definition and identification of rural areas.

The applicant who first sets up the centre at any location complying with the terms & conditions and informs the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India and gets its centre recognized by BIS will be eligible for the incentive. However, all other centres, even if they do not get the financial incentive would be entitled to BIS recognition as Assaying & Hallmarking Centre, if found eligible.

- 1 Applications are invited from private entrepreneurs, Central/State Government PSUs/ Laboratories of repute in Public/Private sector and other interested parties eliciting '**Expression of Interest**' for setting up of one Centre in any location in India where no Assaying & Hallmarking Centre (assisted or otherwise) exists.
2. The Centres shall be required to operate as BIS Recognized Assaying and Hallmarking centre under BIS Hallmarking Scheme for Gold Jewellery. For details of BIS Hallmarking Scheme and information on already existing Assaying & Hallmarking Centres in the country, please visit our BIS Website: www.bis.org.in .
- 3 The applicant centre or the promoters shall not be related to Gold Jewellery trade (manufacturing/ retailing).
4. The applicants under the Scheme shall apply to BIS in the "**Application Form for Expression of Interest for setting up Gold Assaying/Hallmarking Centre under the Central Assistance Scheme**" available on BIS website. The detailed **Terms and Conditions** are also available on the BIS website. Applications should be accompanied with an Application-cum-processing fee of Rs. One thousand + S.T. (as applicable) in the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Bureau of Indian Standards" payable at New Delhi. Applications incomplete in any respect shall be summarily rejected. The application form duly filled in and marked '**Expression of Interest for**

Setting up of Gold Assaying & Hallmarking Centres' and in a duly sealed envelope should be submitted at the following address:

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The Scheme is open for current financial year of 2010-11. However, in case of North East and Special Category States the applications will be considered even if these are received after the due date.