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Whereas in SLP (C) No.32138 dated 07/02/2018, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide its Judgment and Order dated 07/02/2018 has given liberty to the Lease Holders, who were granted Second renewal till 15/03/2018 to manage their affairs and to continue the mining operations. However, they were directed to stop all mining operations w.e.f 16/03/2018 untill fresh mining leases and fresh Environmental clearances are granted.

And whereas, mining operation of extraction of mineral is to be carried out as per the mining plan and scheme of mining duly approved by Indian Bureau of Mines in terms of provisions of MMDR Act 1957 and Mineral Conservation Rules 1988 under monitoring from Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Margao -Goa.

And whereas, storage and transportation of minerals is looked after by this department in terms of provisions of MMDR Act 1957 and Goa (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Storage and Transportation of Minerals) Rules, 2013.

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And whereas, vide letter No. DMG/CS/Note/2018-Mines/4188 dated 06/03/2018, instructions were issued to the Dy. Directors and Technical Staff of this department to stop extraction from 13/03/2018, and transportation from lease by 14/03/2018 and moving out machinery by 15/03/2018 in the State of Goa.

And whereas, the Lease Holders Association met the Undersigned and requested that since Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's directions of closure of mining operations etc is given to the Lease Holders, they may be allowed to continue their mining operations till 15/03/2018. The request was in principle agreed to by the Undersigned.

Now therefore, in modification of earlier instructions in letter No. DMG/CS/Note/2018-Mines/4188 dated 06/03/2018, the Lease Holders are allowed to continue their mining operations of extraction till 15/03/2018 under the supervision of Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Margao.

As regards transportation of ore outside the Lease Hold area is concerned, the same shall be allowed till 7.00 p.m of 15/03/2018 as transportation beyond 7.00 p.m is not allowed in the State of Goa.

As regards mining machinery and other movable and immovable properties of Lease Holders are concerned the same shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of MMDR Act 1957 and Rules made thereunder hence earlier instructions stand modified.

As regards Mines Safety measures beyond 16/03/2018, the Lease Holders shall abide by directions of Directorate General of

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Mines Safety, Goa region as conveyed by letter No. (DG)/GOA/SLP (C) 32138/02/18 dated 09/03/2018 from Director, Directorate General, Mines Safety, Goa Region, Margao and any further instructions issued by that office with regards Mines safety.




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Director of Mines & Geology

To,

The Lease Holders concerned who were granted Second Renewal of mining leases in Goa.

Copy for information to:

- 1) PA to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
- 2) PA to Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
- 3) PA to Secretary (Mines), Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
- 4) The Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, IInd Block Koramangala, Bangalore 560034.
- 5) The Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Fatorda, Margao – Goa.
- 6) The Director, Directorate of Mines & Safety, Goa Region, Fatorda, Goa.
- 7) The Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board, Panaji – Goa.
- 8) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Forest Department, Gomantak Maratha Samaj Bldg, Panaji – Goa.
- 9) Dy. Director I, Directorate of Mines and Geology, Panaji – Goa.
- 10) Dy. Director II, Directorate of Mines and Geology, Panaji – Goa.
- 11) Technical Section, Directorate of Mines and Geology, Panaji – Goa.