

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER OF
DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY FOR PLANNING
PRODUCTION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18**

A short notice meeting of the major mining Lease Holders was called today i.e 05/04/2017 at 11.00 a.m in the Chamber of Director, Mines & Geology, Gr. Floor, Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji – Goa, to discuss production and transportation details for the financial year 2017-18.

The meeting was attended by Representatives of Lease Holders as per Annexure 'I'.

The Undersigned welcomed all the present and complimented the industry for achieving the allocated ad-hoc quantity of 20 Million Tons of Iron ore for the State of Goa in the last year 2016-17.

The Undersigned briefly explained the road map of mineral production in the State of Goa for the year 2017-18 and asked co-operation from mining industry for achieving the targeted production subject to enhancement by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The Undersigned informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India is considering enhancement of production limit in the State of Goa which is also recommended by the Expert Committee appointed by the Court. Hence it is the duty of the department and the industry to equitably distribute the production in 8 months of the financial year as mining activities are not carried out during the monsoon season from June to September.

In view of the above, the Undersigned has set a target of 8 Million Tons of production before commencement of monsoon season and asked the Lease Holders representatives to give details of the quantity which they are able to produce so that the targeted production can be achieved before the end of season i.e May 2017.

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Accordingly various representatives have expressed their ability and willingness to produce the targeted quantity during these 2 months. The Undersigned assured that shortly the maximum limit of production on lease to lease basis shall be released by this Directorate.

The Undersigned further emphasised that it is in the interest of royalty collection, so also in the interest of the citizens residing in the mining effected areas. It is equally important to dispatch the ore produced through out 8 months of mining in the State of Goa in such a manner that least inconvenience is caused to general public and at the same time the production quantity does not remain in the lease hold area.

The Undersigned stressed that there is a need for zero tolerance to accident and accidental deaths due to mining transportation. All the concerned were told that the principle of extension of time and space shall be applicable to the Lease Holders whose duty towards the society shall not be confined within the Lease hold areas but shall extend outside the Lease Hold area till the ore is transported till jetty. All the representatives present were categorically told that in the present financial year not even a single death relating to mining transportation shall be tolerated and punitive action shall be taken if any accidental death takes place during transportation of mineral. There shall be reduction in quota allotted to any Lease Holder upto 1 lakh tons if any accidental death occurs during transportation of ore including the empty truck plying for ore extracted from such Lease Hold area.

Similarly in case of such eventuality, the said lease holder shall deposit a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs with this Directorate within 2 working days from such accidental death or Rs. 5 lakhs in case of serious injuries and sum upto Rs. 1 lakh incase of simple hurt due to accident caused during such transportation which is to be paid to the victim or the victims family as an ex-gratia relief irrespective

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of the fault of either party. With regards the quantum to be paid by the Lease Holder, Trader, transport contractor, Vehicle owner and driver, the decision of the Undersigned shall be final.

The Undersigned also emphasised the need for efficient and scientific mining to be undertaken and that no illegal exploitation of mineral to be done for achieving the target. Maximum measure are also to be adopted for curbing dust pollution while transportation of mined mineral etc.

The other details of transportation are to be discussed with the M/s. Megasoft Systems and this department with the aim of reducing traffic congestion etc.

The Undersigned also informed the Lease Holders representatives that there shall be incentives and disincentives for reporting irregularities and illegalities of other Lease holder i.e if a Lease Holder reports the illegalities of other lease holder, the person reporting shall be rewarded, whereas the Lease Holder against whom such reporting is done and found to be correct then such lease holder shall lose such quantity allotted to it as decided by Director and the confidentiality shall be maintained with regards to informer.

The Undersigned also interacted with the representatives and was made aware of the problems faced by them for which the timely support was assured to them.

The meeting ended with thanks to chair.



(Prasanna A. Acharya)
Director of Mines & Geology

Place : Panaji- Goa

Dated : 05/04/2017

ANNEXURE 'I'

Representatives of following Lease Holders were present for the meeting.

1. Vedanta Company Ltd
2. Fomento Resources Private Limited
3. V. M. Salgaocar & Co. Ltd
4. Chowgule & Company Ltd.
5. Rajaram Bandekar & Co.
6. Minescape Minerals Pvt. Ltd
7. Pandurang Timblo Industries
8. TPL

