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Government of Goa  
Directorate of Mines  
& Geology  
Udyog Bhavan  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Panaji Goa  
Dated: 10th September, 2012

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL MINING  
OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF GOA**

**Whereas**, Hon'ble Justice Shah Commission of Inquiry was constituted by the Central Government to look into the aspect of illegal mining in various States including State of Goa.

**And Whereas**, Part I and Part II of the Shah Commission's Report is uploaded on the Website of Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

**And Whereas**, serious illegalities and irregularities have been pointed out in the Report of the Commission concerning mining operations in the State of Goa.

**And Whereas**, the Government of Goa, has assured zero tolerance to corruption including doing away with illegalities in mining sector.

**And Whereas**, positive actions were initiated since the present Government has come in power.

**And Whereas**, the Government is examining the report of the Shah Commission to take positive necessary actions in this behalf so also to file action taken report on the Report of the Commission.

**And Whereas**, it is necessary in order to scrutinize clearances obtained by the mining lease holders and allowing continuation of mining without proper scrutiny and verification of requisite approval may not be desirable in light of shortcomings pointed out in the report.

**Now, therefore,** the Government of Goa, hereby order suspension of mining operation of all the Mining Leases existing in State of Goa with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> of September, 2012 until further orders.

The suspension of mining operation shall not affect trade and transportation of ore already mined and existing in the lease hold area, in transit or stored or stocked on the jetties.

The lease holders or traders who have procured such quantities of ore shall report the exact quantum of ore with grade and other details of ore and exact location of existence of ore, within a period of seven days to the Director of Mines, Directorate of Mines & Geology, Goa.

The Director of Mines & Geology shall constitute teams for inspection of the quantities of ore lying at the lease hold area or such places as mentioned by the lease holders or the traders. The Team Members shall be randomly selected from Mines, Forest and Revenue Department.

There shall be a verification and clearance committee. The Committee shall expeditiously scrutinize the documents, papers, approvals etc. as per a check list to be notified separately in respect of each mining lease so that those who have valid clearance are allowed to commence mining operations for the rest of the season.

This issues with the approval of the Government.

  
(R.K. Verma)

Principal Secretary(Mines &  
Geology)

To:

All the Mining Lease Holders through :

1. Goa Mine Owners Association.  
P.B. No.113, Waglo Building, Panaji Goa
2. Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association.  
having their office at Waglo Building, Panaji Goa.