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Sub: Submission of Quarrying Plan in terms of Rule 7(2) of the Goa Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2012.

As per the Goa Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2012, rule 7 (2) & (3), all the existing and new quarrying lease holders are required to submit quarrying plan to the Competent Officer and same shall be approved and shall be submitted to this Directorate before the commencement of quarrying operations in any areas.

The records revealed that some of the quarrying lease holders has submitted the quarrying plan prepared by recognized qualified persons but same are not approved and some are yet to submit the quarrying plans in terms of rule 7 (2) of the Goa Minor Mineral concessions Rules 1985.

Considering the facts that no person shall commence quarrying operations in any area except in accordance with a quarrying plan approved under sub-rule (3) or (4) of rule 7 of the above said Rules 1985 and Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa dated 04/12/2019 pronounced on 10/12/2019 in PIL W.P. No. 15/2019 and W.P. No. 84/2019, it is imperative that all quarrying operations are continued on compliance of regulations as prescribed.

Therefore it is hereby directed that, all the quarrying lease holders who have submitted draft quarrying plans to this Directorate shall report to this Directorate for hearing and inspections for approval of quarrying plan in terms of sub-rule (3) or (4) of rule 7 of the said above rules 1985 immediately and those who have not submitted the quarrying plans to this Directorate are hereby directed to stop all the quarrying activities immediately and submit the quarrying plan within 15 days from today interms of sub-rule (2) of Rule 7 of the Goa Minor mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2012, failing which necessary deemed fit action shall be initiated against the quarrying lease holders for undertaking quarrying operations without approved quarrying plan.

The quarrying lease holders shall comply the above directions strictly.

This is issued with the approval of the Government.

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