All Barge Owners Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015

Whereas the Goa (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Storage and Transportation of Minerals) Rules 2013 mandates registration of all carriers including Barges for the purpose of regulation of legal mining and arresting illegal mining operations in State of Goa.

And whereas, the Supreme Court of India not only upheld the Rules 2013 but also asked State of Goa to strictly enforce the same in the State of Goa.

And whereas e-auction and movement of said ore is carried out pursuant to and in compliance of Honorable Supreme Courts direction and any deviation from same would amount to direct contempt of Supreme Courts Orders issued in this behalf.

And whereas there was an attempt from some barge owners to stop or sabotage movement of e-auctioned ore which is not only in contempt of Supreme Court Orders but also in violation of Rules 2013, as such this department wants to protect the registered carriers who are law abiding and act sternly against those who are acting in violation of Supreme Court orders and rules 2013.

As such you are hereby directed to specify within two working days by sending email to <u>dir-mine.goa@nic.in</u> keeping whether you are commencing carriage of minerals forthwith so that you could be allowed to carry your business and be eligible for benefits of schemes etc. of the government wherever you qualify for the same.

Kindly note that in case no email is received within the time specified herein, the department reserves right to act against you without any further notice including deregistering your carrier under Rules 2013 and not allowing you to carry the e-auctioned ore which you may kindly note.

By Order.

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