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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Karnataka Government Secretariat, Vikasha Soudha, Bengaluru, dated:23.06.2015

The Secretary to Government, Commerce and Industries Department, Bangalore.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Mines,
Government of India,
Sastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: G3 level exploration by GSI for the 09 identified iron ore blocks – reg.,

Ref:

(1) The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2015, dated 12.01.2015

(2) The Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015.

With reference to the above, Government of Karnataka has identified 09 blocks of iron ore situated in Bellary District to notify the same for grant of mining lease or prospecting licence – cum – mining lease in accordance with the provisions of MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015 cited at reference (1) above.

The blocks so identified are having exploration data of G4 level and the redrawing of the boundaries are under progress. But, as per the provisions of The Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 any block should have the exploration data to the level of G3 and G2 to notify for grant of Mining lease and Prospecting Licence—cum-Mining lease respectively.

Hence, I am hereby directed to convey the above information and request you to direct the Geologicaly Survey of India to take up the exploration work of these blocks at least to G3 level and enable the State Government to put the said blocks for auction. Copies of the sketches and the list of 09 blocks are enclosed with this letter for kind perusal and further needful action.

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Yours faithfully,

(G.Lingamathy)

Deputy Secretary to Government,

Commerce and Industries Department.

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