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ORDER

Subject: Tenure of mining leases of Government companies and corporations – exercise of power to remove difficulties in respect of

1 Whereas the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957 has been amended by promulgation of the MMDR Amendment Ordinance, 2015 on 12.01.2015.

2 And whereas sub-section (8) of section 8A of MMDR Act, 1957 states the following:

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"(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the period of mining leases, including existing mining leases, of Government companies or corporations shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government."

3 And whereas the work of subordinate legislation is underway and pending finalization of the Rules, the tenure of mining leases of Government companies or corporations which have already been granted remains uncertain.

4 And whereas while transition provisions for extension of the lease period for fifteen years for captive mines and five years for non-captive mines have been provided for in sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 8A of the MMDR Amendment Ordinance, there is no such provision in respect of leases of Government companies or corporations.

5 Now therefore to tide over the uncertainty, the Central Government in exercise of the power to remove difficulties in the MMDR Amendment Ordinance, 2015 hereby orders that the tenure of the mining leases of all Government companies or corporations whose mining leases have expired and renewal applications have been made in time or which are due to expire on or before 31st March, 2020 will stand to be extended till 31st March, 2020.

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