GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA MINING AND GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT ***

NO.MG.86/2012/178

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Dated Shillong, the 29th January, 2018.

Smti.P.L.Lawai, MCS Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Mining and Geology Department.

To :

From :

The Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat. The Director, M/S Green Valley Industries Limited, Village Nongsning, P.O. Chiehruphi, East Jaintia Hills District.

Sub

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Orders for grant of mining lease for Limestone over an area of 10.71 hectares (Block-II) at Madan Pyrda, Chiehruphi, East Jaintia Hills District, in respect of M/S Green Valliey Industries Limited.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith copy of an Order No.MG.86/2012/170 dated 4.1.2018 issued under section 10A2(b) of the Mines & Mineral (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 in respect of the applicant above named i.e. M/S Green Valley Industries Limited for favour of information and further necessary action from your end.

Yours faithfully, (P.L.Lawai)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Mining and Geology Department

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- 1. The Director of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya, Shillong.
- 2. The Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment Department.
- 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HOFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.

By Order Etc.,

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Mining and Geology Department

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ORDER

From the records available, it appears that Green Valley Industries Ltd had applied for mining lease on limestone over an area of 10.71 hectares (Block-2) at Madan Pyrda, Chieruphi village, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya since 26th October, 2012 after prospecting licence was granted on 24.08.2010. The Government in Mining & Geology Department had conveyed in its letter No. MG.86/2012/125 dt. 30.05.2013 with a direction to clear the outstanding dues of Rs. 9,29,04,876/- (nine crores twenty nine lakhs four thousand eight hundred and seventy six) to examine the application for granting of mining lease. A new Section 10A 2(b) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 is reproduced below:

(b) "where before the commencement of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 a reconnaissance permit or prospecting licence has been granted in respect of any land for any mineral, the permit holder or the licensee shall have a right for obtaining a prospecting licence followed by a mining lease, or a mining lease, as the case may be, in respect of that mineral in that land, if the State Government is satisfied that the permit holder or the licensee, as the case may be,-

(i) has undertaken reconnaissance operations or prospecting operation, as the case may be. To establish the existence of mineral contents in such land in accordance with such parameters as may be prescribed by the Central Government;

(ii) has not committed any breach of the terms and conditions of the reconnaissance permit or the prospecting licence;

(iii) has not become ineligible under the provisions of this Act; and

(iv) has not failed to apply for grant of prospecting licence or mining lease, as the case may be, within a period of three months after the expiry of reconnaissance permit or prospecting licence, as the case may be, or within such further period not exceeding six months as may be extended by the State Government."

From the aforesaid amendment, it appears the applicant being the prospecting licence holder had applied for mining lease prior to the amended Act therefore shall be entitled for grant of mining lease under sub-section 2(b) of Section 10A and that the letter No. MG.86/2012/125 dt. 30.05.2013 cannot be considered to be a letter of intent. In the given circumstances and the clear provision of law, it is therefore found deem fit and proper to grant mining lease to the applicant over an area of 10.71 hectares (Block-2) at Madan Pyrda, Chieruphi village, East Jaintia Hills District on the conditions mentioned below:

- 1. To execute an undertaking on the outstanding dues in coal royalty.
- 2. Submission of mining plan duly approved by IBM.
- 3. Certificate of consent to establish and operate from Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB).

- 4. Forest Clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 from the competent authority.
- 5. To furnish a performance security to the State Government in the form of bank guarantee as per the format specified in schedule IV or as a security deposit for an amount equivalent to 0.50% of the value of estimated resources,
- 6. To ensure the conditions with respect to a mining plan specified in clause (b) of sub section (2) of Section 5 be complied with.
- 7. To sign a Mine Development and Production Agreement with the State Government.

This order is issued under Rule 7(6) (a) of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 and shall be communicated to the applicant i.e. Green Valley Industries Ltd, the Deputy Commissioners, East Jaintia Hills and the Director of Mineral Resources for compliance.

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Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Mining & Geology Department.