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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
MINING AND GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

ORDER

No. MG.3/2020/95

Dated Shillong the 14th September, 2020

WHEREAS an application has been submitted by **Shri. Jriang Sing Phanbuh**, Lower Lachumiere Shillong for authorising grant of a Prospecting License for Iron Ore on 1613 hectares of land at Wahlakhiat, Mawkarah village, West Khasi hills Districts in accordance with sub-rule (1) of Rule 27 of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016;

WHEREAS the applicant has furnished land document as documentary evidence to confirm that mineral rights vest in the applicant and applicant is the owner of the land in respect of which the Prospecting License is proposed to be granted;

WHEREAS the applicant intent to grant ther Prospecting License to the **Hercules Mining and Minerals Pvt. Limited**, Heera Ganj, Kanti, Madhya Pradesh;

WHEREAS the applicant has also furnished a Non-Forest land certificate for prospecting operations issued by the Divisional Forest Officer, Territorial Division, West and South-West Khasi Hills;

WHEREAS the applicant has furnished surface map of proposed land for prospecting operation along with GPS coordinates which has been duly verified and counter signed by the Mining Officer, Directorate of Mineral Resources:

WHEREAS the Chapter IX of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 prescribes procedure for obtaining prospecting licence or mining lease in respect of land in which the minerals vest in a person other than the Government;

WHEREAS on scrutiny of documents, it is found that the proposed land for prospecting operation for Iron ore is owned by the applicant;

THEREFORE, in view of above mentioned facts and circumstances, the Government of Meghalaya, in exercise of power conferred under sub-rule (3) of Rule 27 of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016, upon satisfying of the bona fides of the applicant, hereby authorizes **Shri. Jriang Sing Phanbuh**, Lower Lachumiere Shillong (hereinafter referred to as "Lessor") to grant Prospecting License in favour of **Hercules Mining and Minerals Pvt. Limited**, Heera Ganj, Kanti, Madhya Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as "Licensee") for prospecting of Iron Ore on 1613 hectares of land at Wahlakhiat, Mawkarah village, West Khasi hills Districts subject to the following conditions, namely: -

- a) Prospecting license deed in Form B shall be executed by the Lessor and Licensee within ninety days from the date of communication of this order and submit to the State Government a certified copy of the license in

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- duplicate (copy of a Model Form of Prospecting License (Form B) is enclosed).
- b) The Licensee shall complete prospecting operation within 3 (three) years from the date of issue of the order.
 - c) The Licensee shall submit to the Controller General or Regional Controller of Indian Bureau of Mines and to the State Government a scheme of prospecting within a period of sixty days from the date of execution of the license, indicating the manner in which he proposes to carry out the prospecting operations in the area covered under the license.
 - d) The scheme of prospecting shall be prepared in the format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines from time to time.
 - e) The Licensee shall submit to the State Government a full report of prospecting operation done by him and disclose all information acquired by him in the course of the operations carried out regarding the geology and mineral resources of the area.
 - f) The Licensee shall immediately report to the State Government on the existence of caves within area proposed for prospecting if any, encountered during the course of prospecting operations.
 - g) The Licensee may with the written permission of the State, carry away quantitative in excess of the limits specified in Schedule VIII of said Rules on payment of royalty to the State Government
 - h) The Licensee shall report to the State Government the discovery of any mineral not specified in the application within a period of 60 (sixty) days from the date of such discovery. Consequent upon such reporting, such newly discovered mineral shall be deemed to have been included in the prospecting scheme.
 - i) The Licensee shall observe the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder, Mines Act, 1952 and Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.
 - j) The Licensee shall take measures for the protection of environment like planting of tree, reclamation of mined land; use of pollution control devices and such other measures as may be prescribed by Central or State Government from time to time.
 - k) The Licensee shall obtain prior written approval from the Forests and Environment Department for felling of trees, clearing of undergrowth and brushwood.
 - l) The Licensee shall obtain prior approval from the Deputy Commissioner or Collectors to make and use any drains, water courses or water on the said lands for such purposes as may be necessary for effectually carrying on the prospecting operations and for the workmen employed thereon. The licensee shall always ensure that such use shall not diminish or interfere with the supply of water to which any cultivated land, building or watering place, for livestock has been accustomed and shall ensure that its prospecting operations do not foul or pollute streams, springs or wells;
 - m) The Licensee shall maintain an accurate and faithful account of all expenses incurred by him on prospecting operations and also the quantity and other particulars of all minerals obtained during such operations and their despatch;

- n) The Licensee shall pay such compensation as may be assessed by lawful authority in accordance with law for all damage, injury or disturbance which may be done during the course of prospecting operation.
- o) Save in the case of land over which the licensee has been save in the case of land over which the licensee has been granted a mining lease on or before the expiry or termination of the licence, as the case may be, the licensee shall within six months after the expiry or termination of the licence or date of abandonment, whichever is earlier, securely plug any borehole and fill up or fence any holes or excavations that may have been made in the lands to the extent required by the Deputy Commissioner or Collector, as the case may be. The licensee shall also restore the surface of the land and all buildings thereon which may have been damaged or destroyed in the course of its prospecting operations, provided that it shall not be required to restore the surface of the land or any building in respect of which full and proper compensation has already been paid by it.
- p) The licensee shall, on the expiry or termination of the licence or the abandonment of the prospecting operations, whichever is earlier, remove expeditiously at his own cost, all buildings, structures, plant, engines machinery, implements, utensils and other property and effects erected or brought by the licensee and standing or situated on the said lands together with all minerals won by the licensee and situated on the said land, provided that it shall not be required to remove any of the above from any part of the said lands which may be comprised in any mining lease granted to the licensee during the subsistence of the prospecting licence.
- q) The Licensee shall keep indemnified fully and completely the State Government against all claims which may be by any person or persons in respect of any such damage, injury or disturbance and all costs and expenses in connection therewith.
- r) The Licensee shall allow any officers authorized by Central Government or State Government in this behalf to inspect any prospecting operation carried on by him.
- s) The Licensee shall pay to the State Government the Royalty, DMF, NMET, cess and any other taxes/charges as per the rate notified by the Central the Government or State Government.
- t) This grant order is without prejudice to any other order or direction from the court or competent authority.
- u) This grant order does not, in any way, imply the approval of the Government in terms of necessary clearances under other relevant/applicable statutory provisions.
- v) The State Government may, by order in writing after providing the applicant the opportunity of being heard, cancel the order of authorisation at any time in the case of breach of any condition imposed on licensee.

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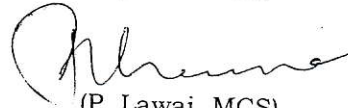
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Dated Shillong the 14th September, 2020

Copy forwarded to:-

1. P.S to the Chief Minister of Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF Meghalaya Shillong for information.
3. The Director of Mineral Resources, Meghalaya Shillong for information and necessary action. Copy of application submitted by the applicant enclosed.
4. The Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills for information.
5. The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
6. The Director General, Directorate General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jharkand.
- ✓ 7. Shri. Jriang Sing Phanbuh, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong for information and necessary action.
8. M/s Hercules Mining and Minerals Pvt. Limited, Heera Ganj, Kanti, Madhya Pradesh for information and necessary action.

By order etc.,



(P. Lawai, MCS)

Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
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