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STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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No.2937—SM-MC2-SMP-0002/2021/SM.— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act., 1957 (67 of 1957), the State Government do hereby make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2022.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 16,—

(i) for sub-rule (3) excluding *Explanation*, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

(3) The applicant having a net worth of less than one percentum of the value of estimated mineral resources shall not be eligible for participating in the auction process for grant of a mining lease:

Provided that, the net worth requirement shall not exceed fifty crore rupees.

(ii) for sub-rule(10), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

“(10) The selected bidder shall, convey his acceptance of the terms and conditions within fifteen days of such intimation and deposit a sum equivalent to zero point two five percentum (0.25) of the value of estimated mineral

resources, subject to a maximum of ten crore rupees, towards part of security deposit and such deposit along with the earnest money, shall be held as, interest-free security deposit for due observance of the terms and conditions of the mining lease."

3. In the said rules, in rule 27, in sub-rule (4), for clause (iv), the following shall be substituted, namely :-

"(iv) Income Tax Return of previous financial year showing annual income for an amount not less than the amount of additional charge offered and the royalty payable for the minimum guaranteed quantity for one whole year or Bank guarantee valid for a period of eighteen months for the amount not less than the amount as above."

4. In the said rules, in rule 35, –

(i) in sub-rule (1), after the words "Schedule-II" and before the words "and compensatory afforestation " the following comma and words shall be inserted, namely :-

“, additional charge”

(ii) after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely :-

"(3) The Additional charge provided under sub-rule (1) will be the average of highest bid price received and executed in respect of five nearest sources of the same minor mineral during last three to five years in the same Tahasil or nearby Tahasil of the same District or of the nearby District :

5. In the said rules, for rule 36, the following rule shall be substituted by namely: –

"36. Duration of quarry permit .– The period of quarry permit shall be as per the project period and shall be usually for three (3) months which can be extended up to one year or more by the competent authority not exceeding the project period relating to which the permit has been granted. In case of extension of the project period the permit can be re-issued by the Competent Authority for the extended period."

6. In the said rules, in rule 45, in sub-rule (1), for the words and comma "lease has been granted through auction", the words and comma "lease has been granted", shall be substituted.

By Order of the Governor
DEORANJAN KUMAR SINGH
Principal Secretary to Government