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STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 31st March, 2022

No.2930—SM-MC3-ARFA-0001/2021/SM.— In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act., 1957 (67 of 1957) the Government of Odisha hereby make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Specified Minor Mineral Auction Rules, 2019, namely:—

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

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

2. In the Odisha Specified Minor Mineral Auction Rules, 2019, (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 5, —

(i) for sub-rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :—

(1) No person shall be eligible to participate in the auction process for grant of mining lease for specified minor mineral(s), unless such person, —

(a) is an Indian national or company as defined in clause (20) of Section 2 of the Companies Act., 2013, (18 of 2013) or a partnership firm as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Partnership Act., 1932;

(b) does not hold mining lease(s) for the particular specified minor mineral to the extent of area, which, together with the area being auctioned, is in excess of the area limit prescribed in rule 5 of the Rules, 2016; and

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(c) satisfies such other conditions as prescribed under these Rules, 2016.

Explanation:—For the purpose of this rule, a person shall be deemed to be an Indian national,—

(a) in the case of a partnership firm, only if all the partners of the partnership firm are citizens of India; and

(b) in the case of an individual, only if he is a citizen of India.

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