

NOTICE

The Ministry of Mines has prepared the draft Mineral Conservation and Development Amendment Rules, 2018 seeking to amend the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.

As part of the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, the draft Amendment Rules is made available below. Comments/suggestions are invited from the general public, Governments of States and Union Territories, Mining Industry, Stake Holders, Industry Associations, and other persons and entities concerned, on the draft Amendment Rules. The last date for receipt of the comments/suggestions is **16th February, 2018**.

The comments/suggestions may be sent by e-mail in MS-Office Word to the following ID:

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The subject of the e-mail should be **“Comments/suggestions on the draft Mineral Conservation and Development Amendment Rules, 2018”**.

Alternatively, comments/suggestions may also be sent by post to the following address:

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The envelope may kindly be super scribed on the top with: **“Comments/suggestions on the draft Mineral Conservation and Development Amendment Rules, 2018”**.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES

New Delhi, the February, 2018.

Notification

G.S.R. [E].— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to amend the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Mineral Conservation and Development Amendment Rules, 2018.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in rule 12, in sub-rule (4), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that in case of mining leases expiring under sub-section (6) of section 8A, where the leases shall expire on 31st March, 2020 the holders of such mining leases shall submit an exploration plan within 60 days of issue of this notification to State Mining Departments, to comply with exploration required as per clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 4 of Mineral (Evidence of Mineral Content) Rules, 2015, over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease. The State shall approve the plan within 30 days after submission with or without modifications. The lessees shall be duty bound to implement the plan, including its timelines, so as to complete the exploration by 1st April, 2019.”.

[F. No. 1/1/2018-M.VI]

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Note:- The Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, part II, section 3, sub-section (i) vide notification number G.S.R. 169(E), dated the 27th February, 2017.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 are being amended to ensure exploration to be carried out in the mining leases expiring in 2020 for preparing a road map for auctioning the said leases so that the production of key minerals viz. iron ore, manganese and chromite ore etc. may not be severely affected due to expiry of these leases.