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Government of India
Ministry of Mines

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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ORDER

Whereas, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (hereinafter, 'the Act') was enacted to provide for development as well as regulation of mines and minerals in the country.

And whereas, the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 have been framed under Section 18 of the Act inter-alia for the purposes of conservation and systematic development of minerals in India.

And whereas, Rule 34A has been inserted in the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules vide the Mineral Conservation and Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021 notified on 03.11.2021.

And whereas, sub-rule (1) of Rule 34A of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules provides that every lessee having an annual excavation plan of one million tonne or more in a particular year or leased area of fifty hectare or more, shall carry out a drone survey of the leased area and upto hundred metres outside the lease boundary in the month of April or May every year and submit the processed output [digital elevation model (DEM) and Orthomosaic] images obtained from such survey or any other format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard to the Controller General on or before 1st day of July every year.

And whereas, several representations have been received in Indian Bureau of Mines from leaseholders to give one time relaxation and extend the time line for carrying out drone survey and submit the processed output data to IBM.

And whereas, drone survey is a new technology and introduced for first time and some lease holders may require more time for adopting drone technology.



Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 20A of the Act, the Central Government, hereby directs that, the processed output images from drone survey which were due to be submitted on or before 1.7.2022 under sub-rule (1) of Rule 34A of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, may be submitted on or before 31.12.2022, provided that no mining plan or modification thereof shall be approved by the Indian Bureau of Mines without submission of the processed output of drone survey in the specified format.



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