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Dear Sirs,

**Sub: Ganajur ML application – lodging of Writ Petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka**

In continuation of our Update made on May 29, 2020 we write to intimate that our subsidiary, Deccan Exploration Services Private Limited has lodged a Writ yesterday with the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka with regard to its Ganajur Mining Lease (ML) application seeking directions to:

- Ministry of Mines, Government of India (MoM) to lift the abeyance on its prior approval for the Ganajur ML; and
- Government of Karnataka to issue the Grant Notification Letter for Ganajur Mining Lease followed by execution of the Mining Lease Deed in accordance with the prior approvals by the MoM in 2015 and 2017

By way of background, it may be noted that in the light of the Judgment dated February 14, 2020 delivered by the Hon'ble Karnataka High Court in M/s. Kumar Enterprises (facts of which are similar to that of our Ganajur ML application) and in keeping with our philosophy to simultaneously seek justice through the Courts whilst following up with Government of Karnataka and MoM for issue of Grant Notification Letter for our Ganajur ML application in the normal course, we have lodged the aforesaid Writ Petition.

It may be noted that the key points laid down in the aforesaid Judgment are:

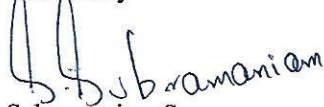
- It is well settled that in the absence of any statutory provision which provides for review of an administrative order by an authority, the authorities are not entitled to review their own orders (*therefore, we believe it is now not open to the Government of Karnataka to review its recommendation with regard to Ganajur ML or the MoM to review its prior approval already accorded*).
- An order granting prior approval by the Government of India is not empty formality and the same is passed after application of mind and after consideration of the entire material on record (*in the light of this, it should follow that MoM cannot put its prior approval for Ganajur ML under abeyance*).

We have engaged the Senior Legal Counsel who represented M/s. Kumar Enterprises for lodging the aforesaid Writ Petition and arguing the case on our behalf.

During the course of discussions, our Senior Legal Counsel indicated to us that 'inherent rights' have been bestowed on mineral concession applicants like us under Section 10A(2)(b) (introduced in 2015 into the MMDR Act, 1957) and such rights cannot be taken away by amendments to the Act.

We shall update our shareholders of further developments in this regard.

Yours truly



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