

## **MINES LIMITED**

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December 20, 2021

Corporate Relationship Department BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Fort Mumbai - 400 001

Dear Sir,

Sub: Ganajur Mining Lease – Writ Petition No 17018/2021 filed before Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka by our wholly owned subsidiary viz., Deccan Exploration Services Private Limited ("DESPL") ("Petitioner")— Update of hearing held on December 17, 2021

We wish to inform you that the captioned Writ Petition came up for hearing on December 17, 2021. It may be noted that the same was originally to be heard on January 28, 2022 and pursuant to a early hearing application made by DESPL and our constant follow-up with the Court Registry, our Writ Petition came up for hearing on December 17, 2021.

At the outset, our Legal Counsel argued that the impugned order dated 16.07.2021 passed by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India has wrongly observed that right of the Petitioner to obtain a mining lease has lapsed after amendment of section 10A(2)(b) of MMDR Act in as much as the Petitioner is not covered by the MMDR Amendment Act of 2021. Our Counsel further argued that the Petitioner has also challenged the vires of proviso to section 10A(2)(b) of MMDR Act and requested the Hon'ble Court to pass appropriate orders to the Respondent State to not to take precipitative action against the Petitioner as was ordered by the Hon'ble Court in an identical case in WP No. 1920/21. Upon such request of counsel on behalf of the Petitioner, the Hon'ble Court directed that no precipitative action to be taken against the Petitioner till next date.

The Daily Order posted on the Court Website on the hearing held on December 17, 2021 is as under:

## QUOTE:

Sri S.V.Desai, learned counsel is directed to take notice for first and third respondents. Learned Additional Government Advocate accepts notice for second and fourth respondents. Learned counsel for petitioner to serve two sets of writ petition copies on the learned Additional Government Advocate and learned counsel appearing for Union of India. Learned counsel appearing for petitioner brings to our notice that in an identical case, the Coordinate Bench had granted interim order in WP.No.1920/2021 thereby directing respondents-authorities not to precipitate the matter. The petitioner herein shall have the benefit of the said order accordingly. Respondents shall not precipitate the matter till next date. Learned Additional Government Advocate and learned counsel appearing for Union of India shall file objections by four weeks. List on 04.02.2022."

UNQUOTE: -



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As directed by the Court, our Legal Counsel shall be serving two sets of our Writ Petition on the learned Additional Government Advocate, Government of Karnataka (who has accepted notice on behalf of second and fourth respondents being the Commerce & Industries Department; and Department of Mines and Geology – Government of Karnataka) and Learned Counsel appearing for Union of India (who has been directed to take notice on behalf of first and third respondents being the Ministry of Mines, Government of India and Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur).

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

Yours truly

Subramaniam S.
Company Secretary

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