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Dear

You would be aware that Ministry of Mines have successfully organized 3 (three) National Conclave on Mines & Minerals, with participation from the representatives of state governments, mining industries, industry associations, financial & academic institutions, and other stakeholders of the Mining Industry, to discuss various issues, challenges and opportunities in the mining sector. It has helped strengthen the efforts of the Ministry in enabling the mining sector to contribute its fullest to foster the rapid growth of national economy and employment generation. The switch over to the auction regime for grant of mineral concession has been the key transformation brought about in the mineral sector for ensuring greater transparency. This auction regime for major minerals has been initiated by the amendment of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, which is the principal act governing the Mineral Sector. The regime has taken off well with 4th major mineral blocks already auctioned successfully by 9 States.

2. To carry forward the efforts of the Government for strengthening the mineral auction regime, the Hon'ble Minister of Mines has decided to organize 4th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals for showcasing blocks which will be auctioned by the states in FY 2018-19 to the potential investors, which is to be held on Friday, the 13th July, 2018 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

3. The Conclave will provide an effective platform to showcase auctionable blocks by the respective State Governments and enable intensive discussion on the issues, and opportunities with the potential investors & other stakeholders.

4. In the Conclave, various potential investors will be invited, and the concerned States will give presentation about the major mineral blocks that are to be auctioned in FY 2018-19 by them. Further, presentations by Indian Bureau of Mines with regard to preparation of Mining Plan, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on the post auction clearances such EC & FC will also be included in the schedule of the conclave. This would not only help attracting investments but also commit the States for following the timelines for putting the blocks on auction.

5. I request you to kindly participate in the Conclave on 13th July, 2018 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh or depute senior official of the Mining Department. Your active participation in the conclave will strengthen our efforts in enabling the mining sector to contribute its fullest to foster the rapid growth of national economy.

6. Further, you are also requested to contact CEO/Heads/etc. of potential investors such as miners and downstream & allied mineral industry, etc. to attend the conclave. The tentative list of the CEO/Heads/etc. may also be sent to the Ministry at the earliest so that an invitation letter from me also be sent to them. The list of likely participants may be mailed at miningconclave@gmail.com by 10.06.2018.

7. I am looking forward for your continued support to make this conclave successful.

Yours sincerely,

(Anil Mukim)

Chief Secretary in charge of Mining Department of State Government of Assam, Bihar, Meghalaya, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Kerala.