SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE

The Ministry of Mines has prepared the draft rules named “The Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2016” under section 18 of the MMDR Act, 1957, for the conservation and systematic development of minerals and for the protection of environment and for purposes connected therewith.

The draft rules have been placed on the website of the Ministry for inviting comments/suggestions from the general public, Governments of States / Union Territories, Mining Industry, Stake Holders, Industry Associations, and other persons and entities concerned. The last date for receipt of the comments/suggestions is 29th September, 2016.

Rule 2 of the draft rules has been modified to read as:

2. **Applicability.**- These rules shall apply to all minerals except:–

   (i) petroleum and natural gas;
   (ii) coal, lignite and sand for stowing;
   (iii) any mineral declared as prescribed substance for the purpose of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 (33 of 1962); and
   (iv) minor minerals:

Provided that the State Government may by notification extend the application of any of the provisions of these rules, with such modification(s) as may be deemed necessary and appropriate, to the minor minerals:

Provided further that the powers and responsibilities to be exercised by the Central Government or the Indian Bureau of Mines in respect of minerals other than minor minerals shall be exercisable by the State Government or State Directorate of Mining and Geology (by whatever named called) or any other authority subordinate to the State Government as may be notified by the State Government while extending the application of these rules to minor minerals.

The comments/suggestions on the above modified draft rule 2 as well as the other draft MCDR Rules, 2016 may be sent by e-mail, latest by 29.9.2016, to the following ID:

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It may kindly be ensured that the comments are sent on MS-Office Word file. 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 Rules, 2016”.