

ABSTRACT

Industries – Mines and Minerals – Major Mineral – Mining lease granted to Tvl.Ramco Cements Limited for mining limestone over an extent of 129.72.0 hectares of patta and poramboke lands in S.F.Nos.96/1, 98/1, 99/1, etc., of Kullakattankurichi, Pudur, Muthusamypuram, Sivalarpatti and Vannipatti Villages, Vilathikulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District – Declaring as 'not lapsed' – Orders – Issued.

Industries (MMA.1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.20

Dated: 18.02.2022 பிலவ வருடம் – மாசி 6 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2053

Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms).No.5, Industries (MMA.1) Department, dated 06.01.2017.
- 2. G.O.(Ms).No.80, Industries (MMA.1) Department, dated 22.02.2021.
- 3. From Director of Geology and Mining Letter Rc.No.2871/MM5/2020, dated 02.02.2022.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, a mining lease was granted to Tvl.Ramco Cements Limited for mining Limestone, over an extent of 129.72.0 Hectares (comprising 128.74.5 hectares of patta and 0.97.5 hectares of poramboke lands) falling in S.F.No.96/1, 98/1, 99/1 etc., in Kullakattankurichi, Pudur, Muthusamypuram, Sivalarpatti and Vannipatti Villages, Vilathikulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District for a period of 50 years. The validity of the lease is from 11.1.2017 to 10.1.2067.

- 2. In the Government Order second read above, the Government declared that the mining lease granted to Tvl.Ramco Cements Limited, as 'not lapsed' under Rule 20(6) of the Minerals (other than Atomic and Hydrocarbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 subject to the condition that the mining lease shall lapse if the lessee fails to undertake mining operations or inability to do mining operation before the end of a period of six months from the date of the Government order.
- 3. In the letter third read above, the Director of Geology and Mining has informed that since the time granted for six months came to an end on 21.08.2021, Tvl.Ramco Cements Limited has filed an another application on 19.08.2021 along with application fee of Rs.1,00,000/- and the lessee has requested to grant extension of time period of further six months upto 21.02.2022. The Director of Geology and Mining has also stated that, Tvl.Ramco Cements Limited in their letter dated 24.01.2022, has informed that they have obtained all the statutory clearance like Environmental Clearance, Approved Mining Plan and Consent to Operate and therefore requested to extend time till 21.02.2022 to commence mining operation in the subject Mining Lease.
- 4. In the letter third read above, the Director of Geology and Mining has recommended and forwarded the request of Tvl.Ramco Cements Limited to grant extension of further period of six months upto 21.02.2022 in respect of the Mining Lease granted for mining limestone over an extent of 129.72.0 Hectares (comprising

128.74.5 hectares of patta and 0.97.5 hectares of poramboke lands) falling in S.F.No.96/1, 98/1, 99/1 etc., in Kullakattankurichi, Pudur, Muthusamypuram, Sivalarpatti and Vannipatti Villages, Vilathikulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District for declaring the lease as non lapse under the Rule 20(6) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 and under Section 4A(4) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act.

- The Government has carefully examined the request of TvI.Ramco Cements Limited and the recommendations of the Director of Geology and Mining along with the relevant provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Amendment Act and the Mineral (Other than Atomic & Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 and decided to accept the recommendation of the Director of Geology and Mining for granting extension of non lapse for a further period of six months upto 21.02.2022. Accordingly, Government hereby declare that the Mining Lease granted to the Tvl.Ramco Cements Limited for mining Limestone over an extent of 129.72.0 Hectares (comprising 128.74.5 hectares of patta and 0.97.5 hectares of Government lands) falling in S.F.No.96/1, 98/1, 99/1, etc., in Kullakattankurichi, Pudur, Muthusamypuram, Sivalarpatti and Vannipatti Villages, Vilathikulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, as 'not lapsed' as per rule 20(6) of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 and under Section 4A(4) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, subject to the condition that the Mining Lease shall lapse on failure to undertake 'production and dispatch' or inability to continue 'production and dispatch' within 21.02.2022.
- 6. The Director of Geology and Mining and the District Collector, Thoothukudi District are requested to take necessary further action.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

S.KRISHNAN ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Director of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

The District Collector, Thoothukudi District.

The Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Chennai – 600 090.

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The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources), Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Industries (GIM) Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009. SF/SCs.

//Forwarded by Order//

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