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ABSTRACT

Industries – Mines and Minerals – Major Mineral – Mining lease granted to Thiru.S.Saravanan, Managing Director, Sathammai Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. for mining limestone over an extent of 4.75.0 hectares of patta and poramboke lands in S.F.Nos.17/1A, 20/1, 18/2A(P) etc., of Vayalapadi Village, Kunnam Taluk, Perambalur District – Declaring as 'not lapsed' and extension of lease period – Orders – Issued.

Industries (MMA.1) Department

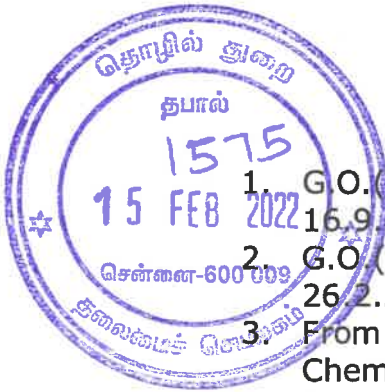
G.O.(4D) No.2

Dated: 14.2.2022

பிலவ வருடம் – மாசி-2

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053

Read:



1. G.O.(3D) No.128, Industries(MMA.2) Department, dated 16.9.1998.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.125, Industries (MMA.1) Department, dated 26.2.2021.
3. From Thiru.S.Saravanan, Managing Director, Sathammai Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. Letters dated 12.5.2021, 21.5.2021, 5.11.2021 and 19.11.2021.
4. From Director of Geology and Mining Letter Rc.No.7757/MM9/2018, dated 27.12.2021.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, a mining lease was granted to Thiru.S.Saravanan, Managing Director, Sathammai Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. for mining limestone over an extent of 4.75.0 hectares of patta and poramboke lands in S.F.Nos.17/1A, 20/1, 18/2A(P) etc., of Vayalapadi Village, Kunnam Taluk, Perambalur District for a period of 20 years and the lease period is valid from 12.3.1999 to 11.3.2019.

2. In the Government Order second read above, the Government declared that the mining lease granted to Thiru. S. Saravanan, Managing Director, Sathammai Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. 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 his Letter dated: 21.5.2021, Thiru.S.Saravanan, Managing Director, Sathammai Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. has stated that as per the amended the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 (MMDR Act) they are eligible for one year period of non-lapsing and he has

requested the Government to grant the extension of one year as per the MMDR Amendment Act 2021. Subsequently, in his application dated 5.11.2021, he has stated that the lease is valid for 50 years as per the amended MMDR Act and he has requested the Government to grant them the extension of non-lapsing time for another six months. Further, in his letter dated 19.11.2021, he has also requested to grant them the extension of lease period as per Section 8A(3) of the MMDR Amendment Act 2015.

4. In the letter fourth read above, the Director of Geology and Mining has stated that in respect of the mining lease granted in the G.O. first read above, the District Collector, Perambalur vide letter dated 11.02.2020 has forwarded the proposal for extension of the lease period upto 11.03.2049 under Section 8A(3), 8A(5) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015. He has further stated that the lessee has applied for non lapsing of mining lease and requested to extend the period from 6 months to one year as per the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act 2021. The Director of Geology and Mining (DGM) has also stated that the lessee has obtained Environmental Clearance from the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and the Environmental Clearance is granted for the production of 2,53,304 MTY of Limestone which is valid upto 31.3.2024. He has observed that the lessee has discontinued mine operation for want of Environmental Clearance, and at present, the lessee has obtained the Environmental Clearance and therefore, the application towards non lapse and extension of lease period have to be considered and orders have to be passed. He has further observed that based on the recommendation of District Collector, Perambalur, the mining lease granted to Thiru.S.Saravanan is eligible for extension of the mining lease under Section 8A(3) of the MMDR Amended Act, 2015 for a period of 50 years from original grant. i.e., from 12.03.1999 to 11.03.2049, and the orders for the extension of lease may be considered by regularizing the non operation period.

5. In the letter fourth read above, the Director of Geology and Mining has also recommended the requests of Thiru.S.Saravanan, Managing Director, Sathammai Chemicals Pvt.Ltd. for extension of lease upto 11.03.2049 for the mining lease granted for mining limestone over an extent of 4.75.0 hectares of patta and poramboke lands in S.F.Nos.17/1A, 20/1, 18/2A(P) etc., of Vayalapadi Village, Kunnam Taluk, Perambalur District, for passing orders under Section 8A(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015 and declaring the lease as 'non lapse' under the Rule 20(6) of Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 subject to certain conditions.

6. The Government has carefully examined the requests of Thiru. S. Saravanan, Managing Director, Sathammai Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. and the recommendations of the Director of Geology & 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 recommendations

of the Director of Geology and Mining for extension of the lease upto 11.03.2049. With regard to declaring the lease as 'not lapsed', it is observed that the lease has already been declared as 'not-lapsed' by extending lease period for 6 months and that the lease is now eligible for declaring as 'not lapsed' by extension of the period for a total of one year in all upto 25.2.2022 and the mining lease shall lapse on failure to undertake production & dispatch or inability to continue production & dispatch within 25.2.2022. Accordingly, the Government hereby declare that the mining lease granted to Thiru. S. Saravanan, Managing Director, Sathammai Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. for mining limestone over an extent of 4.75.0 hectares of patta and poramboke lands in S.F.Nos.17/1A, 20/1, 18/2A(P) etc., of Vayalapadi Village, Kunnam Taluk, Perambalur District as 'not lapsed' under the Rule 20(6) of Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 and the lease period for the mining lease granted in the Government Order first read above is extended upto 11.03.2049 under Section 8A(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The terms and conditions mentioned in the lease grant order vide G.O.(3D).No.128, Industries (MMA.2) Department, dated 16.09.1998 should be strictly complied with.
- (ii) The lessee company has to execute the supplementary lease deed for the extension of tenure of the lease period and pay the differential stamp duty.
- (iii) The mining lease shall lapse on failure to undertake production and dispatch or inability to continue production and dispatch within 25.2.2022.
- (iv) The lessee has to obtain Environmental Clearance for the remaining period from 01.04.2024 to 11.03.2049.
- (v) The lessee has to remit, the interest towards belated payment of surface right annual compensation remitted by the lessee during the year 2019 for the lease period from 1999-2000 to 2019-2020, to be worked out by the District Collector before execution of lease deed.
- (vi) The lessee has to abide by the terms and condition of the mining lease stipulated in Rule 12 of Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.
- (vii) The lessee has to produce latest mining dues certificate in respect of the leases held by him in others Districts of the State before the execution of supplementary lease deed.
- (viii) The lessee has to obtain consent to establish and consent to operate from the TNPCB before the commencement of mining operation.

- (ix) The lessee company should comply with the additional conditions stipulated in the Government of India, Ministry of Mines, Order No.11/02/2020 dated 14.01.2020 issued as per the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 08.01.2020 that stands

"The mining lease holders shall after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc."

7. All the mine/quarry labourers should be registered with the Labour Welfare Board of Government of Tamil Nadu and to be enrolled in the Group Insurance Scheme.

8. The terms and conditions stated in this order are subject to such further modifications, deletion, additions and alterations as may be included in the lease deed when finalized.

9. The District Collector, Perambalur district is directed to execute lease deed as per the provisions under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 as amended on 12.1.2015 and the rules framed thereunder. The Director of Geology and Mining and the District Collector, Perambalur District are requested to take necessary further action.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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