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**"GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
MINES AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT**

Dated Lahore, the 3rd January, 2025

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No.SOT(M&M)3-1/2015(VOL-II)/89.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 2 of the Regulation of Mines and Oil-fields and Mineral Development (Government Control) Act, 1948 (XXIV of 1948), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following amendments in the Punjab Mining Concession Rules, 2002, with immediate effect:

AMENDMENTS

In the Punjab Mining Concession Rules, 2002:

1. In rule 2, after clause (xxiii), the following shall be inserted:

"xxiii-a. "major minerals" means the minerals other than the minor minerals;"

2. In rule 3-A:

- (a) in sub-rule (1), the words "from the Department" shall be omitted; and
- (b) in sub-rule (2), in clause (a), at the end, for the expression "; and", the expression "colon" shall be substituted and thereafter, the following shall be inserted:

"Provided that the reserve price shall be ratified by the Government in case of auction of minerals as specified in the Schedule 3 under precious stones group, precious metal group and semi-precious stones group; and"

3. In rule 66:

- (a) in sub-rule (1):
 - (i) in clause (c), for the word "three", the word "ten" shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in clause (d), for the word "two", the word "ten" shall be substituted; and
 - (iii) in clause (f), for the word "one", the word "three" shall be substituted; and
- (b) after sub-rule (4), the following shall be inserted:

"(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in this rule, the Government may order inclusion of royalty in the reserve price for auction of minerals as specified in the Schedule 3 under precious stones group, precious

metal group and semi-precious stones group through competitive bidding."

4. In rule 68, for the figure "30", the figure "10" shall be substituted.
5. In rule 70, for the word "Government", wherever occurs, the words "Licensing Authority" shall be substituted.
6. In rule 71, at the end, for the "full stop", the expression "colon" shall be substituted and thereafter, the following shall be inserted:

"Provided that in case of failure to pay the amount of penalty or to rectify the default, the Licensing Authority may cancel the mineral title subject to notice as mentioned in rule 57."

7. For rule 76, the following shall be substituted:

"76. Competitive bids.-

- (1) The Licensing Authority may, when required by the Secretary to do so, invite competitive bids, on the terms and conditions approved by the Government, for the issue of an exploration licence or a mining lease through auction or e-auction in respect of any area of land which is subject to:
 - a. a reconnaissance licence which gives the holder an exclusive right such as is referred to in rule 14 (3); or
 - b. an exploration licence, a mining lease or a mineral deposit retention licence or a prospecting licence or a mining lease under small scale mining; and may, in accordance with these rules, issue the appropriate mineral title to the successful bidder.
 - (2) The mining leases of minerals as specified in the Schedule 3 under precious stones group, precious metal group and semi-precious stones group, granted under this rule shall be non-renewable and non-amendable."
8. In rule 141, for sub-rules (1) and (2), the following shall be substituted:

"(1) A licensee or a lessee shall pay or cause to pay royalty not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar month at such rate and in such manner as prescribed by the Government on all minerals produced and carried away and produce copy of said challan to the licensing authority.

(2) In case of non-payment of rent and royalty dues within the grace period as mentioned in sub-rule (1), a penalty at the rate of ten percent per month calculated on the basis of the total

outstanding dues for the delay of each month or a part thereof from the date the payment became due."

9. In rule 187, in sub-rule (2), at the end, for the "full stop", the expression "colon" shall be substituted and thereafter, the following shall be inserted:

"Provided that for auction of minerals as specified in the Schedule 3 under precious stones group, precious metal group and semi-precious stones group, the terms and conditions of competitive bidding or sealed tenders or e-auction under sub-rule (1) shall be notified by the Government."

10. In rule 194:
- (a) in sub-rule (1), for the word "Government", the word "Secretary" shall be substituted; and
 - (b) in sub-rule (2), for the word "Secretary", the words "Secretary Auction Committee" shall be substituted.
11. In rule 195, for the word "Secretary", the words "Secretary Auction Committee" shall be substituted.
12. In rule 195-A, in sub-rule (1), for the word "Government", the expression "Director General, Mines and Minerals, Punjab" shall be substituted.
13. In rule 197, for the word "Secretary", the expression "Director General, Mines and Minerals, Punjab" shall be substituted.
14. In rule 197-A, in sub-rule (1), for the word "Government", the word "Secretary" shall be substituted.
15. In rule 199, in sub-rule (1), for the word "Secretary", the words "Secretary Auction Committee" shall be substituted.
16. In rule 206, for the word "Secretary", wherever occurs, the words "Secretary Auction Committee" shall be substituted.

SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
MINES AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT"

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