MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE SEMINAR HALL AT SECRETARIAT, PROVORIM GOA ON 19/06/2018 AT 4.00 P.M CONCERNING SAFETY, SECURITY, MONSON PREPAREDNESS IN MINING AREAS.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary (Mines). The list of participants is as per Annexure –I.

1. Secretary (Mines) sought to know the details of inspection undertaken by DGMS. DGMS stated that he had conducted inspections on 06/06/2018 and 13/06/2018 and covered all the mines in Goa which are treated as vulnerable as per his department data. He stated that all necessary steps for safety of such mines or dumps as suggested/directed by DGMS have been undertaken by erstwhile lease holders. He categorically mentioned that there was no danger observed during inspection.

2. The Regional controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines also expressed his satisfaction over the fact that erstwhile lease holders have taken required necessary steps to avoid any mines safety issues for failure on part of the erstwhile lease holders.
3. It was also discussed and agreed that the fresh dumps from extraction done during last year uptill 15/03/2018 are also likely to be stabilised with the pre-monsoon and regular rains after commencement of monsoon in the State.

4. Principal Chief Engineer of Water Resources Department mentioned that independently they are also monitoring the situation more particularly accumulation of water, its channelization, removal of blockade etc to the flow of water so that safety of villagers and their property is protected. He also desired that during the inspection critical pits may be identified so also dumps which may be critical during monsoon.

5. Secretary (Mines) took details from erstwhile lease holders representatives concerning leases, dumps and roads which required special attention and those highlighted in minutes of meeting held on 01/06/2018.

6. It was confirmed from the erstwhile lease holders representatives that necessary actions are initiated and statutory staff is already deployed. The necessary machinery etc is also deployed at the site. The sites are inspected on day to day basis for safety measures. The DGMS has been in constant touch with Nodal Officers of erstwhile lease holders and telephonically the inputs are shared with Office of DGMS.

7. The DGMS requested Mines department to provide vehicles for inspections which was agreed to by Director, Mines.

8. It was further decided that the inspections shall commence from 26/06/2018 and shall be completed by 30/06/2018 covering all the leases in the State of Goa.
9. The improvised format/checklist prepared by DGMS shall be used during the inspection and incase of any discrepancy or any corrective measures if required to be undertaken by the erstwhile lease holders at any minehead, dump etc the representatives of erstwhile lease holders shall immediately be notified during such visit and one set of full checklist shall be maintained at Office of DGMS and one set shall be shared with DMG.

10. Secretary (Mines) stated that since there is already an alert from IMD that there shall be constant heavy rains in 4-5 days in Goa. The Statutory staff of erstwhile leaseholders be directed to be alert and take necessary precautionary measures as required from time to time.

The meeting ended with thanks to chair.

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Director of Mines & Geology

Place : Panaji- Goa

Dated : 20/06/2018