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**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
MINES AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
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NOTIFICATION

Dated the Dispur, 19th May, 2025

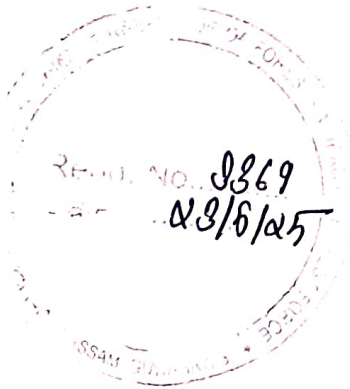
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ECF No.638769/10: In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Assam Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2013, hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules, in the manner hereinafter appearing, namely:

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| Short title and commencement | 1. | (1) | These rules may be called the Assam Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2025. |
| publication | | (2) | They shall come into force on the date of their in the Official Gazette. |
| Amendment of Rule 8 | 2. | | In the principal Rules, in rule , after sub-rule (6), the following sub-rule (7) shall be inserted, namely: |
| | | (7) (i) | Mining lease for Circular Economy Based Zero Waste (CEBZW) mining by use of high-end technology shall be granted for a period of 30 (thirty) years by the competent authority by inviting online open bids which shall be in two stage, bidding process from eligible bidders having a capacity of investment of Rupees 100 (hundred) Crore or more in setting up industries in the State using mined minerals as raw material and bringing enabling technologies for Circular Economy Based Zero Waste (CEBZW) Mining. |

Explanation: "Circular Economy Based Zero Waste (CEBZW) Mining" means a mining activity that,

- Does not allow any significant emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 and Particulate Matter (PM) 10 particles in the environment; and
- Accounts for every waste of the mining to be re-used to reduce different by-products which are commercial in nature and which have minimum discharge in the surrounding areas.



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- (ii) The lessee of Circular Economy Based Zero Waste (CEBZW) mines shall be allowed to sell up to fifty percent (50%) of the mined minerals in the open market.
- (iii) Each Circular Economy Based Zero Waste (CEBZW) mine which shall be allotted for 30 (thirty) years on lease under these rules and shall be made fully secured within four months of time from the date of executing the lease agreement by installation of appropriate weigh bridges, CCTV, geo-fencing and other security devices as directed by the competent authority.
- (iv) The bid for Circular Economy Based Zero Waste (CEBZW) Mining shall have two components of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD);
 - a) a fixed amount of Rs. 10 Lakhs or more for initial participation in the online tender as decided by the competent authority;
 - b) ten percent (10%) of the proposed investment in the form of Bank Guarantee shall be required to be submitted before the opening of the financial bid, if the bidder is qualified in the technical round.
- (v) The bidder proposing the highest investment which shall be based on pro-rata rate of minimum investment expected per hectare of the proposed leased area as decided by the Administrative Department in this regard shall be the successful bidder as defined in the bid document.
- (vi) If a single valid bid with eligible technical and financial bids is received, the same shall be termed as valid bid only after the bid period has been extended twice and each time for 15 days and based on the merit of the case, and if found fit, the competent authority may proceed to award the lease.
- (vii) No lease shall be awarded below the Government royalty of the minerals as per Schedule-1 of these rules and that no minerals shall be removed from the lease area without payment of applicable Government royalty in advance.

- (viii) The successful bidder shall be bound to implement the investment as per the valid financial bid submitted within a period of 3 (three) years of signing of the agreement, failing which the Earnest Money Deposits of the successful bidder shall be forfeited and the bidder shall be debarred from participating in such online open bids for a period of five years for grant of fresh mineral concession in the State.
- (ix) The provision of sub-rule (4) of this rule shall not be applicable to the lease granted under Circular Economy Based Zero Waste (CEBZW) mining."

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