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INSTRUCTING CIRCULAR
on Preventing Measures Against Anarchic Mineral Exploitation
in Provinces/Municipalities in the Kingdom of Cambodia

So far the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy (MIME) has noticed that in some areas of provinces-municipalities anarchic mines exploitations have taken place and seriously damaged the wealth of natural resources whereby they are recognized by law as state properties and such an activity leads to huge losses of state budget and sheds negative impact on to the environment in those areas. Practices include the use of explosives and chemical substances without permits that entails in serious consequences to the safety of human and animal health residing inside and in the surrounding areas where those anarchic activities occur.

Therefore, in order to prevent anarchic mineral exploitation in provinces and municipalities, MIME instructs Provincial/municipal Industry, Mines and Energy as follows:

I. Regarding Anarchic Exploitation

1. Control and list the locations of anarchic mineral exploitation in each province/municipality in cooperation with local authorities in order to take strict and effective measures toward such anarchic exploitations.
2. Cooperate with local authorities to examine the activities of anarchic mineral exploitation as follows:
 - Prevent the transportation of explosives and chemical substances prohibited by the state to be used in such anarchic mineral exploitation
 - Manage and prevent new coming people who want to enter into their areas to participate in anarchic mineral exploitation.
 - Supervise the activities of workshops that produce heavy and mobile equipments serving the activity of anarchic mines exploitation.
 - Control workshops that produce light equipments (levier, basket, conical hat) for the purpose of serving anarchic mineral exploitation.
 - Prevent any mineral exploration or exploitation by using backing support of any powerful person in the area without any permit from MIME.
 - Shall report regularly to MIME the outcome of examination and closure of anarchic mineral exploitation and conduct environmental impact assessment and propose necessary measures then submitted to MIME for consideration and approval.

II. Regarding Companies or Businesspersons Holding Mineral Licenses Issued by MIME

Examine concessionaires those who obtained mineral licenses from MIME for mineral exploration and exploitation in their areas and shall monitor and supervise operational activities with regard to mines to be in line with the conditions set forth in mineral licenses granted by MIME to specific concessionaires under effective agreements.

When receiving this Instructing Circular, Directors of Provincial/municipal Industry, Mines and Energy to effectively implement it.

Sealed and signed by SUY SEM

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