



Circular No: DG/GSMB/2017/001

Geological Survey and Mines Bureau

To – General Manager/ Deputy Director (mining)/ Deputy Director (Geology)/ Registrar-Mineral Titling/ Legal Officer/ all Mining Engineers/ all Regional Offices

Revision of the process with regard to consideration of applying Mining Licenses for Minerals and Construction Materials

Accepting the licenses for mining and the process to extend the licenses will be revised as follows with effect from 15.11.2017.

- (i) Acceptance of all mining license applications should be done under section 3(2) and 5(5) of the gazette no. 794/23 dated 26.11.1993.
- (ii) Mining license applications should be obtained by paying the required registration fee after the recommendations were given as per the sections 30 and 51 of the Mines and Mineral Act No. 33 of 1992.
- (iii) When a certain applicant declares his willingness to apply for a mining license, the application attached here should be issued to register with the Bureau and the Bureau should issue a printed list of documents that should be attached and the necessary documents to get the recommendations.
- (iv) All the applications received should be registered in a separate register in the Bureau and it should be properly maintained.
- (v) Acceptance of the application to issue a mining license should be received by the Bureau with the above recommendations and documents and the required amount of fee.
- (vi) Once the documents are received a copy of the file should be given to the engineer for onsite checks and the onsite check report should be given to the file within 02 weeks.
- (vii) In case of a statement made in writing by the applicant saying that a public institution does not give recommendations purposely, the applications should be accepted saying that the application would be rejected, but the applicant should be given the opportunity to appeal.
- (viii) Accordingly, the registration fee for the applications should be as follows with effect from 15 November 2017 and it should be submitted with information in the annexure given below.

Initial application fee**Field test charges**

Industrial mining license A	5000/ +Field test charge of the Bureau
Industrial mining license B	3000/-+ Field test charge of the Bureau
Industrial mining license C	2000/-+ Field test charge of the Bureau
Artisanal mining A	1500/- + Field test charge of the Bureau
Artisanal mining B	1000/- + Field test charge of the Bureau

- (ix) Provision of construction material for the governments prioritized development projects should be done in accordance with the circular 02/2017 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment.

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