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Royal Government of Bhutan

PRIME MINISTER

C-2/2023/1631

12th May 2023

Executive Order

In what is a call for a sacrifice for greater welfare, I issue this executive order for the premature closing of Jadolum Limestone Mine located at Jadolum under Dogar Gewog, Paro.

While doing so, I am confident that the operator of the mine will be in tune with me in this pursuit of upholding the aesthetical and environmental values we all cherish as a Bhutanese. Since the present location compromises those, please know that we are compelled to propose another location.

We are fully aware of the operational disruption it will cause and certain business considerations the operator will have to make. Acknowledging these, on my part, we will ensure all possible support for seamless transition to the replacement mine, which I was informed was at Dortithasa in Gakiling gewog, Haa.

Therefore, I would like to ask the Department of Geology Mines (DGM), Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, to treat this as a special case and initiate the process for the replacement mine with immediate effect.

All concerned agencies and departments, including the Dzongkhag Land Leasing Committee (DLLC), must support DGM, MoENR and expedite the clearance processes for the lease of state land for marble deposits identified at Dorithasa.

I would like to thank the mine operator in advance for agreeing to this initiative. In being able to share the same views, in willing to make personal adjustments for larger interest, we open new horizons to move forward. This gives us hope, as a community, and as a nation.

(Dr Lotay Tshering)

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1. Dasho Zimpon, Office of Gyalpo Zimpon, for kind information
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