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Notification No.SOT(M&MD)8-15/1990, dated 06.01.2023 issued by Government of the Punjab, Mines and Minerals Department, is hereby published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary) for general information:

**"GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
MINES & MINERAL DEPARTMENT**Dated Lahore, the 06th January, 2023**NOTIFICATION**

NO.SOT(M&MD)8-15/1990: - In supersession of this department's notification of even number dated 18.08.2022, the Government of the Punjab is pleased to approve the following amended Rock Salt Policy as under:-

- i. The applications for grant of mineral titles under Large Scale Mining will be considered as per existing provisions of the Punjab Mining Concession Rules, 2002.
- ii. The concessionaires under Small Scale Mining and Large Scale Mining at their discretion may install any industrial / commercial unit for value addition as well as entitled to produce and sell rock salt of any quality in the domestic or international markets to promote their rock salt-based business. This uniform policy will be equally applicable to all the existing and past Rock Salt Concessions without any discrimination.
- iii. The concessionaries should explore and prove the Rock Salt deposits through geological investigations within the Prospecting / Exploration period and thereafter converted into mining leases granted under the respective chapters of Small-Scale Mining and Large-Scale Mining respectively of the Punjab Mining Concessions Rules 2002.
- iv. All the concessionaries shall have to follow the conservation of Rock Salt and relevant environment protection rules and policies in vogue.
- v. The unutilized areas kept idle by the Public Sector Organizations (PMDC & PUNJMIN) will be withdrawn based on the geo-scientific evaluation by the Mines & Minerals Department and put to open auction / competitive bidding for grant of prospecting / mining concessions accordingly.
- vi. The Mines & Minerals Department will identify the auctionable Rock Salt blocks and grant prospecting / mining concessions under through competitive bidding under the Small-Scale Mining chapter of Punjab Mining Concessions Rule, 2002.

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