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Shri Anup Wadhawan,
Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of Commerce
Udyog Bhawan,
New Delhi 110 011

Dear Sir,

Sub: **Export Policy of Beach Sand Minerals (BSM) in Chapter 26 of Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items 2018**

Ref: **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Notification No. 26/2015-2020 dated 21st August, 2018**

We draw your kind attention to above referred DGFT Notification dated 21st August, 2018 (copy enclosed – **Annexure 1**) whereby exports of Beach Sand Minerals have been brought under State Trading Enterprise (STE) and have to be canalized through Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL).

In this regard, we have received a representation from one of our Association members, namely, Beach Minerals Producers Association, Tamilnadu representing the mining and exporting Beach Sand companies expressing their concern about the adverse impact of the implementation of above Notification on the export of beach sand minerals (copy enclosed – **Annexure 2**).

In their representation, the Association has requested for effecting the following amendments / relaxations in the referred Notification of DGFT :

- If the government feels that exports of beach sand minerals (BSM) are to be canalized, a separate agency who is not a producer of the BSM may be appointed for this purpose so that both private and public sector are brought within the purview of this agency.
- The producers may be allowed to export the minerals till the agency is appointed and the formalities are over. If at all required to have a canalizing agency, an incubation period of at least three months may be allowed for appointment of this agency and till such time the producers may be allowed to export their products as was done till now.
- The practice of monazite certificate from a designated authority as was prevalent till 2007 may be re-introduced as a pre-requisite for export of BSM and the producers may be allowed to export all the BSM other than monazite as was practiced till 2007.

We would be grateful to you for considering their suggestions as mentioned in the enclosed representation to facilitate smooth exports of Beach Sand Minerals.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

(R.K. SHARMA)
SECRETARY GENERAL

Encls: **As above**