

Ministerial Regulation No. 77, B.E. 2539 (1996)

Issued in Accordance with the Minerals Act, B.E. 2510

Translation

By virtue of Section 4 and Section 17 of the Minerals Act, B.E. 2510, as amended by the Minerals Act (No. 4), B.E. 2534, the Minister of Industry has issued the Ministerial Regulation as follows:

Article 1

Article 2 and 3 in the Ministerial Regulation No. 21 (B.E. 2516) issued under the Minerals Act, B.E. 2510 that was amended by the Ministerial Regulation No. 75 (B.E. 2537) issued under the Minerals Act, B.E. 2510 shall be repealed.

Article 2

The following rocks which are able to be cut into slabs or various shapes and can be used for decoration shall be designated as dimensional stones:

- (1) Conglomerate
- (2) Breccia
- (3) Granite
- (4) Travertine
- (5) Serpentine
- (6) Gneiss
- (7) Basalt
- (8) Limestone
- (9) Slate
- (10) Sandstone

Article 3

Other types of rocks which are not specified in Article 2 above or types of rocks listed in Article 2 above and proclaimed by the Director-General of having sufficient reserves or having inappropriate quality to be used as dimension stones shall be classified as industrial rocks.

Article 4

Any rock blasting and aggregate crushing License under the Land Code, the term of which is not expired before the effective date of this Ministerial Regulation, will be considered *mutatis mutandis* as a Prathanabat under the Minerals Act, and the operation can proceed until expiration.

The holder of the License according to the first paragraph shall pay royalties according to the Minerals Royalty Rates Act.

Article 5

The application for a rock blasting and aggregate crushing license under the Land Code, which is submitted before 13th June B.E. 2538 and is under consideration process, will be deemed *mutatis mutandis* to be the application for a Prathanabat under the Minerals Act. However, in consideration for issuing such a Prathanabat, the authorities according to the Minerals Act have the rights to revise as necessary in order to make it conform to the Minerals Act.

Given on the 8th day of March B.E. 2539
Signed by Chaiwat Sinsuwongse
Minister of Industry

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