

**Datasheet for business formalities.**

**Technical Assistance for Business Regulation Review and Rationalization in Lao PDR**

REGISTRATION DATA		
<b>Name of formality</b>	<b>License to Conduct Mine Exploration</b>	
<b>Type of formality</b>	License	
<b>Formality Code</b>	<b>Date of last modification</b>	<b>Responsible Authority</b>
MoEM-GMD-14	21.09.2017	Geology and Mineral Department

BACKGROUND DATA	
<b>Means of presentation</b>	At the Authority Offices
<b>Specific sector linked to the formality</b>	B - Mining and quarrying
<b>Purpose for enforcing the business formality</b>	Mineral is one of the key natural resources that are very valuable to Lao PDR so it is important to control such activity by requiring this Formality as the prior approval and to avoid illegal mining activities.
<b>Who should complete this business formality?</b>	Any legal entity that intends to conduct mining exploration work that means the study of geological structure and mining ore in the designated area, including the work of tunnelling and collecting the mineral ore for analysis and testing and other related activities with an aim to determine the total mining reserves and its quality before entering to the phase of studying the basic technical and financial feasibility of the project or determining the technical condition for the mining exploitation in the subsequent phase.
<b>The formality has online information?</b>	NO
<b>Link to online information</b>	
<b>The formality has an application form?</b>	NO
<b>Any additional comment concerning the formality</b>	The investor shall be entitled to find other partner to join in the mining exploration process; provided that such joint venture shall be subject to the Government consent.

REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE	
<b>Time it takes to the authorities to process the formality</b>	90
<b>Qualifications needed by the business to get the formality</b>	1. The applicant shall be fully and legally registered as the mining company; 2. The applicant shall have stable financial status, have sufficient financial resources and have guarantee as required; 3. The applicant shall have good and reliable track record of expertise; 4. The applicant shall have experienced and expertise

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	in mining prospecting; 5. Exploring area shall be situated within the prospected area as approved.
<b>Is there any reason for the authority to deny the issuing of the formality?</b>	Deny in case that the applicant does not meet the qualification or the applicant fails to comply with the conditions for the License to Conduct the Mining Prospecting or other prior agreements entered into with the Government.

<b>RENEWAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Does the formality have a validity or an expiration date?</b>	<b>How long will the formality be valid for? (in months)</b>
YES	360
<b>What is the process and conditions to renew the formality?</b>	Can only be extended for another 2 year under the following conditions: 1. The relevant contract and operating license shall remain valid 2. The renewal shall be undertaken 3 months before the expiry 3. Such company shall perform all of their obligations as required under the relevant laws or the relevant contract with the Government in full and in all aspects. 4. The actual exploration shall be completed at least 60 percent of the approved plan. 5. The extended plan for the mining exploration shall be approved by the relevant ministry. If no renewal is made, the Formality shall be terminated with an immediate effect.

<b>ISSUING FEES</b>				
<b>Has application fees?</b>	<b>Service fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Certificate fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Application fees businesses need to disburse</b>	<b>Total fees businesses need to disburse</b>
YES	300000.00	0.00	0.00	300000.00
<b>Comments</b>	Reference: Presidential Edict 03/PR			

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK			
Name	Number	Date	Comment
Law on Mineral (Revised)	02/ສພຊ	26.12.2011	Part III Mining Business Operation (Article 21) Part IV Mining Business (Article 34 to Article 37)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
Document Name	Comment
Certificate to approve the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment	
Mining Plan	ແຜນການສໍາຫລວດແຮ່ທາດ
Certificate for the Issuance of the Tax Identification Number	
Certificate for Enterprise Registration of Company Limited	
License to Conduct Mine Prospecting	

STATISTICS (Issue or/and renewed number)		
Year	Issued	Renewed
2017	12	0
2016	20	0

LIST OF ATTACHED DOCUMENTS		
Name of document	Type of document	File of document