COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGULATION
NO. 124/2006

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGULATIONS TO
AMEND THE MINING OPERATIONS REGULATIONS

These Regulations are issued by the Council of Ministers pursuant to Article 5 of the Definition of Powers and duties of the Executive Organs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Proclamation No. 471/2005 and Article 56 of the Mining Proclamation No. 52/1993.

1. Short Title
These Regulations may be cited as the “Mining Operations Council of Ministers (amendment) Regulations No. 124/2006”.

2. Amendment
The Mining Operations Council of Ministers Regulations No. 182/1994 as amended is hereby further amended as follows:

1/ The following new Sub- Article (5) and (6) are added under Article 2 of the Regulations:

"5/ ‘industrial minerals’ means all naturally existing solid minerals eventually used as raw materials for industrial process to manufacture goods such as glass, paper, cement, fertilizer and edible or other salt and for power generation;"
6/ ‘semi precious minerals’ means all minerals or naturally existing mineral aggregate, other than those referred to in Article 2(18) of the Proclamation, that possess intrinsic ornamental value such as Opal, Rhodolite Garnet, Olivine and such other Minerals that the Ministry may, by Directive, so designate.”

2/ Sub. Articles (2), (3) and (4) of Article 6 of the Regulations are deleted and replaced by the following new Sub-Articles (2) and (3):

“2/ Immediately following the registration of each application, the Licensing Authority shall verify all information submitted by the applicant.

3/ The licensing Authority shall maintain a register indicating applications and licenses which will be open to the public for inspection.”

3/ Sub-Articles (1) and (2) of Article 7 of the Regulations are deleted and replaced by the following new Sub-Articles (1) and (2):

“1/ Any person may file at the office of the Licensing Authority a written objection to the grant of a license or requesting the suspension or revocation of same.

2/ Upon receipt of an objection, the Licensing Authority shall promptly hear and decide upon the objection.”

4/ The following new Sub-Article (d) is added under Sub-Article (1) of Article 33 of the Regulations:

“d) for semi precious minerals .......... 4%”

5/ Article 34 of the Regulations is deleted and replaced by the following new Article 34:

“34. Other Payments

1/ Birr 50 shall be payable for registration of documents in accordance with Article 49 of the Proclamation.

2/ Birr 25 shall be payable for the issuance of a certificate of professional competence.

3/ Birr 25 shall be payable for copies of records of cases heard in accordance with Article 51 of the Proclamation.

4/ Birr 15 shall be payable for a replacement copy of a license or a certificate of professional competence.”
The following fees shall be payable for the testing of Minerals and the issuance of verification certificate on the basis of size of shipment of minerals to be exported:

- a) up to 50 kg. Birr 20
- b) above 50 up to 200 kg. Birr 30
- c) above 200 kg. Birr 40

3. Effective Date

These Regulations shall enter into force as of the date of publication in the Federal Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa, this May day of 3, 2006.

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PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA