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NC: 2026:KHC:59340-DB
WP No. 30095 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010659692026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

WRIT PETITION NO.30095 OF 2026 (GM-MM_S)

BETWEEN:

M/S. MAHADEV INDUSTRIES (MAHADEV
PRESTRESSED PRODUCTS)
REPRESENTED BY MR. CHANDRAKANT PATIL
REPRESENTED BY ITS POWER OF ATTORNEY
SHRI NEELAKANDAN S/O MAHADHEVAN PILLAI
AGE: 40 YEARS, OCC: BUSINESS
R/O RAILWAY YARD EXTENSION,
MUDLAPUR ROAD, CHITWADIGI,
HOSPET TOWN, VIJAYANAGAR DISTRICT – 583211.

…PETITIONER

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Location: High Court
of Karnataka

(BY SRI. ADITI P. GOUDAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
   REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
   DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,
   KHANIJA BHAVANA, RACE COURSE ROAD,
   BENGALURU – 560001.

2. THE DIRECTOR/ SENIOR GEOLOGIST
   DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
   KHANIJA BHAVANA, RACE COURSE ROAD,
   BENGALURU – 560 001.

3. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/SENIOR GEOLOGIST
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
DC OFFICE, KOPPAL.

4. KARNATAKA STATE REMOTE SENSING
APPLICATIONS CENTRE, (KSRSAC)
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (E-GOVERNANCE),
OFFICE AT DOORA SAMVEDI BHAVANA,
MAJOR SANDEEP UNNIKRISHNAN ROAD,
DODDABETTAHALLI,
BENGALURU – 560 097
REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. K.S. HARISH, GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF CERTIORARI QUASHING THE IMPUGNED DEMAND NOTICES ISSUED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.3 DATED 21.04.2026 PRODUCED VIDE ANNEXURE–A AND A–1 AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE K.S. HEMALEKHA

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. VIBHU BAKHRU, CHIEF JUSTICE)

1. The learned Government Advocate accepts notice for the respondents.

2. The petitioner has filed the present petition, *inter alia*, impugning the demand notices dated 21.04.2026 and seeking the

issuance of direction to respondent No.3 to furnish the documents, records and reports as requested by the petitioner by considering its replies dated 29.04.2026 vide Annexures-B and B1 and the communications dated 18.07.2026 vide Annexures-C and C1.

3. It is the petitioner's contention that the said demands have been raised without following the principles of natural justice.

4. Although the petitioner has been called upon to appear before the concerned authority along with documents for discussion, the petitioner has also been upon to pay the amount.

5. The petitioner has also sought certain documents from the concerned authority in order to respond to the demand notices.

6. The learned Government Advocate fairly submits that the impugned demand notices be considered as show cause notices and the petitioner would be at liberty to respond to the said notices within a period of two weeks from today along with all the documents that the petitioner considers necessary and relevant. The concerned authority is also required to consider the said

applications seeking documents and shall pass final orders and ensure that the principles of natural justice are duly complied with.

7. We clarify that all rights and contentions of the parties are reserved including the petitioner's contention that the one time settlement [**OTS**] as contemplated under Rule 44A of the Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1994 [**the KMMC Rules**], is voluntary and at the option of the lease/licence holder.

8. The petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

Sd/-
(VIBHU BAKHRU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
(K.S. HEMALEKHA)
JUDGE

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