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**To all users and dealers of explosives,  
TANZANIA MAINLAND.**

**Re: PROCEDURES WHEN APPLYING FOR IMPORT, TRANSIT  
AND PURCHASE/ACQUIRE OF EXPLOSIVES PERMITS**

Reference is made to the above heading.

As you may be aware, all matters related to commercial explosives acquisition, transportation, storage and usage are governed by the Explosives Act of 1963 and its Regulations of 1964. The following permits are granted under the said Act:-

1. Import permit
2. Transit permit
3. Purchase/ acquire explosives permit.

Recently, we have noted an increasing problem of illegal importation, acquisition and usage of explosives in the country. For that reason, we would like to remind all those involved in explosives importation, transportation and usage to observe the legal requirements as stipulated in the Explosives Act of 1963 and Regulations of 1964.

For the safety, care and security of explosives during acquisition and transportation, the following legal procedures has to be observed:-

- 1. For permit to import explosives, the following documents must be attached:-**
  - i. Valid export permits from authority;
  - ii. Certificate of origin confirming the origin of the explosives;

- iii. Commercial invoice;
- iv. Monthly explosives returns approved by the respective Mine Office which has the jurisdiction of the area;
- v. A copy of storage licence;
- vi. Means of parking of the explosives; and
- vii. Way bill (Bill of lading or road consignment note) from the supplier to user, stating the route to be followed, means of transport to be used including copies of vessel registration, driver's licence and blaster's licence.

**2. For permit to acquire/purchase explosives, the following documents must be attached:-**

- i. Certificate of origin confirming the origin of the explosives;
- ii. Monthly explosives returns approved by the respective Mine Office which has the jurisdiction of the area;
- iii. A copy of storage licence; and
- iv. Way bill (Bill of lading or road consignment note) from the supplier to user, stating the route to be followed, means of transport to be used including copies of vessel registration, driver's licence and blaster's licence.

**3. For permit of explosives on transit, the following documents must be attached:-**

- i. Valid export permits from authority;
- ii. Certificate of origin confirming the origin of the explosives;
- iii. Commercial invoice;
- iv. Packing list; and
- v. Way bill (Bill of lading or road consignment note) from the supplier to user, stating the route to be followed, means of transport to be used including copies of vessel registration, driver licence and blaster's licence number.



#### **4. Export permit**

Please, take note that the current Explosives Act of 1963 does not provide for the grant of explosives export permit. The recently drafted Explosives Act has considered such a provision. While we wait for the new Act to be passed, you are advised to export the explosives products directly from the manufacturer or supplier to the consumer. In any case, if you require to transit explosives through Tanzania, a transit permit will apply.

#### **5. General safety and security requirements**

The following are general safety and security requirements during acquiring/purchasing and transportation of explosives in Tanzania:-

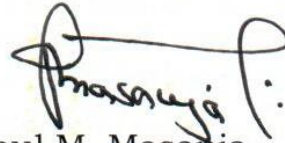
- i. Ensure detonators and catridged explosives are separated during transportation;
- ii. Care should be taken by the in-charge of explosives to ensure that there is no unauthorized access to the explosives, and also take necessary measures to prevent theft and unexpected fire or explosion;
- iii. Explosives should not be transported through public transport, but rather using a private vehicle. The vehicle transporting explosives must have warning signs displayed clearly for public safety and unauthorized person should not approach the vehicle. The containers containing explosives must be well secured and locked;
- iv. Explosives storage facilities must be well secured, guarded all times and no explosives will enter or leave the facility without being recorded in the register kept at the storage facility for that purpose;
- v. No person shall acquire or posses explosives unless he/she is a holder of valid licence issued by the Commissioner for Minerals to purchase or acquire such explosives;
- vi. No person shall sell or otherwise dispose of any explosives to any other person unless he/she is a holder of a valid permit to sell or dispose of the explosives issued in writing by the Commissioner for Minerals; and

- vii. Any person who is in possession of explosives is required to give to the Inspector of Explosives such information as the Inspector may reasonably require in relation to his/her dealings in explosives.

## **6. CONCLUSION**

In order to ensure compliance to care, safety and security of explosives in Tanzania, you are required to carefully read and adhere to the requirements of the Explosives Act of 1963 and the Explosives Regulations of 1964. The Ministry of Energy and Minerals will not hesitate to take legal actions against all those who default the above mentioned legislation. Please, comply voluntarily to the rules and regulations on usage of explosives for the safety and security of our country; and ending illegal usage of explosives in the country.

For further information, clarification or any queries do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



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