

HANOI DECLARATION ON SUSTAINABLE ASEAN CONNECTIVITY IN MINERALS

WE, the Ministers responsible for minerals and mines of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), on the occasion of the 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin) on 9 December 2011 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam;

RECALLING the Joint Statements of the 43rd ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM 43) held on 10-14 August 2011 in Manado, Indonesia, on promoting the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint consisting of four pillars: Single market and production base, Competitive economic region, Equitable economic development, and Integration into the global economy;

WELCOMING the adoption of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity at the 17th ASEAN Summit on 30 October 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, aiming at enhancing ASEAN connectivity in three aspects: physical connectivity (hard infrastructure), institutional connectivity (soft infrastructure), and people to people connectivity;

AFFIRMING our support to the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 by enhancing the ASEAN Minerals Sector to provide necessary resources for sustainable socio-economic development;

REAFFIRMING our collective commitment to strengthen the ASEAN minerals cooperation as embodied in the Manila Declaration adopted at the 2nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin) in Manila, Philippines in 2008 with 6 policy directions: 1) Ensure continuous development and utilisation of the mineral resources; 2) Accelerate cooperation to work towards the facilitation and enhancement of trade and

investments in minerals; 3) Encourage cooperation to develop policy guidelines and standards for ASEAN Best Mining Practices to promote environmentally and socially sustainable mineral development in the ASEAN region; 4) Strengthen the development of institutional and human capacity building in the geological and minerals sector; 5) Promote a platform for dialogue with private sector and ASEAN Dialogue Partners; and 6) Foster concerted cooperation and joint approaches in international and regional fora on minerals;

COMMITTED to the timely implementation of the major cooperation programmes and activities embodied in the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan on 2011 – 2015 adopted at the 3rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals on 9 December 2011 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam;

DO HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICY DIRECTIONS TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION IN THE ASEAN MINERALS SECTOR:

1. **ENSURE** continuous and effective development and utilisation of the mineral resources of the ASEAN Member States to enhance the sustainability of the resources and maximise the benefits to the community and the national economy, assisting the recovery from the global financial crisis;

2. **INTENSIFY** mineral trade and investment through sharing information on current laws and incentives, balancing between regulations and incentives, promoting and simplifying the partnership between the public and private sectors, with the view to making our efforts in regional integration supporting the development needs of ASEAN enterprises, and contributing to ASEAN's greater participation in the regional and global production chains.

3. **PROMOTE** the establishment, operation, maintenance and strengthening of the ASEAN mineral information and

database system, sharing of mineral resource and trade information, and exchange of knowledge and best practices to enhance the ASEAN cooperation in Minerals;

4. **STRENGTHEN** institutional, human resource and technological capacity in the ASEAN mineral and geological sector to ensure sustainable and rational management and use of geological and mineral resources;

5. **PROMOTE** the establishment of a one-stop mineral trade and investment promotion center in each ASEAN Member State;

6. **FOSTER** concerted coordination and joint approaches in international and regional fora in minerals;

ADOPTED at the Third ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin) on this Ninth Day of December in the Year Two Thousand and Eleven in Ha Noi, Viet Nam.