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New Delhi, the 29th Nov., 2010

To Shri R.H.Sawakkar, Secretary, Geological Society of India, P.B.No. 1922, Govipuram, P.O.Bangalore - 560019

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Subject:-Request from Geological Society of India, Bangalore to accord permissio to organize 10<sup>th</sup> nternational Conference on Kimberlite related rocks and diamnd explortion between 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 24.9.2010 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education have no objection from academic angle to the above mentioned International Seminar , subject to grant of appropriate visa by the concerned Indian Missions abroad and also clearances from political and security angle by the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of As per the revised procedures for grant of visas to foreign Home Affairs. participants coming to India for international conferences, seminars, workshops etc. Indian Missions have been authorized to issue conference visas to delegates if they are able to produce an invitation to a conference/seminar/workshop etc. being organized in India by a Ministry or Department of the Govt. of India, State Government, PSUs, Central Educational Institutions, Public Funded Universities or an organization owned and controlled by the Government of India or State Government, United Nations or its specialized agencies and a reputed NGO.

2. Regarding clearance by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs you may kindly see the Frequently Asked Questions Relating to Conference Visa on MHA's website <a href="www.mha.nic.in">www.mha.nic.in</a> and route the request for clearance through the State Govt. to the MHA.

This issues with the approval of JS(ICC).

Yours faithfully,

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( Indra Gupta) Section Officer