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**SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

**Shri Mohanan Sumesh**, 30 years (D.O.B-04.05.1989) residing at 1-71, Janatha house, Post kabaka, Puttur, Dakshinakannada- 574220(hereinafter referred to as the '*passenger*'), holding an Indian Passport No.K1719957had arrived at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad from Dubai by Spice jet Flight No. SG-016 on 11.02.2020. The passenger was carrying one black and yellow colored backpack as hand luggage and black colour and red and black colored duffle bags as check in baggage. On the basis of information received and suspicious movement, the passenger was intercepted at the exit of the green channel for personal search and examination of his baggage in the presence of the panchas.

2. Whereas, the passenger was asked as to whether he was carrying any contraband or any dutiable goods in person or in the baggage. The passenger replied that he had nothing to declare. Thereafter, all his baggage were subjected to X-Ray screening at the X-Ray Screening machine installed at the Green Channel counter but nothing objectionable was found. Thereafter, the passenger was asked to walk through the Door Frame Metal Detector ("DFMD") installed near Customs AIU counter in the Arrival Hall. Prior to passing through the said DFMD, the passenger was asked to remove all the metallic objects wearing on his body. The passenger readily removed all metallic items such as wallet, belt and mobile phone and kept on the table and passed through the DFMD, when he walked through the DFMD, a loud beep sound was heard which indicated that there was presence of metallic substance in the middle part of his body. The AIU officers politely asked the passenger whether he had any metallic substance on his body, however the passenger denied again. Further on personal search of his clothes, nothing was recovered. On suspicion that the passenger has concealed some metallic substance in his body, he was brought in the AIU office beside the Green Channel at Terminal-2 of SVPI Airport and was interrogated in a polite way, but the passenger continued to deny of having concealed any metallic substance inside his body. Thereafter on further and repeated interrogation, the passenger finally confessed that he had concealed some gold in his rectum and after sometime he was taken to toilet where he removed two packets (in Cylindrical shape) covered in adhesive tape from his rectum. After removal of the said two packets, the passenger was asked to pass through the DFMD machine. While passing through the DFMD, no alert sound was heard. The passenger was then asked to cut open the said two packets with the help

of a knife thus revealing brown colored paste in the said two packets. The AIU officer asked the passenger as to what was inside the two packets recovered from his possession, to which the passenger informed that the same was gold in paste form. On being asked by the Customs Officer, the passenger replied that it was gold in the form of semi solid paste which was concealed in his rectum for the purpose of carrying and concealing the material so that the same remained invisible to the Customs Officer.

3. Thereafter, the Government Approved Valuer Shri Devang Ratilal Soni was called and informed that material in semi solid form has been recovered from one passenger and the passenger has informed that it is gold in semi solid form and hence, he needed to come to the Airport for testing and Valuation of the said material. In reply, the Government Approved Valuer informed the Customs officer that testing of the said material was only possible at his workshop as gold had to be extracted from such semi solid form by melting it and also informed the address of his workshop. Thereafter at around 04.30AM, the panchas, the passenger and the officers, left the Airport premises in a Government Vehicle and reached at the premises of the Government Approved Valuer located at 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Gold Souq building, Near Sapphire building, C.G. Road, Ahmedabad.

3.1 On reaching the premises, after weighing plastic pouches containing paste on his weighing scale, Shri Devang Ratilal Soni informed that it was weighing **653.900** Grams. Mr. Soni started the process of converting the said semi solid material into solid gold. The said brown substance was put into the furnace and upon heating the said semi solid substance, it turned into liquid material. The said substance in liquid state was taken out of furnace and poured in a bar shaped plate and hence, after cooling for some time, it became yellow coloured solid metal in form of bar. The Government Approved Valuer informed that 24 kt. Gold bar-1 weighing **595.510** Grams having purity 999 was derived from the **653.900** grams of Semi Solid Substance consisting of Gold and Turpentine Mix.

3.2 After testing the said yellow coloured metal, the Government Approved Valuer confirmed that it was pure 24 kt. gold. The government approved valuer has given his Valuation Report dated 11.02.2020 wherein he submitted that the one 24 kt. gold bar-1 weighing **595.510** Grams having purity 999 was derived from the **653.900** grams of Semi Solid Substance consisting of Gold and Turpentine Mix, valued at **Rs. 21,82,663/- (Rs. Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred And Sixty Three Only) (Tariff Value) Andrs. 25,04,715/- (Rs. Twenty Five Lakhs Four Thousand Seven Hundred And Fifteen Only) (Local Market Value)** which has been calculated as per the Notification No. 08/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 31.01.2020 and Notification No. 11/2020 Customs (N.T.) dated 07.02.2020.