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**SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

Mr. Naveed Ahmed, aged 31 years (D.O.B.- 27.10.1988) residing at Naveed Villa, Near Madina Mosque, Madina Colony, Third Cross, Bhatkal, Karnataka – 581 320 (hereinafter referred to as the 'passenger'), holding an Indian Passport No.T5784644 had arrived at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad from Muscat by SpiceJet flight No. SG 62 from Muscat to Ahmedabad on 17.02.2020. The passenger was carrying one maroon trolley bag and one brown duffel bag as check-in bags and one small pink trolley bag and a black sling bag as cabin bags. The said passenger had opted for green channel. On the basis of passenger profiling and spot intelligence, he was intercepted at the exit of the green channel for personal search and examination of his baggage in the presence of panchas.

2. Whereas, the passenger was asked as to whether he was carrying any contraband or any dutiable goods in person or in the baggages. The passenger replied that he had nothing to declare. Thereafter, all his baggages 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 and passed through the DFMD, when he passed through the DFMD, no alert sound was heard from the DFMD machine. 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 had 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 paste form in his jeans pant, shirt and underwear. Thereafter, the AIU officer hand frisked the body of the passenger and asked the passenger to remove his pant, shirt, shoes, socks and underwear and after cutting the stitches from the clothes recovered 11 plastic pouches containing gold in paste form. On being asked by the Customs Officer, the

passenger confessed that it was gold in the form of semi solid paste which was concealed in his jeans pant, shirt and underwear for the purpose of carrying and concealing the material so that the same remained invisible to the Customs Officer. The photograph of the said semi solid paste is placed below-



3. Thereafter, the Government Approved Valuer, Shri Kartikey Vasantrai Soni, was called upon by the Officers for examining the authenticity and to ascertain the contents of the brown colored material in semi solid form recovered from the passenger. Since it was in semi solid form, it was taken to the Valuer's workshop along with the panchas and the passenger, where Shri Kartikey Soni tested the said eleven plastic pouches of semi solid paste which was weighing **510.000 grams**. After processing the said substance into solid gold, one piece of gold bar weighing **447.310** grams derived from semi solid substance consisting of Gold and Chemical mix. He prepared the primary verification report detailed in **Annexure-A** and the valuation report for the same as detailed in **Annexure-B**, both dated 17.02.2020, wherein he certified that the item derived from eleven plastic pouches of semi solid paste were made up of pure gold, Net weighing **447.310** grams (totally weighing **510.000** grams) having purity of 999.0, valued at Rs.16,36,260/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred And Sixty Only) (Tariff Value) And Rs.18,94,805/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred And Five Only) [Local Market Value] which has been calculated as per the Notification No. 13/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 14.02.2020 and Notification No.11/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 06.02.2020.

4. Whereas, the gold bar piece having purity and net weight **447.310 grams** derived from the **510.000 grams** of Semi Solid substance Material consisting of gold and Chemical Mix, having a tariff value of **Rs. 16,36,260/-** and local market value of **Rs. 18,94,805/-** as well as his pant, shirt and underwear which was used to conceal the gold in paste form, were placed under seizure vide panchnama drawn on 17.02.2020. The seizure was made under the provisions of Customs