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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Mr. Dhiraj Raghav Sagathiya, aged 40 years (DOB: 01.09.1979), residing at R. No. 14, Ground Floor, Ramdeo Nagar, Sane Guruji Marg, Jacob Circle, Nr. Athar Rd. Jail, Mumbai-400011 (hereinafter referred to as the 'passenger'), holding an Indian Passport No.Z5793345 had arrived at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad from Dubai by Fly Dubai Airways Flight No. FZ-437 dated 28.02.2020. The passenger was carrying one blue colour trolley bag and one black colour trolley bag both as checked in bags. The said passenger had opted for green channel. On the basis profiling and scrutiny of the passenger manifest, the passenger 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. 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. Now 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) from his rectum. The AIU officer asked the passenger to cut the said two packets and to open and showed it. Thereafter, the passenger used a knife to cut open the two packets and it was seen that a brown coloured rubber capsule was underneath the adhesive tape. After cutting each of the Rubber capsule, a plastic pouch each containing brown

coloured paste was found in it. 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. The photograph of the two black cylindrical shape packets recovered from the passenger's rectum was taken by the AIU officer in his mobile camera, which 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 two pieces of semi solid paste which was weighing **419.500 grams**. After processing the said substance into solid gold, one piece of gold bar weighing **372.660 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 28.02.2020, wherein he certified that the item derived from two pieces of semi solid paste were made up of pure gold, Net weighing 372.660 grams (totally weighing **419.500 grams**) having purity of 999.0, valued at Rs. 14,56,579/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Nine only) (**Tariff Value**) and Rs. 16,300,15/- (Rs. Sixteen Lakhs Thirty Thousand and Fifteen Only) (**Local Market Value**) which has been calculated as per the Notification No. 17/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 25.02.2020 and Notification No. 15/2020 Customs (N.T.) dated 20.02.2020. The photograph of the gold bar recovered from the semi solid paste was taken by the AIU officer in his mobile camera, which is placed below-



4. Whereas, the gold bar piece having net weight **372.660 grams** derived from the **419.500 grams** of Semi Solid substance Material consisting of Gold & Chemical Mix, having a tariff value of **Rs. 14,56,579/-** and local market value of **Rs. 16,30,015/-** as well as the adhesive tape which was used to conceal the gold in paste form, were placed under seizure vide panchnama drawn on 28.02.2020. The seizure was made under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962, on the