

## **Prime Minister requests to minimize procedures in the fields of minerals and land**

To remove obstacles and promote the development of the mineral and land sectors, the Prime Minister requested to minimize cumbersome and unnecessary administrative procedures.

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has just issued a telegram requesting ministries, branches and localities to focus on reviewing and promptly removing obstacles caused by legal regulations in the mineral and land sectors.

The head of the Government commented that the two Laws on Geology and Minerals (2024) and Land (2024) have resolved many shortcomings of previous versions. However, the implementation process still has many obstacles and is not suitable for the 2-level local government model. This is considered the cause of congestion and hindering socio-economic development in recent times.

In order to promptly remove bottlenecks and contribute to double-digit GDP growth in the 2026-2030 period, the Prime Minister requested the Ministers of Agriculture and Environment, Construction, Industry and Trade, Finance, Justice, and Chairmen of People's Committees of provinces and cities to review and clarify problems related to these two laws.

At the same time, proposals for solutions must be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment before August 20. The proposed solutions must thoroughly handle difficulties, in the direction of decentralization and maximum delegation of power to grassroots levels and minimize cumbersome and unnecessary administrative procedures, and strengthen post-inspection.

The Minister of Agriculture and Environment is assigned to synthesize opinions on amendments and supplements, and report to the Prime Minister before August 22; at the same time, coordinate with relevant ministries and agencies to complete the draft law amending the Law on Geology and Minerals and the Law on Land to submit to the National Assembly at the 10th Session next October.

With the revised Land Law 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment proposed to remove the market principle in determining land prices, instead the State plays the role of determining subject.

In addition, from July 1, the whole country will abolish the district level and operate under a two-level local government model, including the provincial and ward/commune levels. However, the current Land Law still has regulations on annual national, provincial and district-level land use planning and plans. The Ministry of Agriculture and Environment believes that the existence of land use planning and plans at all three levels is a problem, not suitable for the two-level local government model.

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