

THE EXPLOITATION AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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The industrial minerals in Malaysia is finite. As a non-renewable resource its total depletion in the future is inevitable. For its long term utilization in relation to national development a conservation policy is essential. To allow for growth at the optimum sustained output level a long term plan in the development of industrial minerals at the national level should be given more emphasis than the short term interest to the states. In conserving our industrial minerals, there should be a prevention of wastages, regulation of speed and ways of exploitation and the minimization of environmental damages to neighbouring renewable resources such as the top soils, water, forest, national parks, and wildlife and recreational areas. Pollution should be avoided where possible or minimized. Industrial minerals unexploited can only appreciate in value in this world of diminishing natural resources.
