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**THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT  
(Cap. 58)****THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (EXEMPTION FROM DUTIES)  
ORDER 1997**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Customs and Excise Act, I, MICHAEL MAINA, Minister of Finance, do hereby make the following order -

1. This Order may be cited as the Customs and Excise (Exemption from Duties) Order 1997.

2. (1) The items appearing in the Schedule hereto that are brought or imported into Solomon Islands by the Gold Ridge Mining Limited or its contractors, subcontractors or agents provided that these items are exclusively and necessarily required for the Gold Ridge mining project shall be exempted from customs duties.

(2) This Order shall apply only in respect of items brought into Solomon Islands prior to the date of commencement of commercial production.

(3) Date of commencement commercial production has the meaning assigned thereto in the Gold Ridge Mining Agreement.

**"SCHEDULE****ITEMS**

- (a) all capital items for the mining project; and
- (b) explosives, milling, smelting, refining and welding supplies, mining and milling machinery equipment and fuel."

Dated at Honiara this ninth day of May 1997.

MICHAEL MAINA  
Minister for Finance