

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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To: Shri Mahesh Kumar Atha,
Partner,
M/s Khatau Liladhar Thacker
At and Post-GUA—833 213
District-Singhbhum West(JHARKHAND)

Sub.: Violation of provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your “KUMIRTA” Iron & Manganese Ore Mine (area 30.857Hects.) in Singhbhum West district of Jharkhand State.

Sir,

On verification of the office record, the following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine and communicated to you vide this office Regd. A/D letter of even no. dated 12/10/2018 giving you a period of 45 (forty five) days for rectification of the same.

Rule No.	Nature of violation observed in detail
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Rule – 11 (4) The holder of a mining lease shall submit the mining plan to the competent authority for review at least one hundred and eighty days before the expiry of five years period for which it was approved on the last occasion, for mining operations for a period of five subsequent years.

In your case, it has been observed that the mining plan to the competent authority for review has not been submitted.

Rule-24. (1) The holder of a mining lease shall submit a final mine closure plan to the competent authority for approval two years prior to the proposed closure of the mine.

In your case, it has been observed that the final mine closure plan of the mine has not been submitted to this office.

Rule-26. Responsibility of holder of a mining lease.- (1) The holder of a mining lease shall have the responsibility to ensure that the protective measures including reclamation and rehabilitation works have been carried out in accordance with the approved mine closure plan or with such modifications as approved by the competent authority.

(2) The holder of mining lease shall submit to the competent authority a yearly report as per the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines, before 1st day of July every year setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan, and if there is any deviation, reasons thereof:

In your case, it has been observed that a yearly report as per the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines has not been submitted to this office.

Rule –27(1): A financial assurance shall be furnished by the holder of the mining lease, for due and proper implementation of the progressive mine closure plan contained in the mining plan or the final mine closure plan, as the case may be, which shall be an amount of three lakh rupees for Category ‘A’ mines and two lakh rupees for Category ‘B’ mines, per hectare of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities:

Provided that the minimum amount of financial assurance to be furnished under sub-rule (1), shall be ten lakh rupees for Category 'A' mines and five lakh rupees for Category 'B' mines:

In your case, it has been observed that the financial assurance in respect of your mine has not been submitted to this office.

- 02.** It has been found that even after the lapse of 45(forty five) days you have not responded to the violation letter.
- 03.** In this connection it is again brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule-62 of MCDR-2017. The relevant extract of the rule 62 is given below:
“**62 Penalty:** - Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of these rules shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees, or with both, and in the case of a continuing contravention, with additional fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees for every day during which such contravention continues after conviction for the first such contravention.”
- 04.** You are, therefore, directed to show-cause within a period of 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of this letter, as to why you should not be prosecuted and /or mining operations should not be suspended for the above offence.
- 05.** Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Anupam Nandi)
Regional Controller of Mines

Copy forwarded for kind information to:

- 1. The Director (Mines),** Govt. of Jharkhand, 3rd Floor, Yojna Bhawan, Jharkhand Mantralaya, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002.
- 2. The Controller of Mines (EZ),** Indian Bureau of Mines, Block-CP, Plot no.-13, Salt Lake, Sector-V, Kolkata- 700091.

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