## भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA खान मंत्रालय/ MINISTRY OF MINES भारतीय खान ब्यूरो/ INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक का कार्यालय / OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES

No. ORI/IRON/KJR/MCDR-35/BBS-Vol-IV

Plot No. – 149, Pokhriput In front of CPWD office, BHUBANESWAR – 751020 Date: 02/01/2019

To,

Shri T.V. Narendra,

Managing Director and Nominated owner,

Khondbond Iron and Manganese Ore Mines,

M/s TATA Steel Ltd.,

At/Post: Jamsedpur,

Dist: East Singbhum,

Odisha-758034

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Khondbond Iron and Manganese Ore Mines located in Keonjhar District of Odisha State.

Sir,

The following provision of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred as MCDR, 2017) was found violated in your above said mine during inspection on 21/12/2018 by the undersigned and Sri Ashok Kumar Pany, AME of this office. The inspection was accompanied by Sri Manish Kumar (Mines Manager) and Sri Kanishka Datta (Geologist) of your organization.

Rule	Rule position	Status and extent of violation
11(1)	No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operations in any area except in accordance with the mining plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Bureau of Mines or prepared and certified in accordance with the system established by the State Government pursuant to the proviso to clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5,limits declared under Schedule-A of the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016.	Mining operations have not been carried out in accordance to the Modification of Review of Mining Plan approved for the period from 2016-17 to 2017-18 vide letter number MSM/FM/05-ORI/BHU/2016-17 dated 24/08/2016 to the extent given below:  (1) In year 2017-18 a total of 35 exploratory bore holes were proposed. However, during inspection it is reported that only 10 bore holes have been drilled in the year 2017-18.  (2) In the year 2017-18 it was proposed to produce 11.394 million tonnes of iron Ore ROM. During inspection it was reported that the production of Iron Ore ROM for the year 2017-18 was only 2.57 million tonnes.
12 (1)	Prospecting and mining operations:-The prospecting and mining operations shall be carried out in such a manner so as to ensure systematic development of mineral deposits, conservation of minerals and protection of the environment.	<ol> <li>(1) During inspection it is observed that benches in N-quarry have not been formed or maintained systematically/dressed.</li> <li>(2) During inspection it is observed that retaining wall and garland drain has not been constructed at places around Sub-grade dump-3.</li> </ol>

2. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.

Besides, inability to comply with the provisions of the rule 11(1) and 45(7) of MCDR, 2017 is also liable for suspension of Mining Operation under the provision of rule 11(2) of MCDR, 2017.

4. You are advised to rectify the above violation immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (forty-five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

(DILIP JAIN)
Junior Mining Geologist
IBM, BBSR