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No. KOL/JHK/SB(W)/Fe(M-4)Vol II

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Date:04/01/2022

To. Shri Amarendu Prakash,
Nominated Owner,
Megahatuburu Iron Ore Mines,
M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd.
Bokaro Steel plant,
Bokaro-827001, Jharkhand

Shri R.P. Selvam Agent and, CGM Meghatuburu Iron Ore Mines M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd. At & P.O. Meghatuburu - 833223, District West Singhbhum, Jharkhand

Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of Meghatuburu Iron Ore Mines in West Singhbhum District of Jharkhand State.

Sir.

Undersigned inspected above mine on 15/09/2021 and Violation letter number KOL/JHK/SB(W)/Fe(M-4) Vol II dated 04/10/2021 was issued for below mentioned rules of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017:

Rule No.	Nature of violations observed in details.
Rule- 11 (1)	No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operation 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 Govt.
	 The Review of Mining Plan and Progressive Mine Closure Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter NoRAN/WSB/Fe/MP-09/2019-20 dated 27/01/2020. Following deviations from the proposals envisaged for 2020-21 were observed during inspection: (i) It was proposed to drill 47 boreholes (27 boreholes in Central Block and 20 in East of Central Block) in 2020-21 but boreholes were not drilled till the date of inspection. (ii) Maximum depth of working in Meghatuburu block was proposed upto 780 mrl during 2020-21 and upto 770 mrl during 2021-22. However, working has been extended beyond proposed depth (upto 757 mrl), between grid lines N2445700- N2445850 and E322600 - E322680. (iii) Reclamation by backfilling was proposed over 3.73 hectares in between grid lines N2445250- N2445480 and E322000 - E322300. However, backfilling done between grid lines N2445570- N2445650 and E322450 - E322600 where there was no proposal in approved document.

2. Your reply vide letter No. MIOM/CGM(Mines)/2021-22/327/600 dated 17/11/2021 received in this office on 30/11/2021 has been considered. After examination it has been seen that, reply given for compliance of Rule 11(1) of MCDR, 2017 mentioned at serial no. (ii) & (iii) is not satisfactory. However, it has been found that even after lapse of 45 (Forty Five) days from the issue of violation letter, the violations for the Rule 11(1) of MCDR, 2017 mentioned at serial no. (ii) & (iii) remain to be continued and not rectified.

- 3. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violation constitutes an offence, punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
- 4. The mining operations can be suspended under Rule 11(2), if compliance of Rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.
- 5. You are therefore, directed to show cause within a period of 30 (Thirty) days as to why you should not be prosecuted for the above offence and/or why mining operations shall not be suspended as per provision of MCDR, 2017.
- 6. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

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(O.P. Gopal) Regional Mining Geologist

Copy for information to:

(1) The Controller of Mines (EZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Kolkata

(2) The Director of Mines, Govt. of Jharkhand, 3rd floor, Yojna Bhavan, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi-834 002.

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