



Violation Letter
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Government of India
Ministry of Mines
Indian Bureau of Mines
Office of the Regional Controller of Mines, Jabalpur

Mine Code: 40MPR18003

Date: 29/12/2022

To,

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M/s Sobha Minerals
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Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Keolari Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Laterite and Ochre Mine over an area of 4.03hect. in Jabalpur District of M.P.

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 24/12/2022 by Sh. R.S.Garg, Assistant Controller of Mines, accompanied by Sh. Nirmal Singh Kurweti, Mining Engineer and Shri Indraneel Dawande, Qualified Person

नियम स.	पाए गए उल्लंघन की विस्तृत प्रकृति
Rule 11(1)	<p>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 or approved by the competent authority of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, in respect of minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act where the grade of such atomic minerals is equal to or above the threshold value limits declared under Schedule-A of the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016.</p> <p>The document of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.- MP/Jabalpur/Iron & Manganese Ore /RMP-01/2018-19 dated 24/05/2018 incorporating proposal of working from 2018-19 to 2022-23.</p> <p>i) In the year 2021-22 it was proposed to produced 155508 metric tonnes of iron ore,10603 metric tonne of Manganese ore and 2692 cum of minor minerals such as laterite etc without any OB removal. However in the year 2021-22 only 154225 metric tonnes of iron ore has reported produced without any production of Manganese ore and other minor minerals. Thus, there are 100% deviation in case of manganese ore & other minor mineral production.</p> <p>ii) Pit was found water locked upto about 385mRL. No dewatering arrangement have been made to dewater the water-logged pit for achieving the envisaged production from site selected for the purpose (advancement of pit towards North (old BP No. 4 & 5 after DGPS survey BP No. 1 & 10/1) and in West (BP no.7,8,11&12 now BP. No. 5,5/1,5/2,5/3,6, & 9).</p> <p>iii) Benches in mineral have not been kept sufficiently advanced resulting upper benches of mineral are close to merger with (about 20-22m bench height) subsequent lower benches. (Western and southern faces.</p> <p>iv) Physical appearance of some of the boundary pillar (BP No. 4/1, 5/1,5/2 & 5/3) were not observed in the lease area. Boundary Pillars need be fixed based on DGPS Report.</p>

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	<p>v) Pit have been extended upto lease boundary line particularly in Northern and Eastern portion of lease area without leaving statutory barrier zone as proposed in the approved mining plan.</p> <p>vi) Exploration was not done as per the proposals given in the approved Review of Mining Plan. Nine no. of boreholes, each of 40 m deep were proposed against year 2018-19. Notice of sinking of boreholes was given vide letter dated 10/03/2021,12/09/2022 and email dated 21/12/2022. So far three boreholes were found drilled and fourth borehole was under drilling on the date of inspection. Remaining six boreholes are yet to be completed. This amounts to the violation of the rule till completion of remaining 6 boreholes.</p>
12(4)	<p>In the case of existing mining leases, detailed exploration (G1 level) over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease shall be carried out in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 or the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016, as the case may be, within a period of five years from the date of commencement of these rules.</p> <p>As per record mining lease was granted for a period of 20 years w.e.f. 19/06/2007 to 18/06/2027 and by way of exploration so far 3.04 hect lease area has been proven under General exploration upto 370mRL and rest 0.99hect potential area yet to be explored under detailed exploration. Thus, as on date 0.99hect lease area have remains to bring under detailed exploration.</p>
Rule 45(7)	<p>If it is found that the holder of a 1 [mineral concession] or the person or company engaged in trading or storage or end-use or 1 [export or import] of minerals, as the case may be, has submitted incomplete or wrong or false information in monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified; then, in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mineral concession, the Regional Controller of Mines,</p> <p>(i) order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance;</p> <p>(ii) take action to initiate prosecution under these rules;</p> <p>(iii) recommend termination of the mineral concession, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining;</p> <p>On examination of Annual Return for the year 2021-22 it is observed that data of annual return are incomplete & having following deficiencies:-</p> <p>1. Part III, item No 2-Royalty and Rents Payment against royalty and dead rent have been shown on the return. Royalty and Dead Rent both cannot be charged at a time. So, information furnished in this regard needs correction</p> <p>2.Part III, item No 5 Details of GST paid to Central Government are not indicated, appears incorrect. Similarly details of payment against DMP & NMET are also not clear.</p> <p>3.Part VI, item No. 2 & 5 Grade wise production and dispatches----- & Sales/Dispatches effected for Domestic Consumption----</p> <p>i. Grade wise dispatch of (-) 55% Fe grade fines of iron ore indicated under Grade wise production and dispatches table is 135095tonne whereas total quantity of said grade fines of iron ore dispatched to different consignees are indicated as 135063tonne. Thus, there are ore accounting issues, need be clarified.</p> <p>ii. At mine level there is no mechanism for segregation of 60-62%Fe mineral from the mine. Only screening facilities are there in the mine through which a little upgradation is possible.</p>

2. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservations and Development Rules, 2017.
3. The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 are not found satisfactory. In case Non-compliance of Rule 45(7) of MCDR-2017,

Necessary action shall be initiated as deemed fit.

1/2362/2022⁴. You are advised to rectify the above violations immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Forty-Five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours Faithfully,

(R.S.Garg)

Assistant Controller of Mines
For Regional Controller of Mines

Copy for information to:-

01. The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt .of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhavan, 29-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal(M.P.) for information and further necessary action please.
02. The District Collector, Jabalpur (M.P.) for information.

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NOO Copy for kind information to :-

- 1 The Controller of Mines (CZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur
- 2 DDG, Mining & Mineral Statistics Division, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur for refer back of Annual Return for the year 2021-22 for rectification of deficiencies as pointed out above under rule 45(7).

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For Regional Controller of Mines