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Bengaluru/ बेंगलुरु -560022

सं/No.: KNT/CTD/Fe-4/BNG/Vol-V Mine-code: 30KAR07013

दिनांक/Dated: 05/12/2022

To,

**Shri Sauvick Majumdar,**  
Nominated Owner, Vedanta Iron Ore Mine  
M/s Vedanta Ltd.  
Sesa Ghor, EDC Complex,  
Patto – Panajim, Goa - 403001

**विषय/Subject:** Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your A Narrain Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2677) over an extent 160.59Ha, located in Maghalahalli & Other villages, Chitradurga & Holakere Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka State.

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above said mine during inspection on 10/11/2022 by undersigned along with Shri H.M. Shivakumar, AME in presence of Sajjad Ahamed, Mamlekar Irshad Shaikh, Mines Manager

Rules	Nature of Violations observed
11(1)	<p>The Mining operations required to be carried out in accordance as per the approved Modified Review and Updation of Mining Plan document vide letter no. 279/272/91/BNG dated 12/03/2020, However, during the inspection deviations were observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document and are as follows:</p> <p>(i) For the year 2021-22, development was proposed at two blocks viz. South Block and North block with a total ROM production of 7199985 tons and OB development of 4568700 m<sup>3</sup>. In south block proposals are between grid N1571942-1573393, E630873-629639 with a maximum vertical depth of <b>777mRL</b> and in North block proposals are between grid N1574254-1573581, E629665-629420 with a maximum vertical depth of <b>899mRL</b>. However, it is observed that vertical excavations are extended beyond the approved proposal limits in both south and north block <b>749mRL</b> and <b>877 mRL</b> respectively even though a less ROM production (5589540 tons) and OB development (2988955 m<sup>3</sup>) is achieved.</p> <p>(ii) In south block, benches between section line 6 to 7, foot wall side, erosion of benches observed due to flow of rain water.</p>

	(iii) In the south block, between Section line 3A-4, hanging wall side, benches width not maintained as proposed and few benches appears to have merged.
<b>45(7)</b>	In the Annual Return submitted for the year 2021-22, following discrepancies were observed (i) In Part-IIA Capital Structure, Value of land is mentioned and Depreciation of land value. However, the total lease area is in Forest Land. (ii) No exploration carried out during the year 2021-22, however, in Part-VII in exploration cost has been considered for arriving the Cost of Production. (iii) There are no deductions used for computation of Ex-mine price, however, grade-wise sale value given not tallying with the Ex-mine price.

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
03. The mining operations can be suspended under rule 11(2), if compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.
04. **The fine may be imposed for contravention in Rule 12(4) and Rule 45(7)** as per schedule-II of MCDR (Amendment) Rule, 2021.
05. 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.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

**(Dr. Sudhakara T.L.)**  
Senior Mining Geologist

*Copy for kind information to:*

1. The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore.
2. The Director, Dept. of Mines & Geology, 49, Khanij Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001.

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