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No. AP/KNL/Lst-209/HYD

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Date: 16-02-22

To

Sri V Pedda Konda Reddy
H No. 6/110, Nandavaram Village
Banaganapalli (Mandal)-518124
Kurnool (District) Andhra Pradesh State

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of V. Pedda Konda Reddy Limestone Mine of Sri V Pedda Konda Reddy over an extent of 4.08 ha situated in Venkatapuraram Village, Banaganapalli Mandal, Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh State.

Ref : (i) This office letter of even No. dated 28.10.2021

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) were found violated in your above mine during inspection of the mine for processing of Mining Plan on 28.08.2021 by the undersigned accompanied by Sri Suresh Agent of your mine and communicated to you on 28.10.2021 by giving 45 (Forty five) days time for rectification of the same.

Rule No.	Nature of Violation
11(1)	<p><i>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</i></p> <p>Mining operations are not being carried out in accordance with the proposals given in approved Mining Plan vide letter no. AP/KNL/MP/LsT-140/Hyd. dated 16.12.2016 to the extent indicated below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As per lithology, lease area consist of Weathered Limestone followed by Tufaceous Limestone and Reserves had been assessed considering both as Limestone and entire ROM produced to be utilized. Further there is no proposal of generation of OB.; Whereas during inspection about 3100 Tonnes of weathered Limestone is considered as OB and found dumped instead of utilizing it by blending with high grade ore. It was approved to carry out mining operation by maintaining bench height of 1.5 meters against which bench height of 6.0 meters is maintained.
26(2)	<p><i>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:</i></p> <p>Yearly report setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved progressive mine closure plan is not submitted to Regional Controller of Mines for the year 2020-21.</p>
40	<p><i>Every holder of mining lease shall take all possible measure to keep air pollution due to fines, dust, smoke or gaseous emissions during mining, beneficiation or metallurgical operations and related activities, within permissible limits.</i></p> <p>Periodical monitoring data of ambient air has not been carried out. No water sprinkling arrangement is there to suppress the dust arising out of mining activities</p>

41	<p><i>Every holder of mining lease shall take all possible precautions to prevent or reduce the discharge of toxic and objectionable liquid effluents from mine, workshop, beneficiation or metallurgical plants, tailing ponds, into surface water bodies, ground water aquifer and useable lands, to a minimum.</i></p> <p>Periodical monitoring data of water quality has not been carried out.</p>
42	<p><i>The holder of a mining lease shall take all possible measure to control or abate noise arising out of mining, beneficiation or metallurgical operations at the source so as to keep it within the permissible limits.</i></p> <p>Periodical monitoring data of noise vibration has not been carried out.</p>
45 (5) (7)	<p>Discrepancies are observed in the Annual returns submitted for the year 2020-21 as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Part-I, item no.12 Land put to use is furnished as (1) Area already exploited and abandoned by O/C Mining : 0.953 Ha and (2) Reclaimed & Rehabilitated : 0.2 Ha; Whereas no such area is found 'Abandoned', 'Reclaimed and Rehabilitated'. <u>Part-V, section 3</u> Reserves under (111)-59085 Tonnes and 121- 37,200 Tonnes (Lump Medium Grade) is furnished, which are much lesser than the that of furnished in Approved Mining Plan i.e. 3,31,050 Tonnes (121 category) of High Grade ore of CaO 50 to 50.7% & SiO₂ 5.1 to 5.92% <u>Part-V, Para 4.2(B)(i)</u> : Total ROM ore production is reported as 59,085 Tonnes which is contradictory to your submission of ROM ore production at mine head of 35,815 Tonnes in Part-VI, Para-1. <u>Part-V, Para 4.2(C)(i)</u> : 3100 tonnes of OB is reported to be backfilled; whereas During inspection no area is backfilled rather the weathered Limestone is found dumped. Part-VI, Section 5.0, para 5 Details of machineries deployed in the lease area has not been furnished In part-VI, Para 5. Sales/Dispatches Registration no. allotted by IBM to the buyers is not furnished In part-VII, Cost of Production No exploration was carried out during the year, whereas Rs. 50.00 is reported under exploration activity in computation of Cost of production.
54	<p>The following Registers are supposed to be kept in the mine for verification during inspection but were not shown to the undersigned.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ROM ore and Grade wise production and dispatch. Weathered Limestone generated Top Soil generated and its utilisation Payment Register, Cost of production, Sale Invoices. <p>In this regard you are advised to furnish the above for verification.</p>
55(1) (c)(i)	<p>Employment of geologist and mining engineer.-(1) For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules, -(c) every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of category 'A' mines, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist;</p> <p>The mine being Category-A mechanized mine, a whole time Mining Engineer & Geologist have not been employed as required under the provisions.</p>

02. Even after lapse of more than the stipulated time period granted, neither you have replied nor shown any interest for compliance of violations, thus the violations are still subsisting.

03. It is once again brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under rule 62 of MCDR, 2017. Further non compliance of rules 55 of MCDR 2017 is punishable with Fine as per schedule-III of MCDR (amended Rules). Inability to comply the provision of rule 11(1) and 45(5)(7) of MCDR, 2017 is liable for suspension of Mining operations under rule 11(2) and 45(5)(7)(a)(i) of MCDR 2017.

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 for the above offence or the mining operations should not be suspended under Rule 11(2) of MCDR,2017.

05. Please note that no further notice will be give to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Ibrahim Sharief
(IBRAHIM SHARIEF)
Deputy Controller of Mines

Copy for information & further necessary action to:

- (1) The Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
- (2) The Assistant Director, Dept. of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Banaganapalli (Po) & (M), Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh.

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