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Dated - 25/02/2022

To

(i) Shri Shirish Shekhar, Mines Agent
Noamundi Iron Ore Mine
Tata Steel Ltd.
At & P.O. Noamundi, PIN-833217
Dist. Singhbhum (West), Jharkhand State.

(ii) Shri Sanjit Kumar Adhya, Mines
Manager
Noamundi Iron Ore Mine
Tata Steel Ltd.
At & P.O. Noamundi, PIN-833217
Dist. Singhbhum (West), Jharkhand State.

Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Noamundi Iron Ore Mine over an area of 1160.06 hect. in Singhbhum (West) district, Jharkhand state.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) were found violated in the above mine during inspection on 10/02/2022 by the undersigned in presence of Shri Sanjit Kumar Adhya, Mines Manager, Shri Asim Chatterjee, Geologist, Shri D.Vijayendra & Shri Pinku Kumar, Qualified Persons.

Rule No.

Nature of Violation

Rule 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 Govt. pursuant to the proviso to clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5.

During inspection, mining operations were found not carried out in accordance with the following provisions of the Modification of Review of Mining Plan approved on 13th January 2021 to the extent indicated below:-

A. Exploration: As per approved Modification of Mining Plan dated 13/01/2021, Page no.49, Chapter 1, para(i), Table 1.6 of the Text, during 2020-21, there was proposal to drill 78 (Seventy Eight) nos (P0-P114) of Bore holes (Core/RC/DTH) of average depth 25m/upto depth of mineralisation in Grid Interval 100x100m&200x200m.in Non-Forest and

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Diverted Forest area covering a total meterage of 1950m. But during inspection it was observed that only 73 (Seventy Three) Boreholes were drilled during 2020-21.

B. Backfilling:- As per approved Modification of Mining Plan dated 13/01/2021, Page no.109, Chapter 4, para(c), Table 4.8(d) of the Text, during 2020-21, there was proposal to backfill waste in 29.9ha area during 2020-21 in Northern part of Hill no.3&4. But it was observed during inspection that only 10.16ha area has been backfilled in Northern part of Hill no.3&4 during 2020-21. Thus; the approved Modification of Review of Mining Plan was not followed.

02. In this connection it is to inform that, this violation of rule 11(1) of the MCDR'17, may lead to suspension of mining operation in accordance to rule 11(2) of the MCDR'17.

03. In this connection it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under rule 62 of MCDR, 2017. The relevant extract of the rule 62 is given below.

"62 Penalty: - Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of these rules shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees or with both, and in the case of continuing contravention with additional fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees for every day during which such contravention continues, after conviction for the first such contravention".

04. 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

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(B.P.Kerketta)

Deputy Controller of Mines

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