

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES

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To: Shri Mahesh Kumar Atha,
Partner,
M/s Khatau Liladhar Thacker
At and Post-GUA—833 213
District-Singhbhum West(JHARKHAND)

Sub.: Order of suspension of mining operations under Rule 11(2) of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your “KUMIRTA” Iron & Manganese Ore Mine (area 30.857Hects.) in Singhbhum West district of Jharkhand State.

Sir,

On verification of the office record, the following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine and communicated to you vide this office Regd. A/D letter of even no. dated 12/10/2018 in the form of violation letter giving you a period of 45 (forty five) days for rectification of the same, followed by a show cause notice issued vide this office Regd. A/D letter of even no. dated 12/12/2018 giving you a period of 30 (thirty) days for rectification of the same.

Rule No.	Nature of violation observed in detail
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Rule – 11 (4) The holder of a mining lease shall submit the mining plan to the competent authority for review at least one hundred and eighty days before the expiry of five years period for which it was approved on the last occasion, for mining operations for a period of five subsequent years.

In your case, it has been observed that the mining plan to the competent authority for review has not been submitted.

Rule-24. (1) The holder of a mining lease shall submit a final mine closure plan to the competent authority for approval two years prior to the proposed closure of the mine.

In your case, it has been observed that the final mine closure plan of the mine has not been submitted to this office.

Rule-26. Responsibility of holder of a mining lease.- (1) The holder of a mining lease shall have the responsibility to ensure that the protective measures including reclamation and rehabilitation works have been carried out in accordance with the approved mine closure plan or with such modifications as approved by the competent authority.

(2) 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:

In your case, it has been observed that a yearly report as per the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines has not been submitted to this office.

Rule –27(1): A financial assurance shall be furnished by the holder of the mining lease, for due and proper implementation of the progressive mine closure plan contained in the mining plan or the final mine closure plan, as the case may be, which shall be an amount of three lakh rupees for Category ‘A’ mines and two lakh rupees for Category ‘B’ mines, per hectare of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities:

Provided that the minimum amount of financial assurance to be furnished under sub-rule (1), shall be ten lakh rupees for Category 'A' mines and five lakh rupees for Category 'B' mines:

In your case, it has been observed that the financial assurance in respect of your mine has not been submitted to this office.

02. In this context, in compliance of Rule 11(4), you submitted Review of Mining Plan of the mine vide your letter no. NIL, dated 23/01/2019 to this office, which was not approved and the same was communicated to you vide this office letter no. RAN/WSB/Fe-Mn/MP-32/2018-19 dated 19/03/2019. No response was received regarding compliance of Rule 24(1), 26, and 27(1) so far. Thus, it has been found that you have not rectified the violation even after lapse of thirty (30) days from the date of issue of show cause notice and the violation of above Rules 11(4), 24(1), 26 and 27(1) still stands violated.

03. The non-compliance of Rules 11(4), 24(1), 26 and 27(1) of MCDR, 2017 defeats the very purpose of the nature of violation. Therefore, by virtue of powers upon me under Rule 11(2) of MCDR, 2017, **I hereby order suspension of all mining operations in "KUMIRTA" Iron & Manganese Ore Mine (area 30.857 Hects.) in Singhbhum West district of Jharkhand State with immediate effect.**

04. This order shall remain in force until revoked in writing. After compliance of the provisions of aforementioned Rules of MCDR, 2017, you may apply to this office for revocation of this order.

An immediate acknowledgement of this order is requested.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Anupam Nandi)
Regional Controller of Mines

Copy forwarded to:

1. **The Secretary (Mines)**, Govt. of Jharkhand, Jharkhand Mantralaya, Beside M D I Building Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834004 for kind perusal & necessary intervention in the issue.
2. **The Director (Mines)**, Govt. of Jharkhand, 3rd Floor, Yojna Bhawan, Jharkhand Mantralaya, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002.
3. **The Deputy Commissioner**, P.O.-Chaibasa, District- Singhbhum West, Jharkhand-833201
4. **The District Mining Officer**, P.O.- Chaibasa, District- Singhbhum West, Jharkhand-833201, with the request to stop issuing challan for transport of mineral from the mine till the party obtains a revocation order from Indian Bureau of Mines.
5. **The Director of Mines Safety**, DGMS, Tungri Road, Chaibasa-833201, Jharkhand.

Sd/-
(Anupam Nandi)
Regional Controller of Mines

N.O.O.:

1. **The Controller of Mines (EZ)**, Indian Bureau of Mines, Block-CP, Plot no.-13, Salt Lake, Sector-V, Kolkata- 700091.
2. **The Dy. Director General (MMS Division)**, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

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