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Violation
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फाईल संख्या File No: HP/Mandi/Salt-3

Mine Code: 51HPR08003

दिनांक, 04, March 2021

सेवा में To : Nominated Owner,
M/s Hindustan Salt Ltd
Drang Bhatog-175001
District-Mandi (HP)

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विषय Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Drang Rocksalt Mine over an area of 8.12 ha located near Village-Drang Mohal Bhagot, Tehsil-Sadar, District-Mandi in Himachal Pradesh.

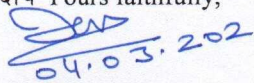
महोदय Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection made by the undersigned on 16.02.2021 in the presence of Shri Prem Ranjan Singh, Manager (Surveyor):

<u>RULE NO.</u>	<u>NATURE OF VIOLATION OBSERVED</u>
11(1)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mining Operation were not carried out in accordance with the mining plan approved vide letter No. 614(2)/MP-A-265/15-DDN, dated 17-05-2015 to the extent that the Geotechnical study is to be carried out before the commencement of the mining operations whereas mining operations found in operation without carrying out geotechnical studies. Refer Page 33(mining plan).2. Proposed Exploration for precise delineation of the mineralization has not been carried out as proposed at page no.223. As per proposal, It was proposed to carry out mining operations by making development of Incline for underground mining near boundary pillar No.25, however mining is observed being carried out which is not earmarked in the approved mining plan i.e. near boundary pillar No.19
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. Mining Plan with PMCP was approved vide letter no. 614(2)/MP-A-265/15-DDN, dated 17-05-2015 but lessee has not submitted the Review & Updation of Mining Plan with PMCP till date.
23	The holder of a mining lease shall submit to the competent authority a progressive mine closure plan as a component of the mining plan, at the time of submission, modification and review of the mining plan, whereas the same is not submitted.
35(4)	Star rating as per self assessed report (Star Rating Template) under rule 35(2) for reporting year 2019-20 is 2 Star of the mining and allied activities at your mining lease. Thus the confirmed/validated star rating is below the minimum qualifying 3 Star Rating as per rules. Based on the self assessed report (in Star Rating Template) under rule 35(2), it is found that you self assessed the mining and allied activities at your mining lease as 2 Star which is below the 3 Star, the minimum qualifying rating as per rules.
45(7)	The holder of mining lease has submitted incomplete and/or inconsistent or false information in annual return: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reported cost of production is given Rs. 8999.77 per Tonne which appears to be very high
55	Every holder of mining lease shall employ a Mining Engineer in the mine. But Mining Engineer has not been appointed in the Mine.

2. In this connection, it is brought to your kind notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR 2017.
3. As per provisions of rule 35(4) of MCDR the Regional Controller or the authorized officer of the Indian Bureau of Mines may suspend the mining operations in those mines where at least **three star rating has not been achieved** within a period of four years with effect from the 27th February, 2017 or four years from the date of commencement of mining operations, as the case may be.

4. Advise the State Government to order suspension of all mining operations in the mines as per provision of Rule 45(7), in case if it is found that the holder of a mining lease has submitted incomplete or wrong or false information in statutory returns or fails to submit such return within the date specified under Rule 45.
5. You are advised to rectify the above violations immediately and intimate the compliance position to this office within 45 days from date of issue of this letter.
6. Further considering the above intimation of violations as violation letter you are therefore **simultaneously** directed to **show cause within a period of forty five days (45) days** from the date of issue of this letter, as to why you should not be prosecuted and / or why the mining operation should not be suspended under relevant statutory provisions and/or why not any other appropriate action can be initiated in accordance with rules and/or any competent orders/directives.
7. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

भवदीय Yours faithfully,

04.03.2021

(दामोदर प्रसाद शर्मा / D P Sharma)

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