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क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक का कार्यालय, गोवा / OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES, GOA

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Date: 11.01.2017

To,
Shri Sauvick Mazumdar, Nominated Owner,
Mareta Sodo Iron Ore Mines,
M/s Vedanta Ltd.
Sesa Ghor, 20 EDC Complex,
Patto - Panaji,
Goa - 403 001.

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 in respect of your Mareta Sodo Iron Ore Mine (T.C.No.06 of 1955) over an area of 26.667 ha. situated in North Goa District of Goa State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 were found violated in your above said mine during inspection on 20.12.2016 by the undersigned in presence of Shri S. Pereira, Mines Manager of your mine.

Rule No.	Nature of Violation observed
13(1)	Mining operations have not been carried out in accordance with the Modification of Mining Plan approved dated 11.08.2015 to the extent indicated below:- (i) Temporary backfilling is approved to be carried out by having dump floors inward sloping with drainage system and in order to arrest the solid wash-off, the monsoon run-off to be channelized to a central location in each dump terrace & collected through pipe lines in to settling ponds / pit. However, it was observed during inspection that waste material being dump in to water logged pit for backfilling near to common lease boundary with Sonshi Mine of M/s V.G. Quenim without taking aforesaid protection measures. Hence, waste / backfilled material may escape uncontrolled in haphazard manner and even enter into adjacent lease and thus cause degradation of the environment.
42(1)(i)	Appointed Mining Engineer - Mr. Muthumari M and Geologist - Mr. Santosh Ghadi do not have 10 years of experience as required under this rule.
45(7)(i)	As per the submitted Annual Return for the year 2015-16; 202985 tonnes of ROM ore was produced and 178750 tonnes of ROM ore mentioned as closing Stock. However gradewise production, dispatch, stock etc. of processed ore was reported as Nil and Sales/dispatch effected for Domestic Consumption & for Export was also reported as Nil. Hence, there is no account of 24235 tonnes of ore observed. Further, this type of discrepancies are also observed in the subsequent Monthly returns submitted.

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02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 58 of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988.

03. The mining operations can be suspended under Rule 13(2), if compliance of Rule 13(1) is not found satisfactory.

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,



(Prem Prakash)

o/c Deputy Controller of Mines

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- (1) The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore
 - (2) The Director, Directorate of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa, Institute of Menezes Braganza Building, Panaji – Goa (403001)



(Prem Prakash)

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