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

Fatorda, Margao, GOA – 403 602

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File No.- KNT/BJP/LST-30/GOA

Mine Code: 38KAR26019

Date: 25.03.2021

To,  
Shri. Sudhakar Sadashiv Sarwad, Lessee/Mine Owner  
(Varchagal Limestone & Dolomite Mine),  
Ward No.-5, KHB Colony, Mantur Road,  
At/PO.- Mudhol, Mudhol Taluk,  
Bagalkot Dist., Karnataka State – 587 313

**Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR,2017) in respect of your Varchagal Limestone & Dolomite Mine (M.L.No.2308), over an area of 4.86 Ha. in Taluk-Mudhol, Bagalkot Dist. of Karnataka state.**

Sir,

Undersigned inspected your above mine on 16.10.2020 in the presence of Mr. G. Harendra, Geologist and other officials of your mine and violation letter of even no., dtd. 13.11.2020 was issued for below mentioned rules of MCDR,2017.

Rule No.	Nature of Violation observed
11 (1)	The Mining operations required to be carried out in accordance with the mining plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Bureau of Mines. However, Mining operations have not been carried out in accordance with the Scheme of Mining (SoM) approved dated:- 05.08.2016 to the extent indicated below:- <b>(i)</b> Pit working/excavation approved to be carried out by formation of systematic regular benches of 3m height and 3m to 5m width. However, during inspection, it was observed that pit benches were not maintained in regular & systematic manner, and height of pit benches are more than 3m at places. Violation in this respect was also issued previously by this office, however the same has not been complied with so far. <b>(ii)</b> Retaining wall as proposed (Ref. Reclamation & Rehabilitation Plan Plate No.- 8), has not been erected. Violation in this respect was also issued previously by this office, however the same has not been complied with so far. <b>(iii)</b> Environment monitoring approved to be carried in core and buffer zone regularly. However, Environment monitoring records were not made available during inspection.
47	07 no. of exploratory Boreholes reported carried out in year 2019-20. However, Intimation in form-I has not been sent to this office as required under this rule.
48	Records of Boreholes drilled to be maintained in form-J required under this rule, has not been maintained and not be made available during inspection.
45 (7)	(i) In Annual Return submitted for year 2019-20, Opening stock of ROM ore at mine-head (Dolomite) reported as Nil. Whereas, as per Annual return submitted for previous year of 2018-19, 33060 tonne of ROM ore (Dolomite) was produced and 30060 tonne was processed. Hence, 3000 tonne of ROM ore

	<p>at mine-head would have been there as closing stock of year 2018-19 and Opening stock of year 2019-20.</p> <p>(ii) Registration no. as allotted by the Indian Bureau of Mines to the buyers in respect of Sales/dispatch effected from the Mine has not been mentioned for all the buyers in the Annual Return submitted for year 2019-20, i.e. Registration no. of consignees Shri Chitanya Industries and Poornima Traders &amp; Transporter were not mentioned.</p> <p>(iii) Registration no. as allotted by the Indian Bureau of Mines to the buyers in respect of Sales/dispatch effected from the Mine has not been mentioned for all the buyers in the Monthly Return of Sept.'2020, i.e. Registration no. of consignees Shri Vinayaka Lime was not mentioned. Same type of discrepancies are also observed in other monthly returns submitted.</p>
<b>55 (1) (c) with 11(1)</b>	Every holder of mining lease shall employ, in case of Category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer. Further in MMP, it was approved to employ mining engineer as per MCDR,2017. However, part-time mining engineer has not been employed in the mine. Violation in this respect was also issued previously by this office, however the same has not been complied so far.

- 02.** You were given 45 days' time to intimate the position to this office after rectifying the above violations. However, no response has been received so far from your side in respect of compliance of above violations.
- 03.** In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
- 04.** The mining operations can be suspended under Rule 11 (2), if compliance of Rule 11 (1) is not found satisfactory.
- 05.** 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 and/or the mining operations should not be suspended in accordance to Rule 11 (2) of MCDR, 2017.
- 06.** Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

(P. PRAKASH)  
Dy. Controller of Mines

Copy to: -

Mines Manager, Varchagal Limestone & Dolomite Mine,  
Shri. Sudhakar Sadashiv Sarwad, Lessee/Mine Owner,  
M/s. Srinivas minerals, Village- Varchagal, Taluk-Mudhol,  
Bagalkot Dist., Karnataka- 587122

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Dy. Controller of Mines

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- (1) The Dy. Director General (Stat.), IBM, Nagpur
- (2) The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore.
- (3) The Director, Directorate of Mines & Geology, Government of Karnataka,  
49, Khanij Bhawan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.

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