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VIOLATION LETTER
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Jabalpur, Dated: 27/04/2021

To,

Smt Ratna Mishra
W/o Late Sri Subhash Mishra
Sarwarkar Ward, Naibasti,
PO & District – Katni- 483501

Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to **Rajarwara Limestone Mine (5.89 Hect.)** in Katni district of M.P.

Sir/Madam,

Undersigned has inspected your mine in the presence of re-presentative of lessee, Mines officials and QP on 25/02/2021. Following provisions of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your mines at the time of inspection.

Rule No	Nature of violation observed in detail
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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 Government pursuant to the proviso to clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 or approved by the competent authority of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, in respect of minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act where the grade of such atomic minerals is equal to or above the threshold value limits declared under Schedule-A of the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016.

The Scheme of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Katni/Limestone/M.Sch-36/15-16 dated 18/03/2016 incorporating proposal of working from 2016-17 to 2020-21.

During inspection it has been observed that the following provisions of the rule have been violated:-

- (a) **03 nos. of DTH & 01 core drill boreholes were proposed for exploratory drilling in previous approved document period. But, no exploratory drilling had done as per proposal of approved document.**
- (b) **Refer approved document, separate benches of 4m-4.5m height in limestone and maximum up to 6m shall be maintained in the mine and active bench widths at the mine shall be not less than height of the bench at any place and as per provisions of statute. But, during inspection it was found that in the northern and southern side of the lease benches have been merged up some places between BP no. 05 to BP no. 09, BP-15 to 16 and some other places, resulting height of the benches found more than the proposal. And, it was also observed that at some places in the northern and southern side between BP no. 05 to BP no. 09 width of the benches found very less than approval.**
- (c) **OB was dumped in the southern portion of the lease area from extension BP-14 to BP-01 without any proposal in the approved document and also within 7.5-meter statutory barrier zone.**
- (d) **Extension of pit/ benches was extended beyond the 7.5-meter statutory barrier zone near BP 01 to BP 10 which is also shown in the surface plan received from mine office.**
- (e) **It was proposed to remove 17759 m³ quantity of overburden from Pit no. 03 for mine development in the year 2019-20. But, it was observed during inspection that development was not carried out at the proposed location in the year 2019-20. The mine development was lagging from the proposal and not as per the approved proposals of approved document.**
- (f) **It was proposed to develop Pit no- 03 for production. But, it was observed that Pit no 03 was not developed and production was carried out from other part of mine and vertical depth of the mine was carried out up to 346 m without any proposal.**
- (g) **As per proposal, backfilling was proposed in 2120 sq metre area. But, it was observed during inspection that no backfilling was carried out as per proposal. Hence, compliance on reclamation and rehabilitation has not been done as per proposal.**

Rule 26(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:

etc

The yearly report in respect of rule 26(2) of MCDR 2017 has not been submitted for the year 2019-20.

Rule 33 Copies of plans and sections to be submitted – The holder of mining lease shall on or before the 30th day of the June every year submit to the authorized officer, as the case may be, and the State Govt. a digital copy along with a print copy of the surface geological plans and sections maintained under rule 32.

Plans and sections have not been submitted by lessee at this office maintained under rule 32.

Rule 45(5) The holder of a mining lease shall submit online returns in respect of each mine to the Regional Controller or any other authorized official of the Indian Bureau of Mines in the following manner namely:-

(b) A monthly return which shall be submitted before the tenth of the day of every month in respect of the preceding month in electronic form along with the signed print copy of the same if it is not digitally signed, in the prescribed form.

(c) an annual return which shall be submitted before the 1st day of July each year for the preceding financial year in electronic form, along with a signed print copy of the same if it is not digitally signed, in the respective Form

During the scrutiny of office records, it has been observed that the monthly return and annual return for the review period have not been filed in the electronic form by lessee within the stipulated time as per provisions of rule.

Rule 55 (1) For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules, –

(a) every holder of reconnaissance permit shall employ a whole-time geologist;

(b) every holder of prospecting licence or a prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall employ a whole-time geologist and a part-time mining engineer;

(c) every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of–

category 'A' mines, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist;

category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist:

Provided that in the case of fully mechanised category 'A' mines, the mining engineers and geologists shall have minimum five years of professional experience of working in a supervisory capacity in the field of mining.

Whole time Mining Engineer and Geologist have not been appointed for this lease area as per provisions of rule.

1. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservations and Development Rules, 2017.
2. The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 is not found satisfactory.
3. You are advised to rectify the violations of above mentioned rules immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Forty Five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

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प्रतिलिपि प्रेषित : :

01. The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhavan, 29-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.) for information and further necessary action.

02. The District Collector, Katni (M.P.) for information.

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खान नियंत्रक (मध्य), भारतीय खान ब्यूरो, नागपुर को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।

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