

Government of India Ministry of Mines Indian Bureau of Mines Office of the Regoinal Controller of Mines, Jabalpur

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Bandarakha Limestone Mine (40.236 Ha), M/s Prism Cement Limited Vill -Mankahari Po-Bathiya, Rampur Baghelan, District: Satna,State: Madhya Pradesh Pin-485111 Email - deo.prakash@prismjohnson.in

Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Bandarakha Limestone Mine (40.236 Ha), M/s Prism Cement Ltd, Mine code 38MPR35331 at Vill - Mankahari PO-Bathiya, Rampur Baghelan, District: Satna (M.P.)

Sir,

Undersigned has inspected your mine in the presence of Shri Kamlesh Kumr (Mining Engineer), Shri Santosh Kumar (Mine Geologist), Shri Amit Biswas (Mine Geologist) and Shri Rajesh K Sinha (Surveyor) on 05/11/2019. Following provisions of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your mines during inspection.

Rule No

Nature of violation observed in detail

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/Satna/Limestone/MPLN/MOD-17/2018-19 dated 08/10/2018 incorporating proposal of working from 2018-19 to 2019-20.

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

Refer approved document chepter 8 – Prograssive Mine Closure Plan under rule 23 of MCDR-2017 under heading Water Quality Management (page no. 67), it was proposed to provide a garland drain around the pit to prevent inrush of rainwater into the mining pit. But, it was observed during inspection that the garland drain provided around the pit was not maintained properly. Hence, the mine was flooded till date of inspection.

In addition to it, there was no provision found for pumping of water for dewatering of the mine pit and to expose benches and pit bottom of the mine for inspection and verification of excavation of benches and pit bottom during the proposal period.

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 1stday 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:

During scrutiny of the office records, it has been observed that the yearly report in respect of rule 26(2) of MCDR 2017 has not been submitted for the year 2018-19.

Rule 28 (1) Subject to the provisions of section 4A, the holder of a mining lease shall send to the authorised officer, as the case may be, and the State Government a notice in Four D (1) Subject to the State Government a notice in Form E when the authorised officer, as the case may be, and the State Government a notice in Form E when the aumorised of a mineral processing operations in the mine or part thereof are discontinued for a mining or mineral processing operations in the mine or part thereof are discontinued for a mining of an area discontinued for a period exceeding ninety days so as to reach them within one hundred and twenty days from period exceeding ninety days so as to reach them within one hundred and twenty days from the date of such temporary discontinuance.

During the scrutiny of office records, it has been observed that mining operations in the mine are discontinued for a period exceeding ninety days and intimation in Form E in respect of discontinuance of mining operations has not been submitted to this office.

- Rule 46 The holder of a mining lease or the holder of a prospecting licence or prospecting license cum mining lease shall send an intimation in Form I of the Schedule to the authorised officer, as the case may be, within fifteen days after the commencement of any of the
 - (a) the sinking of trial shaft or borehole to a depth exceeding ten meters from the surface; or
 - (b) the extension of an existing shaft or borehole to a depth exceeding ten meters; or
 - (c) the sinking of a new shaft or boreholes commencing from underground workings:

During the scrutiny of office records, it has been observed that intimation in Form I in respect of bore holes drilled during 2018-19 has not been submitted to this office.

- 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 abovementioned 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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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, Satna (M.P.) for information.

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प्रतिलिपि प्रेषित:

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