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Date : 29/04/2020

To,

✓ **Shri Vivek Krishan Agnihotri**
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Mendhi Limestone Mine (117.594 Ha),
M/s Prism Cement Limited
Vill -Mankahari Po-Bathiya, Rampur Baghelan,
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Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Mendhi Limestone Mine (117.594 Ha), M/s Prism Cement Ltd, Mine code 38MPR35314 at Vill - Mankahari PO-Bathiya, Rampur Baghelan, District: Satna (M.P.)

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during site inspection on 06/11/2019. The Violations were communicated to you vide this office registered AD letter of even no.dated 13/11/2019 giving you a time period of 45 (forty five) days for rectification of the same

Rule No	Nature of violation observed in detail
Rule 11(1)	<p>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.</p> <p>The Scheme of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Satna/Limestone/M.Sch-86/2014-15 dated 06/04/2015 incorporating proposal of working from 2015-16 to 2019-20.</p> <p>During inspection it has been observed that the following provisions of the rule have been violated:-</p> <p>a) Refer approved document (page no. 29), development was proposed from pit no. 03 between the grid coordinates N 474 to N 900 and E 1094 to E 1673. But, it was observed during inspection that development has not been done during the year 2018-19 as per proposal.</p> <p>b) It was proposed to remove 483175 m3 quantity of top soil for development of mine in the year 2018-19. But, only 800 m3 quantity of top soil has been removed for development during the year 2018-19. Hence, the mine development was lagging from the proposal and not as per the approved proposals of approved document.</p>
Rule 26(2)	<p>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:</p>

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 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 following operations, namely:—

- (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.

In response of violation letter dated 13/11/2019 your reply dated 26/12/2019 has been Received this office. The reply has been duly considered and reply of violatrion of rule 46 & 26(2) have been found satisfactory. But compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory. Therefore violation of Rule 11(1) is still exist for above mentioned mine.

02. In response of violation letter dated 13/11/2019 your reply dated 26/12/2019 has been Received this office. The reply has been duly considered and reply of violatrion of rule 46 & 26(2) have been found satisfactory. But compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory. Therefore violation of Rule 11(1) is still exist for above mentioned mine.

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) of MCDR-2017 if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 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.

06. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

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