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Dt. 03/03/2021

**To,**

The Agent (Mines)  
Sevathur Vermiculite Mine  
M/s Tamilnadu Minerals Limited  
Sevathur & Elavampatti Villages  
Tirupathur Taluk & District  
Tamil Nadu – 635654

**Mine code – 62TMN08001**

**Sub:** Violation of provisions of MCDR 2017 in respect of your Sevathur Vermiculite Mine over an area of 23.71 Ha in Sevathur & Elavampatti Villages, Tirupathur Taluk & District.

Sir,

The following provision of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 19/02/2021 by the undersigned in the presence of Thiru. C. Kathiravan, Agent & Thiru. S. Karthikeyan, Mines Foreman:

| Rule         | Nature of Violation   |
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| 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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.<br><i>It has been observed during the inspection that you have not submitted the same.</i>  |
| 45(7)        | If it is found that the holder of a mining lease or the person or company engaged in trading or storage or end-use or export of minerals, as the case may be, has submitted incomplete or wrong or false information in daily or monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified; then – (a) in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines may advise the State Government to, - (i) order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance; (ii) take action to initiate prosecution under these rules; (iii) recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicated abetment or connivance of illegal mining;<br><i>It has been observed that you have furnished wrong information in your annual return for the year 2019-20 w.r.t. the following:</i><br><i>(i) Part V, Section 4. Mining Operations during the year Para 4.2(B)(i) Total ROM Ore production (tonnes),</i><br><i>(ii) Part V, Section 4. Mining Operations during the year Para 4.2(C). (ii) Quantity disposed of in external dumps, &amp;</i><br><i>(iii) Part V, Section 4 – Mineral Rejects For Vermiculite Para 4.2.(B)(ii)(a).</i> |
| 55(1)(c)(ii) | For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules, - (c) every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of – (ii) category ‘B’ mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist.<br><i>It has been observed during the inspection that you have not appointed any geologist in your mine.</i>   |

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.

03. The mining operation can be recommended to State Government for suspension under Rule 45(7)(a) of MCDR, 2017, if the compliance of the rules 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,

(Matiul Islam)  
Assistant Controller of Mines

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(Matiul Islam)  
Assistant Controller of Mines