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Dated: 30/01/2020

To,  
Dr. Vinod Nowal, Director.  
JSW Steel Limited  
Vijayanagar works, Post; Vidyanagar-583 275  
Ballary District, Karnataka,

Subject: Violation of provisions of MCDR 2017 in respect of Devadari Iron Ore Mine (M.L. No. 006) of M/s JSW over an extent of 100.54 ha, in Lakshmpura Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari district, Karnataka State...Reg.

**Sir,**

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 8/11/2019 by the undersigned in the presence of Mines Manager S/Shri N.K. Sharma & Venugopal-Mining Engineer, Nataraja.B. Geologist.

Rule 11(1)	<p>It was proposed in the approved Mining Plan approved vide letter No. 279/1091/2017/BNG/735 dated 31/03/2017 &amp; 3/04/2017 for the five years period 2018-19 to 2022-23.. The deviations observed in mining operations vis-a-vis approved document are given below:</p> <p>(i). Ten (10) bore holes were proposed to drill for the year 2019-20 for confirmation of ore reserves, to ascertain the extent &amp; depth of mineralization. The mine is in operation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year i.e. 2019-2020 as per the opening notice received from your office for 19/01/2019. During the inspection it was found that the above bore holes not drilled to ascertain the reserves/ resources and till date no such details or datas furnished by you for undertaken the exploration proposals in the mine as per the proposals in the approved document.</p> <p>(ii) It was proposed that 6.52 ha area will be used under back filling and 3.00 ha for temporary dumping as per R &amp; R plan, given in para 8.6, financial assurance. As per the annual return 2018-19, 1, 17,828 tonnes of waste is used for back filling during the year, but no such indication reflected in the annual return reported in Part-I, Sl. No.12., for the justification and the extent of the area not considered for the calculation of financial assurance is also not appropriate and correct at this stage. Only after completing the reclamation &amp; rehabilitation ( i.e back filling &amp; rehabilitation ) work in that particular area, otherwise, the amount need to be paid in the financial assurance i.e. in the Bank Guarantee form.</p> <p>(iii). The mine is working in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the five years period for which it was approved, during the day of inspection, it was observed that the proposals drawn in the plate No. III(a) &amp; III(b) need to be followed and continued development &amp; production, but</p>
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	the selective mining is going on in the ore body itself, instead of moving the north & the west faces. This will lead to unsystematic for the future developments & productions.
31	(2) The conventions provided under the Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961, shall be used in preparing all plans and sections required under these rules.  (4) The plans and sections required under these rules shall be maintained up to date within three months in case of category 'A' mines as referred to in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 55
45(5) (b)(i)	The extent of utilization of lease area at the end of the year is given as already exploited by O/C mining=55.71 ha, current working=9.070 ha, waste disposals=3.63 ha, plant, building etc.,=1.0 ha, other purposes-R & R works etc.,=31.13 ha. But the information furnished in the MCDR/ SDF inspection report varies. Besides, the quantity of waste used for back filling during the year reported in the return were not justified in this part-I( Sl.no.12) of this year return 2018-19.

02. 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.

03. You are, therefore, advised to rectify the above violation immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Forty Five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
(C. Parameshwaran)  
Deputy Controller of Mines  
Indian Bureau of Mines

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