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**To: M/s. Sunflag Iron & Steel Company Limited,
Mount Road, Sadar,
Nagpur-440001 (Maharashtra).**

Sub :- Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Navegaon Manganese Ore Mine, over an extent of 15.90Ha. Situated in Navegaon village, Bhandara District of Maharashtra State.

6th Floor, 'B & C' Block,
Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines,
NAGPUR-440 102.
Date:20.04.2020

Sir,

The following provision of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 28/02/2020, by Shri Kalmata.M.K, Regional Mining Geologist, in presence of Shri Hemant Hinge, Geologist.

Rule	Nature of Violation observed
11(1)	a) In the approved Modified Mining Plan, dated 09.09.2016, there was a proposal to drill two exploratory bore holes in the year 2017-18 and three exploratory boreholes in the year 2018-19. During inspection, it was noticed that, lessee has not carried out the exploration as per the proposal. b) In the approved document, there was a proposal to plant 20 saplings per year from 2016-17 to 2018-19. However no such plantation was made by the lessee in the year 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.
11(4)	The holder of a mining lease shall submit the mining plan to the competent authority for its review at least one hundred and eighty days before the expiry of five Year's period for which it was approved on the last occasion, for mining operations for a period of five subsequent years. The last approved document is expiring on 31.03.2020; however lessee has not applied for review of Mining Plan for the period, 31.03.2020 onwards so far.
26(2)	Yearly report, for implementation of PMCP, as per the format is not submitted for the year 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.
28(1)	The mine is not working from 2018-19 onwards, however notice of temporary discontinuance of work in mines is not submitted in form E, so far.

31(4)	The plans and sections required under the MCD Rules-2017 are not updated.
35(2)	<p>Every holder of a mining lease shall monitor his mining and allied activities as per the notified template of star rating in the format prescribed in this behalf by the Indian Bureau of Mines from time to time, and shall submit online its self assessment report before the 1st day of July every year for the previous financial year, alongwith the soft copy (in the standard format), of high resolution satellite images obtained from CARTOSAT-2 satellite LISS-IV sensor on the scale of cadastral map, as on the 31st day of March for that financial year, covering the mining lease and an area of two kilometres. from the lease boundary, to the Regional Controller or the authorized officer of the Indian Bureau of Mines.</p> <p>However, on examination of this office record, it is observed that you have not filled the self-assessed Star Rating Template online for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 till date. Thus you have failed to comply with the provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017. This attracts the violation of provisions of Rule 35(2) of MCDR-2017.</p>
45(7)	<p>Following deficiencies were observed in the annual returns submitted for the year 2018-19.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Land use details are not properly shown. Lease area utilized under different heads, are not matching with the land use details, as given in approved document, and area utilized for mining activities in the present plan period. b) Value of fixed asset is shown as zero. Whereas net closing balance is shown as Rs-8650. Land value is shown only Rs. 1850. Value of Plant and machinery is mentioned as Rs-3600, Capitalized expenditure is given as Rs-2500 and value under industry as Rs-700. The values given are appear very low compare to present market value. c) Production and dispatch from the mine is shown as Nil for the year 2018-19, but at point no 2 of part III, Rs-20,000 is shown as paid towards royalty. d) The ex-mine price for below 25%Mn ore is given as Rs-850/tonne and for 25 to below 35% Mn ore Rs-1454/tonnee. The ex-mine price mentioned in the returns appears very less compare to other leases of the same region. e) At point no-1 & 2 of Part VI production and dispatch is mentioned as Nil. However at part VII cost of production is shown as, Rs-1683/tonnee.

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violation constitutes an offence, punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.

03. The mining operations can be suspended under Rule 11(2), if compliance of MCD Rules 2017 is not found satisfactory.

04. You are advised to rectify the above violation immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Fourty five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,`

(Chandresh Bohra)
Deputy Controller of Mines,
Indian Bureau of Mines.

Copy forwarded to: -

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