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Date: 22/5/2019

To, Shri. UR Raju, Director M/s Cosmos Cements Limited Ferndale Complex, Block-III, Keating Road Shillong - 793001 (Meghalaya)

Subject: Approval of the modifications proposed in Mining Plan in respect of your Sutnga Limestone mine for Limestone & Shale over an area of 230 Ha. situated in Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya State

#### References:

1) Your letter No. NIL dtd. 8.4.2019 received on dtd. 12.4.2019.

2) This office letter of even No. dated 16.4.2019 seeking comments on the draft Mining Plan from Director, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong

3) This office letter of even No. dated 2.5.2019 for inspection of the aforesaid ML area.

Sir,

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and clause (3) of Rule 17 of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 read with Government of India Order No.S.O.445(E) dated 28.04.1987 and S.O. 1857(E) dated 18th May, 2016; you are hereby informed that the Modifications proposed in the Mining Plan submitted by you is 'NOT APPROVED' for the following reasons:-

1. The ML boundary as shown in the surface plan & other plans in the last approved mining plan for the above-said ML (applied area, 230ha.) was having 12 Nos. of corner boundary pillars running from A to L. The present submission depicts a different shape of ML (230ha.) with corner boundary pillars (8 Nos.) running from A to H. Moreover, the enclosed authenticated lease map from the State Govt. is for the applied PL area and not for the ML executed. This indicates an ambiguity in the ML boundary.

2. On the basis of site inspection carried out by Shri. SK Mohapatra, SMG on dtd. 11.5.2019, it is revealed that the surface plan has not been updated. Numerous pits were observed for mining of carbonaceous materials. The same were not at all shown in

the submitted plans/ sections.

3. It has been stated that 15 Nos. of boreholes (NKH series with a total meterage of 792m) were drilled during the PL stage within the ML area of 230 Ha. The same were also reported in the last approved mining plan. However, in the present document new series of 13 Nos. of borehole (MGBH series with a total meterage of 885m) are shown which are said to be drilled after execution of the ML and the earlier drilled boreholes are not at all shown in the submitted surface geological plan & geological cross sections. The geological cross sections further reveal that the earlier reported to be drilled boreholes (NKH series) have not been accounted for calculation of the resource/ reserve figures also. This indicates an ambiguity in the total number of boreholes sinked in the ML

Any further submission made in this regard will be considered as a fresh draft submission.

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