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To

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Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Wadegaon Manganese Mines over an area of 3.97 Hect. situated in District-Nagpur of Maharashtra state.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation Development (Amendment) Rules, 2017 are found violated in respect of your above referred mine during the inspection on 16.03.2022 carried out by Shri. Snehankit H. Chatte, Asst. Mining Engineer alongwith Shri. S.P. Tiwari, Agent, Shri. Piyush Khaparde, Mine Manager & Shri. A.B. Deoras, (QP):-

Rule	Nature of Violation observed																																																
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>In this connection following deficiencies are observed during the inspection of your above referred mine:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. During inspection it was observed that, barrier between your lease and adjacent lease i.e. Kachurwahi-wadegaon Manganese ore 78.50 hect of M/s Veet Rag Exploration having common lease boundary (mineralised area) was found excavated without getting necessary permission/ clearances from DGMS under MMR, 1961. The barrier area excavated found 0.175 hect approx having depth of 6 meters. Reason for the same to be given.2. As per last approved mining plan document approved on 28.12.2018, from year 2017-18 to 2019-20 production/ development from Open cast was proposed & from year 2020-21 to 2021-22 underground development with production was proposed, which is furnished below:-																																																
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During the inspection it was observed that no work of underground development was started, method of working was found opencast only. Hence there is deviation from approved mining plan.

3. After examination of Annual Returns during the inspection, it is observed that, the mine has produced 15830 Tonnes ROM from open cast in year 2020-21. But as per the proposal given in last approved mining plan document during the year 2020-21 it was proposed to produced 1500 T ROM from Underground working. The achieved production is 1055.33 % more than the proposal. Such drastic/ excessive production reported/ produced may be justified.
4. Further, the recovery from ROM was mentioned in approved mining plan was 90% but as per the annual return year 2020-21, the recovery / graded mineral production is shown as 6510 T from ROM which is reported 15830T. The same is comes only 41.12% reason for such huge variation may be justify.
5. Furthermore, during inspection, sub-grade & mineral rejects dumps were not found in the lease area, but as per the proposals 10% (of ROM) should be available in the lease area, to be justified. As per annual return year 2020-21, 2200 T of mineral rejects generated was shown. Reason for such difference may be justified.
6. During inspection it was observed that, in the mineral stacking area, waste/ OB was found dumped.
7. During inspection, it was observed that, the dumping of waste/ OB and mineral stacks/ sorting of mineral related working was found outside of your lease area at southern part having GPS Co-ordinates N21⁰ 19' 31" & E 79⁰ 24' 4". Which is a neither part of your lease nor the adjacent lease i.e. Kachurwahi-wadegaon Mn Mine 78.50 hect of M/s Veet Rag Exploration. Details of the same with justification may be furnished.

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Notice of certain appointments.— The holder of the prospecting licence or prospecting license cum mining lease or the mining lease shall,—

- (a) when any new appointment of an agent, mining engineer, geologist or any person is made under sub-rule (1) of rule 55; or
- (b) when the employment of any such person is terminated or any such person leaves the said employment; or
- (c) when any change occurs in the address of any such person, within fifteen days from the date of such appointment, termination, leaving or change in address, give a notice in Form H of the Schedule to the authorised officer, as the case may be.

During the field visit it was found that, Shri. Ashish Barapatre is appointed as Mining Engineer & Ku. Kanchan Bajoria is appointed as part time Geologist. However, as per this office records Notice of such Appointments & termination of previous Mining Engineer & Geologist is not submitted to this office .

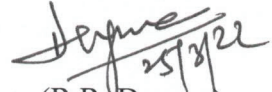
This attracts the violation of provisions of Rule 46 of Mineral Conservation Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021.

2. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that, the above violations constitute an offence punishable under rule as per Rule 62(2) of the Mineral Conservation Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021, which has been come in force on 3rd November, 2021, for non-compliance of Rule 46 of the Mineral Conservation Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021 is punishable with fine for an amount as specified in Schedule III which is reproduced below:-

Rule No.	Marginal heading of the Rule	Amount of Fine (in Rs.)
Rule 46	Notice of certain appointments	2,000/- per day, subject to maximum 1,00,000/-

3. The mining operation can be suspended by the competent authority and suitable actions can be initiated under Rule 11(2), if compliance is not found satisfactory.
4. 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,



(R.R. Dongre)

Regional Controller of Mines

Copy to:

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