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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES, GOA

File No.- GOA/Fe/79

Fatorda, Margaon, Goa – 403 602
Date: 26.05.2017

To,
Shri. Kaustubh V Sawkar , Partner
M/s Lithoferro
Khalap Chamber, Market Road
Mapusa, Goa
Pin code: 403 507

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) in respect of Calsanichomato De Oilomol Iron Ore Mine (T.C. 89 of 1952), lessee- M/s Lithoferro, over an area of 36.2202 Ha. in North Goa District of Goa State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules'2017 were found violated in your above said mine during inspection on 18/05/2017 by the undersigned in the presence of Mr. Narayan Prasad, Agent & Mr. Vijaykumar D Kelkar, Mines Manager of your mine.

Rule No.	<i>Nature of Violation</i>
11 (1)	<p>Mining operations have not been carried out in accordance with the Modification of Mining Plan (MMP) approved vide letter no.- MMP/MECH-19/GOA/2015-16 Vol-I, Dated:- 08/02/2017 to the extent indicated below:-</p> <p>(i) The exploration proposed for the year 2016-17 i.e. 02 BHs (140m) were not carried out.</p> <p>(ii) As per approved MMP, excavation/development of pit was approved to be carried out by formation of regular benches of height 6 m and width more than its height (width of benches to be 10 to 12m).</p> <p>However, It was observed during inspection that, benches were merged in irregular manner and width of benches were not maintained as approved at the places; and thus resulted in collapse of lower benches in southern side of pit (near ML boundary pillar no.- BP-5 to BP-7). This is against the systematic and scientific mining.</p>
45	<p>(i) In Monthly Returns submitted for your mine from April 2016 to April 2017; details reported under Part-II, w.r.to the Ex-mines price is given as below:</p> <p>Iron Ore (Lumps)- 55% to below 58% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs. 623.60 (Rs. per te)</p> <p>Iron Ore (Lumps)- 58% to below 60% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs. 623.60 (Rs. per te)</p> <p>Iron Ore (fines) - 55% to below 58% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs. 623.60 (Rs. per te)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Whereas, Average Sale Price of minerals by Grades, Published by IBM for March 2017 in respect of Goa State was as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Iron Ore (Lumps)- 55% to below 58% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs.1430 (Rs. per te)</i> <i>Iron Ore (Lumps)- 58% to below 60% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs. 2027 (Rs. per te)</i> <i>Iron Ore (fines) - 55% to below 58% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs.1310 (Rs. per te)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>and, Average Sale Price of minerals by Grades, Published by IBM for April 2016 in respect of Goa State was as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Iron Ore (Lumps)- 55% to below 58% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs. 926 (Rs. per te)</i> <i>Iron Ore (Lumps)- 58% to below 60% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs. 1824 (Rs. per te)</i> <i>Iron Ore (fines) - 55% to below 58% Fe (fe content) grade: Rs. 933 (Rs. per te)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">From above, it is evident that Ex-mines price of ore reported by you is incorrect and un-realistic.</p>
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02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.

03. 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,

(P. PRAKASH)
Dy. Controller of Mines

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- (1) The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore
- (2) The Director, Deptt. of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa, Panaji - Goa

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For Regional Controller of Mines