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Date: 23/03/2020

To,

Sri Prem Kumar Bhajanka, (Nominated Owner)

M/s. Star Cements Limited,

Village- Lumshong, Po. - Khliehriat,

Dist- East Jaintia Hills,

Meghalaya-793210

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Subject: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017, in respect of your Lumshnong Limestone Mine (38MEG03016) over an area of 70.00 Hectares in Lumshong Village, Taluka-Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya State.

Sir,

On perusal of the office records, the following provision of MCDR, 2017 was found violated in your above mine.

Rule Number	Nature of violations observed
11(1): 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.	The following deviations to the approved review of mining plan were found in your mine:- i) The proposed exploration program for 2018-19 was to sink 7 Nos. of core bore holes. But it has been observed that only 3 Nos. bore hole has been drilled against the proposal. In this regard a violation letter was issued on 23.12.2019. <i>In response to the violation letter, you have submitted your compliance vide letter dated 10.01.2020 that, the proposed exploration for the year 2018-19 was discontinued due to heavy rain and core drilling rig breakdown, and the exploration program will resume shortly after rectification of core rig engine breakdown and drilled the remaining boreholes.</i> But even when the FY 2019-20 is about to end, you have not completed the balance exploration of 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 Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.

03. The mining operations can be suspended under rule 11(2), if compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.

04. You are therefore directed to show cause within a period of 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of this letter, as why you should not be prosecuted for the above offences.

5. Please note no further notice will be give to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully


(S. K. Mohapatra)

Senior Mining Geologist

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Copy forwarded for kind information to:

- (i) The Controller of Mines (EZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Kolkata.
- (ii) The Director, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Govt. of Meghalaya, Risa Colony, Shillong, Meghalaya-793003.


23/03/2020

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