

# Government of India Ministry of Mines Indian Bureau of Mines Office of the Regoinal Controller of Mines, Jabalpur

File No: MP/Narsinghpur/Lst-04/ U938 - U941

Jabalpur, Dated: 01/06/2021

To.

Shri Kunwar Virendra Pratap Singh Nehru Ward, Jhirna Road, Dist.- Narsinghpur (M.P.) 487001

Subject: - Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Simaria Limestone, Dolomite & Soapstone Mine (3.19 Hect.) in Narsinghpur district of M.P.

Sir,

Undersigned has inspected the abovementioned mine in the presence of Sh. Kunwar Virendra Singh (Owner), Mines officials and QP on 02/02/2021. Following provisions of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your mines at the time of inspection. The violations were communicated to you vide this office registered AD letter of even no. dated 24/02/2021 was issued for below mentioned rules of MCDR-2017 giving you a time period of 45 (forty-five) days for rectification of the same.

### Rule No

## Nature of violation observed in detail

Rule 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 Rules, 2016.

The Scheme of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Narsinghpur/Limestone/M.Sch-07/15-16 dated 24/07/2015 incorporating proposal of working from 2015-16 to 2019-20.

During inspection it has been observed that the following provisions of the rule have been violated:-

- (a) As per the approved document, separate benches of 6m height shall be maintained in the mine. In your case it was found during inspection, in the in the western part of the mine at about the grid location N2524400 to N2524500 & E306000 to E 306100 near the BP no. 09 to BP. No. 11 benches have been merged up at some places. Resulting height of the benches found more than the proposed in approved document and also width of the benches found very less than approved in the document.
- (b) Without any proposal in approved document, The pit was also extended in the 7.5-meter statutory barrier zone in the western part of the mine at about the grid location N2524400 to N2524500 & E306000 to E 306100 near the BP no. 09 to BP. No. 11 and at about the grid location N2524300 to N2524365 & E306130 to E 306180 between BP.No. 11 & BP No. 01 and near BP No. 02 to BP No. 03.
- (c) As per records available at mine site the production and dispatch of the ore was done after expiry of the approved document i.e. after 31st March 2020 (as per the records examined at mine site and e-khanij report, MRD, Govt of MP). As per Online Monthly Returns submitted for the year 2020-21; production of 27967.2 tonnes of limestone was achieved without having valid approved Mining Plan.
- (d) As per available office records, **Order of Suspension of mining operation** under rule 11(2) of MCDR in respect of the above mine has been issued vide letter no. MP/Narsinghpur/Lst-04/3099 dated 15/10/2020. But, mine was under operation after issue the **Order of Suspension of mining operation**.
- (e) As per office records of year 2019-20, closing Stock of Mineral was shown 59695.022 Tonnes as on 31.03.2020. But, there was no stock found in the mining lease area during the inspection.



- (f) Refer approved document, the excavation was proposed in the Pit no. 01 & 02. But, it was observed during inspection excavation was not done as per proposal.
- (g) It was proposed to remove 11900 quantity of soil and 37960 m³ quantity of overburden for development of mine during the period of approved document. But, as per available records only 6680 m³ quantity of soil and 8764 m³ overburden removed for development of mine in the year 2019-20. The mine- development was lagging from the proposal and not as per the approved proposals of approved document. The OB dump was not found at given location in the northern side in the lease area as per proposal of approved document.
- (h) Refer approved document, 06 bore holes were proposed for exploration of the lease area during the approved period. But, no exploration was done as per proposal.
- (i) Refer approved document, proposal of 2500 trees plantation in the last approved period was given towards entire barrier zone area along with all precaution and safety. But, no plantation had done as per proposal of approved document.
- Rule 26(2) The holder of mining lease shall submit to the competent authority a yearly report as per the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines, before 1<sup>st</sup>day of July every year setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan, and if there is any deviation, reasons thereof:

During scrutiny of the office records, it has been observed that the yearly report in respect of rule 26(2) of MCDR 2017 has not been submitted for the year 2019-20.

- Rule 31 (4) The plans and sections required under these rules shall be maintained up to date within three months in case of category 'A' mines as referred to in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 55, and within twelve months in the case of any other mine.

  During inspection it has been observed that the plans and sections have not been up to dated as per provisions of the rules.
- Rule 33 Copies of plans and sections to be submitted The holder of mining lease shall on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the June every year submit to the authorized officer, as the case may be, and the State Govt. a digital copy along with a print copy of the surface geological plans and sections maintained under rule 32.

As per records plans and sections have not been submitted by lessee at this office till date.

Rule 45(5) The holder of a mining lease shall submit online returns in respect of each mine to the Regional Controller or any other authorized official of the Indian Bureau of Mines in the following manner namely:

- (b) A monthly return which shall be submitted before the tenth of the day of every month in respect of the preceding month in electronic form along with the signed print copy of the same if it is not digitally signed, in the prescribed form.
- (c) an annual return which shall be submitted before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July each year for the preceding financial year in electronic form, along with a signed print copy of the same if it is not digitally signed, in the respective Form

During the scrutiny of office records, it has been observed that the monthly return and annual return for the review period have not been filed in the electronic form by lessee as per provisions of rule.

- Rule 55 (1) For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules,
  - (a) every holder of reconnaissance permit shall employ a whole-time geologist;
  - (b)every holder of prospecting licence or a prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall employ a whole-time geologist and a part-time mining engineer;
  - (c) every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of
    - category 'A' mines, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist;
    - category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist:

Provided that in the case of fully mechanised category 'A' mines, the mining engineers and geologists shall have minimum five years of professional experience of working in a supervisory capacity in the field of mining.

It has been observed that whole time Mining Engineer and Geologist have not been appointed for this lease area as per provisions of rule.

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- 2. In response to violation letter dated 24/02/2021, No reply is received to this office till date. Therefore, violation of Rule 11(1), 26(2), 31(4), 33, 45(5) & 55(1) of MCDR-17 are still exists in above mention mine.
- 3. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservations and Development Rules, 2017.
- 4. You are, therefore, directed to show cause within a period of 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, as to why you should not be prosecuted for the above offences.

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

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- The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhavan, 29-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.).
- 02. The District Collector, Narsinghpur (M.P.).

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