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Date: 6.7.2018

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Sub: Scrutiny Comments on the submitted draft of Final Mine Closure Plan in respect of Cheragaon limestone mine over an area of 60 hectares in West Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya State, submitted under Rule 24 of MCDR 2017.

Ref: Your letter dt. 12.6.2018

Sir,

Please refer to your letter on the subject cited above, the submitted draft of Final Mine Closure Plan in respect of Cheragaon limestone mine over an area of 60 hectares in West Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya State, submitted under Rule 24 of MCDR 2017, has been examined in this office on the basis of the site inspection done on 25th June 2018 by Sri S. K. Mohapatra, Senior Mining Geologist.

The scrutiny comments made on the submitted draft of Final Mine Closure Plan, are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I**. In this regard you are advised to rectify the deficiencies and submit **final three hard bound copies of text & plans** along with the softcopy in **two DVD's** with requisite Bank Guarantee as financial assurance for the plan period as per Rule 27 of MCDR 2017, to this office within **15 (Fifteen)** days from the date of issue of this letter for further necessary action. Invariably the softcopy of the text & plans shall also to be sent to our e-mail id: ro.guwahati@ibm.gov.in. The text shall be in MS word format and plans in Auto CAD and JPG format.

The para- wise clarification indicating the manner in which the deficiencies have been attended should invariably be given while submitting the Final Mine Closure Plan. No further extension of time in this regard will be entertained and the document will be considered for rejection if not submitted within the above due date and deficiencies not attended properly.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,


6/7/18

(P. K. Bhattacharjee)

Regional Controller of Mines

Copy to: (1) The Controller of Mines (EZ), IBM – for kind information.

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Regional Controller of Mines

Scrutiny Comments on Draft copy of Final Mine Closure Plan (FMCP) of Cheragaon Limestone Mines over an area of 60 Ha. in village Cheragaon, Taluka-Borsora, Dist- East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya of M/s. Anderson Minerals Pvt. Ltd., prepared by Sri S. K. Soni (Qualified Person) under Rule 24 of MCDR 2017.

Inspected By: S. K. Mohapatra (SMG)

Date of Inspection: - 25.06.2018

TEXT

- 1.0 The FMCP shall be submitted in the format “IBM manual for appraisal of FMCP – 2018” including all consents/ certificates etc exactly as per the format.
- 2.0 In the introduction chapter a chronology of events right from the execution of ML deed to the present state of affair to be submitted in a tabular format.
- 3.0 A table indicating the compliance status of all the imposed conditions of lease deed, environment clearance, forest clearance etc needs to given in a tabular format.
- 4.0 A copy of the up-to-date payments to settle all dues w.r.t the mining lease with the State Govt.
- 5.0 In Introduction chapter, it has been mentioned that Directorate of Mineral Resources, Govt. of Meghalaya has explored the lease area. But, the cited exploration report has not been annexed along-with the draft document. The same needs to be annexed in totality along-with plates.
- 6.0 The lease area was granted for 20 years instead of 30 years as mentioned in page no. 1 & 3 of the submitted document. The same needs to be rectified.
- 7.0 The lease was intended to export limestone to cement plants in Bangladesh. Therefore the reason for closure as mentioned in page no. 1 needs to be explained in detail.
- 8.0 The status of the lessee as furnished in page no.2 needs to be furnished with documentary evidence as it has been informed by the lessee earlier that the said company has been dissolved.
- 9.0 Copy of approval letter of mining plan under rule 22 of MCR 1960 as stated at page no. 1 needs to be enclosed.
- 10.0 Name of the village and sub-division needs to be rectified in line to the details as furnished in the lease deed at page no.3.
- 11.0 The ownership details of the land need to be supported with documentary evidence.
- 12.0 The reason for closure as mentioned under 1.1 needs to be explained with proper justification.
- 13.0 The existing land use details as furnished in this document mismatches with the land use details as furnished in the last approved document. As mining has not been commenced yet in the mining lease the reason for such difference to be explained.
- 14.0 The highest and lowest RL furnished in the text under 2.1.1 are not matching with the surface plan and other respective plans.
- 15.0 The details of financial assurance and its validity need to be furnished at page no. 16. The financial assurance in the form of differential bank guarantee shall be paid @ Rs. 300000/ ha. of land use or minimum Rs. 5 lakhs for B category mine; whichever is more. Copy of all the valid bank guarantees shall be enclosed.
- 16.0 At page no. 16, it has been mentioned that no inspection were carried out during last year. But as per the office record, the mine was inspected by RCOM, IBM Guwahati on 2/1/2017. The statement accordingly needs rectification.
- 17.0 The justification of reporting the reserves under 111 & 121 category of UNFC shall be provided. Moreover, documentary evidences to be enclosed for supporting the geological axis of the resources reported under G1 category of UNFC.
- 18.0 A time bound proposal of future exploration shall be given for general exploration of the entire mineralised area within the ML.

