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VIOLATION LETTER

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To,

Shri. Narayan R. Bandekar, Managing Director,
Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines Pvt. Ltd.
601, 6th floor, Dr. Ozler Forum, Near St. Andrews Chuerch,
P.O. Box-31, Vasco-da-Gama,
Goa-403 802

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR,2017) in respect of Monte-de-Sirigao Iron Ore Mine (T.C. No. 4 of 1949), lessee-M/s Rajaram Bandekar (Sirigao) Mines Pvt. Ltd., over an area of 95.6712 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 09.06.2017 by the undersigned in the presence of Mr. BINOD KUMAR SINGH, MINES MANAGER & Mr. K.RAMESH, GEOLOGIST of your mine.

Rule No.	Nature of Violation
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-47/Goa/2015-16 Vol. I, Dated:- 09-08-2016 to the extent indicated below:-</p> <p>(i) As per approved MMP, excavation/development of pit was approved to be carried out in scientific and safe manner by advancement of pit from grid line N1000 towards N800 in year 2016-17 with formation of regular benches of height 6 m and width 10m, and pit slope of 29degree (Ref. CMRI Abstract in Annex. 20 of MMP & Plate No.-7A).</p> <p>Whereas, it was observed during inspection that, pit development was not carried out as approved; as advancement of pit proposed in year 2015-16 from grid line N1000 towards N800 were not carried out as approved; further benches in this area observed merged in irregular manner with width of benches only 2m-3m at places. Although, production of ROM ore in year 2016-17 achieved to around 100% (ROM ore reported to be carried out 316000 tones against the approved quantity of 323000 tones).</p> <p>(ii) As per approved MMP, Backfilling of Poirra pit was approved to be carried out in year 2016-17 up to Section line P18 with formation of regular lifts/terrace of height 15 m (Ref. Plate No.-7A of MMP).</p> <p>Whereas, it was observed during inspection that, Backfilling of Poirra pit was not carried out by forming regular lifts/terrace of height 15 m; instead a high wall of around 40m-50m height has been created by backfilled waste material in one corner of the pit.</p> <p>Further, back-filling was not carried out restricting up to Section line P18 as approved; instead waste material was back-filled at almost all benches of this pit in scattered and un-systematic manner.</p>

	(iii) As per approved MMP, A parallel bunds of height 10 m proposed to be constructed with waste material within the existing pit abutting the working benches and back-filled area to restrict the unloading and flow of the waste up to the limit of the bund while back-filling (Ref. Page 55 of MMP). However, no such bunds observed constructed during the inspection.
31 (1) (e) & (4)	The Plans & sections have not been maintained up to date within three months. Surface plan made available during inspection was last updated on 04.07.2016; that too was not digitally prepared.
45	(i) Annual Return for Year 2016-17 submitted for your mine is in Hard-copy only; the same is not submitted on-line. (ii) In Annual Returns submitted for Year 2016-17; Part-I, Para12 :- Lease area utilized as at the end of the year is reported as 95.6712 Ha., However as per Modification of Mining Plan (MMP) approved vide letter no.- MMP/Mech-47/Goa/2015-16 Vol. I, Dated:- 09-08-2016, Net area considered for utilization and for Financial Assurance is 75.9428 Ha. only. (iii) In Annual Returns submitted for Year 2016-17; Part-VII :- Cost of production mentioned as Rs. 1324 Per tonne, seems to be un-realistic and not correctly reported; as it is observed that cost for exploration is considered as Rs. 8 Per tonne, whereas no exploration was reported carried out in year 2016-17.

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017. *Besides, inability to comply with the provision of Rule 11 (1) and 45 is also liable for suspension of mining operations according to the provisions of Rule 11 (2) and 45(7) 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