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VIOLATION LETTER

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Date: 28.06.2017

To,
Sri. Vijay Vishwasrao Chowgule,
Legal Heirs of Sri V. D. Chowgule
Lessee -Costi (Punda Vaiganavoril Sodo) Iron Ore Mines,
Chowgule House, Mormugao Harbour,
Goa-403 803

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR,2017) in respect of Costi (Punda Vaiganavoril Sodo) Iron Ore Mine (TC No. 16/1951), over an area of 80.5187 Ha. in South 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 12.06.2017 by the undersigned in the presence of Mr. D. V. Pawar, AGM and Mr. Jayesh Bandodkar, Mines Manager 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-23/GOA/2015-16 Vol.II,dated28.02.2017 to the extent indicated below:-</p> <p>(i)As per approved MMP, excavation/development in year 2016-17 was approved to be carried out only in Pit No.-2 from co-ordinate N725-N511 to E174-E489 up to deepest level (pit-2 bottom) of 10 mRL (MSL) to exhaust the ore and facilitate Backfilling of waste in this pit in year 2017-18. (Ref. Mining & waste disposal chapter with Plate No.-4).</p> <p>Whereas, it was observed during inspection that, excavation/development in year 2016-17 was carried out less in Pit No.-2 up to pit bottom of about 20 mRL (MSL) only with very less lateral expansion. Instead, excavation/development was carried out in Pit No.-1 from co-ordinate N950-N1100 to E200-E350, at the non-approved area. Further, this has resulted in non-exhaustion of ore from Pit No.-2 and stacking of waste has been continued at surface near pit, instead of backfilling in Pit-2 in year 2017-18. (Ref. Updated Surface Plan, dt. of survey-01.04.2017).</p>
45	<p>(i) In Monthly return of Oct. 2016, Closing stock of ROM ore from Opencast working at mine head reported as 27353 Tonnes. Whereas, in subsequent Monthly return of Nov. 2016, Opening stock of ROM from Opencast working at mine head reported as 31257 Tonnes.</p> <p>(ii) In Monthly return of Oct. 2016, Closing stock of processed iron ore fines of below 55% grade reported as 4864 Tonnes. Whereas, in subsequent Monthly return of Nov. 2016, Opening stock of processed iron ore fines of below 55% grades reported as 6711 Tonnes.</p> <p>(iii) In Monthly returns of Oct. 2016 and Dec.2016, processed iron ore fines of 55 % to below 58% grade reported dispatched 16599 Tonnes and 25991 Tonnes respectively. However, Ex-mines price reported as "zero".</p>

	<p>(iv) In Monthly return of May 2016, Ex-mines price of processed iron ore of below 55% grade and 55 % to below 58% grade Lumps and Fines reported as Rs. 600 per Tonne only; whereas in Para 5, Sale value of 55 % to below 58% grade Lumps and Fines reported as Rs. 1800 per Tonne and Rs. 700 per Tonne respectively.</p> <p>The above discrepancies may construed as misrepresentation or suppression of information as per Rule 45(7) of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules' 2017.</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. *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