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Date:- 09 .01.2018

To,

Mr. Sauvik Mazumdar,

Nominated Owner,

Codli iron Ore Mine

M/s Vedanta Limited

Sesa Ghor,20 EDC Complex,

Patto,Panaji-Goa,403001

Sub :Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Codli iron Ore Mine,M/s Vedanta Limited situated in Village – Codli, Dharbandora - Taluka, South Goa- District of Goa State.

Sir,

The following provision of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 03/01/2018 by the undersigned along with Shri Kalmata M.K., SMG, IBM Goa in presence of Mr. Mehesh Patanker,Mr.Vikas Peeru and Mr.Shaikh Irshad Mamlekar, Mines Manager.

Rule	Nature of Violation observed
11(1)	<p>Mining operations have not been carried out in accordance with the modification of Mining Plan approved vide MMP/MECH-79/GOA/2017-18 dated 10/08/2017.</p> <p>(i) As per the aforesaid approved Modification of Mining Plan waste disposal were proposed in the grid lines between 1696600N to 1697000N and 407000E to 406600E with three stage/terraces each having an average height of 15m with sufficient width.</p> <p>Whereas it was observed during the inspection that the actual dumping is being carried out without maintaining the proper stages/terraces as proposed in the approved documents for modification of Mining Plan.</p> <p>(ii) As per the approved MMP, excavation were approved to be carried out by formation of regular shape of benches of height 7m and width more than the height. However during the inspection it was observed that benches were merged in</p>

	<p>irregular manner and width of the benches were not maintained as approved at places; and thus resulted the collapses of benches in pit no. 03. This is not as per the systematic and scientific mining.</p> <p>(iii) It has been observed that discharge of over flow water from the processing plant is passing through the open channel along the haul road which may lead the instability/failure of the haul road strata due to percolation of water towards the waterlogged pit.</p>
11(4)	<p>The holder of a mining lease shall submit the mining plan to the competent authority for review at least one hundred and eighty days before the expiry of five years period for which it was approved on the last occasion, for mining operations for a period of five subsequent years.</p> <p>It is seen that the last approved proposals of your aforesaid mining leases are valid up to 31st March 2018 and such the review of mining plan is due for the submission. However, the same has not been submitted to the competent authority for the review.</p>
45(5)	<p>It has been observed in the annual returns 2015-16 & 2016-17, that the cost of production reported is appeared much higher than the cost of production reported by the other mining lease holder. The cost of production is mainly seen towards overhead cost, depreciation and higher interest. This is to be justified properly.</p>

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violation constitutes an offence, punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 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 advised to rectify the above violation immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Fourty five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(S.Prasad)
Deputy Controller of Mines
Indian Bureau of Mines

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