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Date:- 31 .01.2018

To,

Mr. Kishore Kumar Rajagopal,
Nominated Owner,
Bicholim Iron Ore Mine
M/s Sesa Mining Corporation Limited
Sesa Ghor,20 EDC Complex,
Patto,Panaji-Goa,403001

Sub :Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Bicholim iron Ore Mine,M/s Sesa Mining Corporation Limited situated in Village – Mayem,Lamgao & Bordem,Bicholim - Taluka, North 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 23/01/2018 by the undersigned along with Shri Kalmata M.K., SMG, IBM Goa in presence of Mr. Ulhas Nagvenkar, Head Mining Services,Mr.Santosh Mandrekar,Cluster Head and Mr.Muthumari M., 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-85/GOA/2017-18 dated 02/11/2017.</p> <p>(i) As per the aforesaid approved Modification of Mining Plan waste disposal at 5 Bottom were proposed in the sections between -5 to -7 with two stage/terraces each having an average height of 10m and average width of 85m with proposing the sufficient area to be covered by afforestation and geotextile to maintain the backfilling site stable and safe for dumping.</p> <p>Whereas it was observed during the inspection that the actual dumping is being carried out without maintaining the proper height of stages/terraces and protective measures for stability of dump material 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(10M to 12M).</p> <p>However during the inspection it was observed that benches were merged in irregular manner and width of the benches were not maintained as approved at places; and thus resulted the collapses of benches in 5 top CB pit towards the common boundary area of adjacent lease.This is not as per the systematic and scientific mining.</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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