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To,
Shri S.Venkata Narayana Reddy, Lessee
Putikvalasa Manganese Ore Mine
Balasubbiah Nagar, Pamuru Village and Mandal,
Prakasham District,
Andhra Pradesh, Pin-523108

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules- 2017 in respect of your Putikvalasa Manganese Ore Mine over an extent of 21.77 Ha Putikvalasa Village, Hamlet of Digguvamendangi (Mokasa) Village, Salaru Mandal, Vizianagaram Dist, Andhra Pradesh.

Sir,

The following provisions of the MCDR, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 06.04.2018 by the undersigned. in presence of your representative Shri Sudhakar D.

| Rule No | Rule Position | Nature of Violations observed |
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| Rule No-11(1) | No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operations in any area except in accordance with the mining plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Bureau of Mines or prepared and certified in accordance with the system established by the State Government pursuant to the proviso to clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5. | <p>However it has been noted that the review/ modification of mining Plan approved vide letter No AP/VZNR/MP/Mn-101/Hyd dated 08.6.2010 was approved without prejudice to any other law applicable to mining lease area from time to time made by Central government or the State Government.</p> <p>a) As per MCDR 2017, the revised rate prescribed for Financial assurance is three lakh rupees for Category 'A' mines and two lakh rupees for Category 'B' mines, per hectare of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities; subject to a minimum of ten lakh rupees for Category 'A' mines and five lakh rupees for Category 'B' mines.</p> <p>Further as per rule 27(2) of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rule 2017 , you were supposed to submit the difference amount of bank Guarantee due as on the date of commencement of these rules within 90 days from the date of notification of these rules which is 27/3/2017. But despite the obligation to submit the revised Bank Guarantee to this office, you have not submitted the said amount as per rule till now, which constitutes an offence.</p> <p>b) It was proposed to carry out 7 nos of trail pit of dimension 5m X 5m X 4m and 14 nos of trenches each of dimension 5m X 5m X 2m in the in between 2013-14 (I Year) to 2017-18 (V Year).</p> <p>But during inspection it was observed that the exploration activities have not been carried out as per the proposal. Only 7 nos of exploratory pits have been dug having dimension of each 1m X 1m X 1m.</p> |
| 31(4) | The plans and sections required under these rules shall be maintained up to date within three months in case of category 'A' mines as referred to in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 55, and within twelve months in the case of any other mine. | During inspection it was observed that plans and sections required under these rules have not been maintained updated. The location of seasonal nala in the surface plan is not correct, the existing mining pits have not been shown in the plans and sections, OB dump has not been shown in the plans. |
| 45(7) | If it is found that the holder of a mining lease or the person or company engaged in trading or storage or end-use or export of minerals, as the case may be, has submitted incomplete or wrong or false information in daily or monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified; then,- (a) in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines may advise the State Government to,- (i) order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance; (ii) take action to initiate prosecution under these rules; | On verification of annual return for the year 2016-17 from online, Part-V (Point 3 for Reserves and Resources estimated at the end of the year) has not been submitted correctly. |

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| | (iii) recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining. | |
| 47(a) | The holder of a mining lease shall send an intimation in Form I of the Schedule to the authorised officer, as the case may be, within fifteen days after the commencement of any of the following operations, namely:— (a) the sinking of trial shaft or borehole to a depth exceeding ten meters from the surface. | During inspection it was observed that intimation in Form-I was not given for 7 nos of exploratory pits but 7 nos exploratory pits each of dimension 1m X 1m X 1m were dug. |
| 48 | The holder of a mining lease or the holder of a prospecting licence or prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall keep a record in Form-J of all shafts or boreholes and shall retain such records and preserve the samples of the strata passed through for a period of not less than twelve months after the completion of the work or abandonment thereof: Provided that the records of boreholes and shafts exceeding one hundred metres length shall not be destroyed except with the prior approval of the authorised officer, as the case may be. | During inspection it was observed that records of exploratory bore holes in Form-J were not maintained as on date of inspection. |
| 54 | The holder of a mining lease or a holder of a prospecting licence or prospecting license cum mining lease shall maintain the labour attendance register, production and dispatch register, royalty assessment register,— (a) details of contribution made to District Mineral Foundation and National Mineral Exploration Trust; (b) details of payments made to the State Government in terms of percentage of value of minerals dispatched as quoted in the bidding; (c) details of expenditure incurred towards the mine closure activities, explosives consumption register, bore hole logs along with the chemical analysis reports, mineral analysis reports, sub-grade or mineral reject stack register along with the grade; and (d) details of mining machinery and copies of all notices and returns, plans, sections and schemes submitted to the authorised officer or the State Government or the Regional Controller under these rules, at an office established in the area where mining or prospecting operations are carried on, and these shall be made available at all reasonable times to the authorised officer, as the case may be, for inspection. | During inspection the registers are not made available for verification. |
| 55(1) (3)(iv) | For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules, every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist. | During inspection of mines it was observed that part-time Mining Engineer and Geologist were not appointed. |

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an Offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservations and Development Rules, 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

(Subrata Kumar Muduli),
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1. The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore.
2. The Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Assistant Director of Mines & Geology-Vizianagaram, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

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