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File No: MP/KATNI/LST.50 Vol-III 7256-7260 Scheme No.-11, Kamla Nehru Nagar  
Jabalpur, Dated: 18 / 10 /2019

To,

1) Shri H.N. Rai.  
Nominated Owner  
Kuteshwar Limestone Mines  
M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd.  
Ispat Bhavan ,Lodhi Road  
New Delhi-110 003

(2) Kuteshwar Limestone Mines  
M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd.  
Kuteshwar Limestone Mines  
P.O.- Barhi, Distt.- Katni (M.P.) 483 770

विषय -म०प्र० राज्य के Katni जिले में स्थित आपकी Kuteshwar Limestone (Right Bank) Mines (क्षेत्रफल 998.49 हे०)में खनिज संरक्षण एवं विकास नियमावली, 2017 के नियमों का उल्लंघन।

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mentioned mine during Checkup inspection of the mine on 20/09/2019 by the undersigned presence of Shri Manoj Singh,Dy. General Manager(Mines)-

Rule.	Nature of violations observed .
11(1)of MCDR 2017	According to this rule-No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operation 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 Govt. pursuant to the proviso to clause (b) of Sub Section (2) of Section 5 or approved by the competent authority of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for exploration and Researching respect of minerals specified in Part B of the First schedule of the Act where the grade of such atomic minerals is equal to or above the threshold value limit declared under schedule-A of the Atomic Mineral Concession Rules 2016. The Modification in approved Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide this office letter No.-MP/Katni/MPLN/MOD-19/2018-19 dated 05/11/2018 incorporating proposals of working from 2018-19 to 2020-21. During the inspection it was found that following provisions of the rule have been violated- a) In the Part -A,Chapter 2.0 of the approved Mining Plan it was proposed that in OB two benches will be developed at 349-343mRL and 343-337mRL.But during the inspection it was found that at some places benches are merged.(Shown to your representative) b) In the Part -A,Chapter 2.0 of the approved Mining Plan it was proposed that the pit will be developed by making benches having height of 6m and width 15m to 30m.But during the inspection it was found that at some places benches are merged.(Also shown to your representative ) Thus there is violation of above mentioned rule. For non compliance of the rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 the mining operations can be suspended under the provisions of rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017.
Rule 36	According to this rule 1)Every holder of the prospecting licence,prospecting -cum-mining lease or a mining lease shall wherever top soil exists and is to be excavated for prospecting or mining operations, remove it separately 2)The top soil so removed shall be utilized for restoration or rehabilitation of the land which is no longer required for prospecting or mining operations or for stabilizing or landscaping the external dump.3)Whenever the top soil is usable to be utilized concurrently ,,it shall be stored separately for future use but during the inspection it was found that top soil removed during the mining operation is mixed with waste rock and thrown.

<b>Rule 40</b>	According to this rule - Every holder of prospecting licence or mining lease shall take all possible measure to keep air pollution due to fines ,dust,smoke or gaseous emissions during prospecting ,mining,beneficiation or metallurgical operations and related activities within permissible.  But during the inspection it was found that drilling was done by dry process resulting in Air pollution.
<b>Rule 63(1)</b>	According to this rule - Every holder of a mineral concession and every agency authorized under the second proviso to sub- section(1) of Section 4 shall preserve intact,until submission of the final geological report, all cores and specimen of different types of rocks and minerals obtained during drilling or sinking operations and shall arrange for them to be laid out in a serial order with identification marks,showing the progressive depth at which they are obtained.  But during the inspection it was found that cores have not been preserve as per provision of above mentioned rule.

02 In this connection it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR-2017.

03 Further it is informed that 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 violations immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Forty Five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

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भवदीय,

18/10/2019  
(रजनीश पुरोहित)  
क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक

**NOO:**

**प्रतिलिपि प्रेषित : :**

01.The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt .of Madhya Pradesh, KhanijBhavan, 29-A,Arera Hills, Bhopal(M.P.) for information and further necessary action.

02. The District Collector,Katni (M.P.) for information .

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**प्रतिलिपि प्रेषित : :**

खान नियंत्रक (मध्य), भारतीय खान ब्यूरो, नागपुर को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।

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