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Ministry of Mines  
Indian Bureau of Mines  
Office of the Regional Controller of Mines, Jabalpur

Show-Cause Notice  
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File No: MP/Katni. /Bauxite-56/ 4225-4228

Jabalpur, Dated: 25/03/2021

To,

Shri MotiLal Bajaj  
S/O- Late PannaLal Bajaj  
R/O Motibag, Mai Nadipar  
District- Katni (M.P.) 483501

Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to **Tikaria Bauxite Limestone Mine (4.010 Hect.)** in Katni district of M.P.

Sir,

Undersigned has inspected your mine in the presence of re-representative of lessee, Mines officials and QP on 15/01/2021. In continuation to violation letter no. MP/Katni. /Bauxite-56/243 dated 20/01/2020 for the violations of the rule 11(1) which have not been complied by the lease holder till the inspection; Violation letter of even no. dated 29/01/2021 was issued for below mentioned rules of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017.

Rule No	Nature of violation observed in detail
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**Rule 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 or approved by the competent authority of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, in respect of minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act where the grade of such atomic minerals is equal to or above the threshold value limits declared under Schedule-A of the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016.

The document of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Katni/Bauxite/RMP-36/2019-20 dated 16/09/2020 incorporating proposal of working from 2020-21 to 2023-24.

During inspection it has been observed that the following provisions of the rule have been violated: -

- As per the approved document, separate benches of 3m height shall be maintained in the mine and active bench widths at the mine shall be not less than 7m at any place. In your case it was found during inspection, in the southern and western side of the lease at about the grid location N2624600 to N2624620 & E439200 to 439290 benches have been merged up some places. Resulting height of the benches found more than the proposed in approved document and also width of the benches found very less than approved in the document.
- Without any proposal in approved document, mine development was observed in the south east part of the mine at about the grid location N2624600 to N2624625 & E439200 to 439290 near BP 05.
- Without any proposal in approved document, 7.5m statutory barrier zone of the lease area is found excavated at about the grid location N2624600 to N2624620 & E439280 to 439290 near the BP 05.
- Without any proposal in approved document, The Stock of mineral & overburden were observed within 7.5-meter statutory barrier zone in the western portion at about the grid location N2624580 to N2624680 & E439150 to 439200 of the lease area near BP-22 to BP-24.
- Without any proposal in approved document, a mobile screen plant was found in the running condition in the western portion of the lease area from extension BP-22 to BP-24.

It may be noted that in condition of violation of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017, the mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017.

**Rule 26(2)** The holder of mining lease shall submit to the competent authority a yearly report as per the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines, before 1<sup>st</sup> day of July every year setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan, and if there is any deviation, reasons thereof:

During scrutiny of the office records, it has been observed that the yearly report in respect of rule 26(2) of MCDR 2017 has not been submitted for the year 2019-20.



**Rule 31 (4)** The plans and sections required under these rules shall be maintained up to date with three months in case of category 'A' mines and within twelve months in the case of any other mine.

In your case the document is approved under Category "A" mine and it has been observed that the plans and sections have not been up to dated as per provisions of the rules.

**Rule 33** Copies of plans and sections to be submitted – The holder of mining lease shall on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the June every year submit to the authorized officer, as the case may be, and the State Govt. a digital copy along with a print copy of the surface geological plans and sections maintained under rule 32.

As per office records, plans and sections have not been submitted by lessee at this office till date.

**Rule 55 (1)** For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules, –

(a) every holder of reconnaissance permit shall employ a whole-time geologist;

(b) every holder of prospecting licence or a prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall employ a whole-time geologist and a part-time mining engineer;

(c) every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of–

category 'A' mines, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist;

category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist;

Provided that in the case of fully mechanised category 'A' mines, the mining engineers and geologists shall have minimum five years of professional experience of working in a supervisory capacity in the field of mining.

During inspection neither Mining Engineer & Geologist were present in the mine nor attendance of the Mining Engineer and Geologist shown for verification of the appointment of the same. It shows that there were no whole time Mining Engineer and Geologist were appointed at the time of inspection.

2. In response to violation letter dated 29/01/2021, your reply dated 13/03/2021 received to this office on 16/03/2021. The reply has been duly considered and the reply of violations of rules 26(2), 31(4), 33 and 55(1) have been found satisfactory. But, the compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory. Therefore, violation of Rule 11(1) of MCDR-17 still exists in above mention mine.
3. Non-compliance of the rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 may lead to suspension of Mining operations under the provisions of rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017.
4. You are, therefore, directed to show cause within a period of 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, as to why you should not be prosecuted for the above offences.
5. In this connection it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR-2017.
6. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

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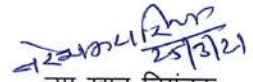
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**प्रतिलिपि प्रेषित :**

01. The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhavan, 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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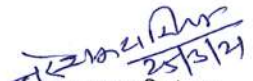


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खान नियंत्रक (मध्य), भारतीय खान ब्यूरो, नागपुर को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।

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