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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES
No. KOL/JHK/SB(W)/Fe(D-1)Vol II

318/B, Road No.3
Ashok Nagar, Ranchi - 834 002

Date: 20/07/2021

To The Nominated Owner,
Dhobil Iron Ore Mine,
M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd.
Ispat Bhavan,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 11003

Shri Ravi Ranjan,
Mines Manager,
Dhobil Iron Ore Mine,
M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd.
P.O. Chiria - 833106,
District West Singhbhum, Jharkhand

Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Dhobil Iron Ore Mine (513.036 ha) in West Singhbhum District of Jharkhand State.

Sir,
For the purpose of processing and disposal of Modification in Review of Mining Plan your above mine was inspected by the undersigned along with Shri B.L. Kiskoo (AME) and M.D. Kasim (STA survey) of this office, on 1/7/2021 and 2/7/2021 in presence of Shri Ravi Ranjan, GM & Mines Manager, S. Rao, AGM (Mines) and Dr. R.K. Naik, Geologist. Following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated:

Rule No.	Nature of violations observed in details.
Rule- 37 (2)	The dumps shall be properly secured to prevent escape of material therefrom in harmful quantities which may cause degradation of environment and to prevent causation of floods. It was observed that dump D2 has attained a height of more than 15m without proper terracing. The dump is not properly secured to prevent escape of material therefrom which may cause degradation of environment.
Rule-45 (7)	If it is found that the holder of a mining lease has submitted incomplete or wrong or false information in monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified; then, 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; (iii) recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining; Data furnished in Annual Returns (2020-21) not matching with details/information furnished in draft Modification of Review of Mining Plan which is under process in this office. Deviations in data reporting are as under: (i) In Annual Returns (refer Part I sl.no. 12), area covered under open cast workings is reported at 19.160 ha and under waste disposal at 2.90 ha. however, in draft Modification of Review of Mining Plan (refer table on



	page 93) area under mining is reported at 20.69 ha and for waste disposal at 1.43 ha..
(ii)	In Annual Returns, (refer Part IV section 4.2 (A) three benches each in OB and Ore with deepest working from adjacent ground are reported at 50 m both in ore and OB. Bench parameters as furnished in Annual Returns not matching with that depicted in surface plan submitted with draft Modification of Review of Mining Plan.

02. In this connection it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule-62 of MCDR-2017. The relevant extract of the rule 62 is given below:
"62 Penalty: - Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of these rules shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees, or with both, and in the case of a continuing contravention, with additional fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees for every day during which such contravention continues after conviction for the first such contravention.

03. The mine may be recommended to State Govt for initiating action under Rule 45 (7) of MCDR 2017.



04. You are, therefore, 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,



(O.P. Gopal)
Regional Mining Geologist

Copy forwarded for kind information to:

- (1) The Controller of Mines (EZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Kolkata
- (2) The Director of Mines, Govt. of Jharkhand, Yojna Bhavan, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi – 834 002.



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