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Date – 20.7.2021

To,

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Subject: Violation of the provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Noamundi Iron Mine (30BHR27024) over an area of 1160.06 Ha. in Noamundi, Singhbhum (West) Dist. of Jharkhand

Sir,

The following provision of MCDR, 2017, was found violated in your above mine during the inspection carried out on 15.7.2021 to 16.7.2021 by the undersigned in presence of your mine officials S/Shri RP Mali (Agent – Mines) & Sanjit Adhya (Manager – Mines).

Rule No.	Nature of violation observed
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 the minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act where the	It was observed that the mine benches of Hill-3 pit at 580mRL have developed beyond its approved proposal i.e. below 13250 N.

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<p>Grade of such atomic minerals is equal to or above the threshold value limits declared under Schedule-A of the Atomic Mineral Concession Rules,2016.</p>	
<p>32 (1) The holder of a mining lease shall keep the following digitally prepared plans & sections, namely –</p> <p>(a) A surface plan showing location & number of the boundary pillars alongwith its latitude & longitude values, every surface feature within the mining lease boundaries, such as building, telephone, power transmission line, water pipeline, tramline, railway, road, river, water course, reservoir tank, borehole, shaft & incline opening, opencast working, dumps & dumping ground, the waste land, forest, sanctuaries, agricultural land & grazing land and subsidence on the surface beneficiation plants, tailing ponds & other workings within the lease.</p>	<p>An approximate quantity of 3.25 Lakh cu.m of processed ore (assessed on the basis of GPS traverses) was found stacked within the mine. The same was not shown in the updated surface plan as on 1.7.2021.</p>
<p>45(7) If it is found that the holder of a mining lease or the person engaged in trading or storage or enduse 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 –</p> <p>(a) In case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines may advise the State Govt. to –</p> <p>(i) Order suspension of all mining</p>	<p>1. Following serious discrepancy has been observed in the reported ROM iron ore production for the year 2020-21 –</p> <p>(a) The total ROM ore production (refer submitted annual return for the FY 2020-21) has been reported as 9.13 Million tons at Part-IV (Sl.No. 2) & Part-VI (Sl.No. 2) which includes 0.31 Million tons of sub-grade ore as reported at Part-V (Sec 4.2(B)(ii)(a)).</p>

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<p>operations in the mine & to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance.</p> <p>(ii) Take action to initiate prosecution under these rules.</p> <p>(iii) Recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abatement or connivance of illegal mining.</p>	<p>However, the feed to crusher has been reported as 9.25 Million Tons at Part-V (Sec.7-ii).</p> <p>(b) The lumps & fines production as reported at Part-VI (sl.no. 3-i & ii) are 1.31 & 6.65 million tons respectively. The quantity of tailings generated as reported at Part-V (Sec 7-ii) is 0.47 Million tons. Therefore, the deduced feed to the crusher will be around 8.43 Million Tons.</p> <p>(c) In view of the above, the reported figures of ROM production from the mine are not correct.</p> <p>2. The cost of depreciation as mentioned at Part-VII is not matching with the reported value at Part-III Sl.no. 4).</p> <p>3. The cost of exploration as mentioned at Part-VII is also improper.</p> <p>4. The reason mentioned for increase/ decrease of production at sl.no. 6 of the submitted monthly return is not at all relevant to Noamundi mining lease.</p>

- 02 In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 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 therefore advised to rectify the above violation immediately and intimate the position to this office within a period of 45 (Forty Five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


PK Bhattacharjee

Regional Controller of Mines

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