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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES

No. KOL/JHK/SB(W)/Fe-Vol III

318/B, Road No.3  
Ashok Nagar, Ranchi – 834 002  
Date: 12/08/2021

To 1. Shri. Ashish Anupam, Managing Director, Tata Steel Long Products P.O. Joda, District Keonjhar, Orissa - 758034  
2. Shri. Sahabji Kuchroo, Agent, Vijay II Iron Ore mines, Ghatkuri, At/Post: Barajamda, Jharkhand- ~~758034~~ 833221  
3. Shri. Debashish Mukharjee, Mines Manager, Vijay II Iron Ore mines, Ghatkuri, At/Post: Barajamda, Jharkhand- ~~758034~~ 833221

**Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Vijay II Iron Ore Mine over an area of 155.078 Hectare in Singhbhum (W) District of Jharkhand State.**

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during inspection by the undersigned on 27/7/2021 and 28/7/2021 in presence of shri D. Mukherjee, Mines Manager, Shri A.K. Nandi Geologist and Shri A.K. Singh, Surveyor :

Rule No.	Nature of violations observed in details.
Rule-11 (1)	<p>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.</p> <p>During inspection it was observed that, mining operations during 2020-21 were not done as per proposals envisaged in the Modification of Review of Mining Plan approved vide letter No.-RAN/WSB/Fe-Mn/MP-35/2019-20 dated 22/9/2020. Extent of deviations during 2020-21 from approved proposals are indicated below:</p> <p>(i) It was proposed to drill 17 core boreholes however, no boreholes were drilled during above mentioned period thus exploration not done as per approved proposals.</p> <p>(ii) Removal of 5,13,141 cum of OB/SB/IB was proposed during 2020-21 but only 1,41,077 cum of OB/SB/IB was removed during above said period thus mine development was inadequate and not in accordance with approved proposals.</p> <p>(iii) Depth of working between section lines 2A-2A' to 4A-4A' in 2020-21 was proposed upto 684 bench mrl however, bottom workings in this pit reached upto 721 mrl only during above mentioned period.</p> <p>(iv) Workings were proposed in an area between section lines 6A -6A' to 12A-12A' however, southern limit of working extended upto section line 13A-13A i.e. 100 m away from proposed limit. Further, it was proposed to work upto 721 bench mrl in this section however pit has reached upto 680 mrl along section line 13A- 13A' thus excavation during 2020-21 not done as per approved proposals.</p>

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	(v) Production of 23,039 cum of ore from the area lying between section lines 23 A- 23A to 25-25' was proposed during 2020-21 however, excavation not done as proposed and a new fines stack was created over the site proposed for excavation (in between section lines 24- 24' to 26A-26A') for which there was no proposal in approved document.
	(vi) To prevent wash off from dump (backfilled area), it was proposed to construct retaining wall of 310 m length in 2020-21. However, proposals for the construction of retaining wall were not implemented.


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 mining operations can be suspended under rule 11(2) of MCDR 2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.

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,

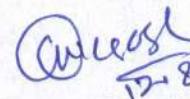
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Regional Mining Geologist

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- (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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