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Date: 30/7/2019

To,

Shri. UR Raju, Director

M/s Cosmos Cements Limited, New Delhi

Email: ur.rajau@dalmiabharat.com

Subject: Approval of the modifications proposed in Mining Plan in respect of your Sutnga Limestone mine for Limestone & Shale over an area of 230 Ha. situated in Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya State.

References:

1) Your letter No. NIL dtd. 8.4.2019 received on dtd. 12.4.2019.

2) This office letter of even No. dated 16.4.2019 addressed to the Director, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong

3) This office letter of even No. dtd. 22.5.2019

4) Your letter No. NIL dtd. 1.6.2019.

5) This office letter of even No. dated 10.6.2019 addressed to the Director, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.

Your email dtd. 16.7.2019

Sir,

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and clause (3) of Rule 17 of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 read with Government of India Order No.S.O.445(E) dated 28.04.1987 and S.O. 1857(E) dated 18th May, 2016; you are hereby informed that the Modifications proposed in the Mining Plan submitted by you is 'NOT APPROVED' for the following reasons:-

- 1. The lessee has stated that the earlier drilled borehole logs (15 Nos.) as reported in the approved mining plan (prior to the execution of mining lease) have been ignored in the present submission on account of its reliability as neither the cores nor the core samples were handed over to the present mining lease (ML) holder. The lessee has reported to drill 13 Nos. of boreholes after execution of the ML in the submitted document and has utilized the same to assess the resources. However, no copy of the notice of sinking such new boreholes within the due date has been submitted to this office, in the prescribed format (Form-J of MCDR 1988).
- 2. A chronology of the ML history reveals that the ML deed was executed with the State Govt. for mining of limestone & shale on 7.4.2011 which was declared to be lapsed by the State Govt. on 29.10.2014 for non commencement of production. The cited lease was revived again on 30.3.2019 by an order of the State Govt. The site inspection carried out by Shri. SK Mohapatra, SMG of this office on 11.5.2019 reveal that numerous pits for mining of carbonaceous materials are present within the ML area along-with the stocks of such materials. The surface plan submitted reveals these pits as old pits. But these pits are not ordinary pits but are narrow deep pits (more than 20 m in depth and approx. 45-50 in Nos.) as clearly revealed during the inspection with presence of huge cranes near these pits for mining of such carbonaceous materials lying at depth. Therefore all the surface features have not been properly reflected in the submitted surface plan & geological sections.

Any further submission shall be considered as a fresh submission.

Yours faithfully,

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