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**Office of the Regional Controller of Mines, Jabalpur**

VIOLATION LETTER  
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File No.: -M.P./Katni /Limestone -65 Mine Code: - 38MPR47026 Scheme No.-11, Kamla Nehru Nagar  
Jabalpur, Dated: 05/08/2022

To,

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Sub. : Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to  
Amehta Limestone Mine over an area of 18.33 hect. in Katni District of M.P.

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 12/07/2022 by Sh. R.S.Garg, Assistant Mining Engineer, accompanied by Shri Manoj Kumar Roy, Mining Engineer of the mine.

नियम	पाए गए उल्लंघन की विस्तृत प्रकृति
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. Read with MCR (Amendment), 2021 notified in Gazette of India vide dated 02/11/2021 The Review of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Katni/limestone/ MPLN/MOD-36/2019-20 dated 29/06/2020 incorporating proposal of working from 2020-21 to 2024-25. During the inspection it was found that following activities have been carried out with violating the approved proposals :- Physical appearance of most of the boundary pillar were not observed in appropriate location as per their coordinates marked on them except Boundary Pillar No. 19 & 21 in the lease area. Boundary Pillars need be fixed based on DGPS Report.
12(4B)	For the exploration done under sub-rule (3) and (4), the holder of mining lease shall submit to the State Government and the Indian Bureau of Mines, a Geological Study Report prepared in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015, within three months after the completion of the exploration work. As per approved Review of Mining Plan 3 no. of boreholes have been carried out for the purpose but copy of the Geological Study Report(GSR) has not been submitted to this office even lapsing of about a year after completion of boreholes.
27(2)	Where financial assurance is required to be furnished by the holder of the mining lease under sub-rule (1) read with MCDR (Amendment) ,2021 notified in gazette of India vide dated 03/11/2021, such amount of financial assurance shall be submitted to the authorised officer, as the case may be, in the form of a bank guarantee in the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines: Provided that where financial assurance has already been furnished before the commencement of these rules, an amount equal to the difference between the financial assurance due as on the date of notification of these rules and the financial assurance already furnished, shall be furnished to the authorised officer. The Financial Assurance furnished by you @ Rs. 3 lakh per hect of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities i.e. BG for Rs. 45,00,000/- (Rs. Forty Five Lakh only) is valid up to 31/03/2025. As per amendment in MCDR,2017 notified on 03/11/2021, financial assurance is enhanced from existing rate of Rs. 3 lakh per hect to Rs. 5 lakh per hect. of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities. Thus additional financial assurance of Rs. 26,80,000/- (Twenty Six Lakh Eighty Thousand only ) in the form of Bank Guarantee with a validity upto 31/09/2025(at least extra six months claim period), supposed to be submitted on or before 01/02/2022 which has not been submitted so far.
33	Copies of plans and sections to be submitted – The holder of mining lease shall on or before the 30th 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. Copies of plans and sections under rule 32 of MCDR-2017 have not been submitted.
34A	Every lessee, other than those covered under sub-rule (1), shall submit soft copy of high resolution Geo referenced Ortho-rectified Multispectral satellite images of the leased area and up to hundred metres outside the lease boundary taken in the month of April to June of every year, to the Controller General on or before 1st day of July of the that year in the standards formats such as GeoTIFF along with metadata or any other format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard:

A soft copy of high resolution Geo referenced Ortho-rectified Multispectral satellite images of the leased area and up to hundred metres outside the lease boundary taken in the month of April to June has not been submitted and the processed output [digital elevation model (DEM) and Orthomosaic] images have not been submitted as specified in the rule.

45(7)	<p>If it is found that the holder of a mining lease or the person or company engaged in trading or storage or end-use 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>in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines may advise the State Government to,-</p> <p>order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance;</p> <p>take action to initiate prosecution under these rules;</p> <p>recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining;</p> <p>On examination of Annual Return for the year 2021-22 it is observed that data of annual return are incomplete &amp; having following deficiencies:-</p> <p>Part I, item No 12-Land use area Area occupied by infrastructure indicated as 0.25hect differ with the one indicated in approved mining plan- 1.46hect.</p> <p>Part III, item No 2-Royalty and Rents Payment against royalty and dead rent have been shown on the return. Royalty and Dead Rent cannot be charged at a time. So information furnished in this regard needs correction.</p> <p>Part V, item No. 4.2 Opencast No. of benches and average height indicated for both Ore and OB/Waste are mismatching with respect to Depth of deposit working from adjacent ground, Needs correction. Further cumulative quantity of backfilled not given in the return.</p> <p>Part VI, item No. 1 &amp; 2 Production and stock of ROM ore at mine- head and Grade wise production and dispatches----- Opening stock of Lst at mine head is 20.727tonne , production from mine and Grade wise production during the year both are 199900tonne thus available balance of Lst at mine head cannot be 0tonne it will remains 20.727tonne.</p> <p>Part VI, item No. 2 &amp; 5 Grade wise production and dispatches----- &amp; Sales/Dispatches effected for Domestic Consumption---- Grade wise dispatch of SMS grade Limestone indicated under Grade wise production and dispatches table is 46820.727tonne whereas total quantity of SMS grade limestone dispatched to different consignees are 47741.551tonne. Thus there are ore accounting issues, need be clarified. Similarly In case of BF grade limestone may also be checked and necessary correction need be incorporated.</p> <p>Mineral is also supplied to non registered person/company/ firm .</p>
55	<p>For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules, -</p> <p>(a) every holder of reconnaissance permit shall employ a whole-time geologist;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(c) every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of-</p> <p>category 'A' mines, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist;</p> <p>category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Mining Geologist has not been appointed for this lease area</p>

2. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservations and Development Rules, 2017.
3. The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 are not found satisfactory. In case Non-compliance of Rule 45(7) of MCDR-2017, Necessary action shall be initiated as deemed fit.
4. You are 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.

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