

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES

No.: JHK/GML/BX/253/RRO,

318/B, Road No.-3,
Ashok Nagar, Ranchi- 834 002
Date: 12/08/2022

To:

Shri Bijesh Kumar Jha,
Agent of mines,
M/s – Hindalco Industries Ltd.
At & P.O.- Court Road, Lohardaga,
Dist. – Lohardaga,
PIN – 835302 (Jharkhand).

Mine code -07JHK09005

Sub.: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Kujam-II Bauxite mine (area 157.30 Hects.) in Gumla district, Jharkhand State.

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated during the inspection of your above mine carried out on 02.08.2022 by the undersigned alongwith Shri B.L. Kisku, Assistant Mining Engineer, Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi.

Rule No.	Nature of violation observed in detail
Rule-11(1):	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 Government. In your case, mining operations are not carried out in accordance with approved review of mining plan approved vide letter no. RAN/GML/BX/MP-24/2018-19, dated 18/02/2019 to the extent indicated below: (i) It was proposed to carry out the rehabilitation work by plantation of 1375 saplings during 2021-22 covering 0.55 hectares area along the road side safety barrier, whereas, actual plantation work was not found during inspection. The plantations of 2625 saplings were proposed during 2019-20 & 2020-21 covering 1.05 hectares were not observed during the inspection. The reason for deviation may be furnished. (ii) It was proposed to backfill the Quarry – C and rehabilitation during 2019-2020. At the time of inspection, it is observed that the Quarry – C is still not reclaimed & rehabilitation work not done properly. The reason for deviation may be furnished.


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.”

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03. 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


12/08/2022
(P. Hapadgara)

Senior Mining Geologist

Copy forwarded for kind information to:

1. **The Controller of Mines (EZ)**, Indian Bureau of Mines, Block-CP, Plot no.-13, Salt Lake, Sector-V, Kolkata- 700091.
2. **The Director (Mines)**, Govt. of Jharkhand, 3rd Floor, Yojna Bhawan, Jharkhand Mantralaya, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002. (with a request to examine the extent of the pit/quarries and its development /proposals etc. there is requirement of the boundary pillars as per rule 12(1)(v) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016. At the time of inspection, physical presence of the boundary pillars of the lease boundary/area is not found/posted at proper location as shown in area plan.)
3. **Shri A.K. Agarwala**, Director & Nominated Owner, M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd., Ahura Centre, 1st floor, B Wing, Mahakali Caves Road, P.O.- Andheri (East), Dist.-Mumbai (Suburban) - 400093 (Mah.)
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