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

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To,

Shri Sanjay Pratap, Director & Nominated Owner M/s Orissa Manganese & Minerals Ltd., Lansdowne Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2/1A Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata-700 020

## Sub: -Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 in respect of your Khamdih Graphite Mine (69.91 Hects) in Palamau district, Jharkhand State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules-1988 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 21/12/2015 by Shri S. Bodra, Asstt. Mining Geologist of Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi.

Rule No.	Nature of violations observed in details
Rule- 12(3):	The mining plan of your above mine was approved vide letter no. RAN/PLM/GRP/M-
	03/2012-13, dated 22.08.2012 for the period from 2012-13 to 2013-14, which expired on
	31.03.2014. The scheme of mining for next five years period has not been submitted to the
	Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi at least one hundred twenty
	days before the expiry of the Mining plan approved on the last occasion.
	It has been observed that the modification in approved mining plan was submitted on
	14.08.2015 and the same has been rejected vide letter no. RAN/PLM/GRP/MP-04/2015-
	16, dated 30.12.2015. Hence, this rule is still stands violated.
	As per section 8A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment
	Act, 2015 (implemented w.e.f. 12.01.2015), the lease has been dispensed for further period.
	Consequent to amendment in MM (D & R) Act, modification in approved Mining Plan
	under rule 22(6) of MCR, 1960, was to be submitted. Therefore, the aforesaid modification
	incorporating proposal for further plan period for 2014-15 to 2018-19 is required to be
	submitted to the Regional Controller of Mines, Ranchi for approval.
<b>Rule-23B(2):</b>	As per Mineral Conservation and Development Rules as amended up to 24.12.2003 and
	Chief Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines letter no. K-11014/1/2002-CCOM,
	Nagpur, dated 10.01.2005, the Progressive Mine Closure Plan for this mine should have
	been submitted to the Competent Authority along with Financial Assurance under rule
	23F(3) of MCDR, 1988 as a component of modification in approved mining plan.

- 02. In this connection it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule-58 of MCDR-1988. The relevant extract of the rule 58 is given below:
- **"58 Penalty: -** Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of these rule shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend up to **two years**, or with fine extending to **fifty thousand rupees** or with both, and in the case of continuing contravention with an additional fine which may extend up to **five thousand rupees** for every day during which such contravention continues, after conviction for the first such contravention. Provided that for repeated contravention the punishment should be in the form of imprisonment only".

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

-sd-(R. Purohit) Regional Controller of Mines

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The Director of Mines, Govt. of Jharkhand, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi – 834 002.

- (a). "For examination & extent of the pit / quarries and its development /proposals etc. there is requirement of the boundary pillars. But physical presence of the boundary pillars of the lease boundary /area have not been seen at the time of inspection as per rule 33 of MCR -1960 and item 2, part VII of Form 'K'.
- (b) The lessee shall comply with the Mineral Conservation and Development rules 1988 framed under section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 as required under rule 27(1)(u) of MCR1960. But above said violations have not been complied by the lessee under MCDR, 1988.

-sd-(R. Purohit) Regional Controller of Mines

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The Controller of Mines (CZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440102.

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