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बेंगलुरु -560022

सं/No.: KNT/CTD/Fe-4/BNG/Vol-IV Mine-code: 30KAR07013

दिनांक/Dated: 04/10/2021

To,
Shri Sauvick Majumdar,
Nominated Owner, Vedanta Iron ore Mine
M/s. Vedanta Ltd,
Sesa Ghor, 20, EDC Complex
Patto, Panjim
Goa-403 001

विषय/Subject: **Violation of provisions of MCDR 2017 in respect of your Vedanta Iron ore Mine, ML 2677 of M/s. Vedanta Ltd. over an extent of 160.59 ha, in Meghalahalli, Bommavvanagathihalli, Madakeripura, Chowdenahally, Tanigehalli, Hirekandavadi Villages, Chitradurga & Holalkere Taluks, Chitradurga District of Karnataka State.**

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during inspection on 24.09.2021 by undersigned in presence of Shri Mamlekar Irshad Shaikh, Mines Manager, Shri Somshekhar S Dhodakunde, Geologist and other mining officials:

Rules	Nature of Violations observed
11 (1)	Modification to the approved Review and updation of Mining Plan was approved by IBM vide letter no. 279/272/91/BNG dated 12/03/2020, for the period 2019-20 to 2021-22. The deviations observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document are given below. i) It was observed during site inspection that lateral and vertical development of benches of Southern block from Sec-10-10' to Sec-15-15' were not carried out as per the approved proposal. Also, at Sec-3A-3A' it was observed that the benches have been developed beyond the proposed vertical limit of 777 mRL till 758 mRL and north eastern portion of benches have also not been advanced as per proposal. ii) The benches at north block pit both lateral and vertical extent were also not developed systematically as per the proposal. The benches have been developed beyond the proposed vertical limit of 905 mRL till 886 mRL.
11(4)	The Review and updation of mining plan for subsequent five years has not been submitted to this office at least one hundred and eighty days before the expiry of five years period for which it was approved on the last occasion as per the provision of this rule.
26(2)	Yearly report on PMCP setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as per the approved Progressive mine closure plan, has not been furnished

	correctly. The proposed area, quantity, Expenditure figures have not been reported as per the approved proposals. Also, the Cumulative area and Quantity figures have not been reported.
31(4)	The plans & sections were not found maintained properly up to date as per the provision of this rule. The plan was not prepared and updated in UTM grid.
45(7)	<p>i) It is observed that IBM Nagpur has referred back the Annual Returns for the period 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 and Monthly Returns for the period June & July 2021 for rectification and resubmission but till date of inspection, these Annual and Monthly returns have not been found submitted after rectification.</p> <p>ii)The online Annual return for the year 2020-21 has been submitted by the Lessee; Following discrepancies are noted in the submitted copy as observed during site inspection.</p> <p>Part-I: The land use (area in ha) as given in Part-I (12) under 12(iv) & (vi) have not been reported correctly in accordance with Para-8.6(Financial Assurance), of the approved document.</p> <p>Part-IIA: The value of fixed assets is not reported correctly under Part-II A (1).</p> <p>Part-IV: The Total production during the year (in tonnes) in Part-IV (2) & Overburden removed (in tonnes) in Part-IV (3) have not been reported correctly.</p> <p>Part-V: a) The details of Mineral Resource is not reported correctly under UNFC code-333 in Sec 3(B)(5) as per the approved document.</p> <p>b) The details of no of benches & depth of the deepest working are not reported correctly in section 4.2(open cast). Also, the total quantity of Overburden/Waste removed during the year(tonnes) in Sec 4.2(C) & Quantity disposed in external dumps in Sec 4.2(C)(ii) have not been reported correctly.</p> <p>c)The drill machine details have not been reported in Sec (5).</p> <p>Part-VII: The Cost of production has not been reported correctly as Royalty is not included.</p>

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
03. The mining operations can be suspended under rule 11(2), if compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.
04. 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.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Sandeep Kumar Singh)
Assistant Controller of Mines
Indian Bureau of Mines

Copy for kind information to:

1. The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore.
2. The Director, Dept. of Mines & Geology, 49, Khanij Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001.

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