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क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक कार्यालय / OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES,
Fatorda, Margao, Goa – 403 602

SHOWCAUSE NOTICE
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File No.- MAH/SDG/Fe-46/Goa

Mine Code:30MSH28029

Date: 08.09.2021

To,

Mr. Sandeep Shrivastava, Partner & Nominated Owner, (Kalne Iron & Mn. Ore Mine, M/s Minerals & Metals), 34, Ashutosh, Nepean Sea Road, Greater Bombay, Mumbai - 400 036	Mr. Manoj Thakur, Mines Agent, Kalne Iron & Mn. Ore Mine, M/s Minerals & Metals, Village/P.O.-Kalane, Taluk - Dodamarg Dist- Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
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Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) in respect of Kalne Iron & Mn. Mine, lessee- Minerals & Metals, over an area of 32.25 ha. in Sindhudurga District of Maharashtra State.

Sir,

Undersigned inspected your above mine on 12/07/2021 in the presence of Mr. Suresh Kulal, V.P.(Operations) & Mr. Amit Kaisukar, Mines Manager of your above said mine and violation letter of even no., dtd. 26/07/2021 was issued for below mentioned rules of MCDR, 2017.

Rule No.	Nature of Violation observed
11 (1)	<p>The Mining operations required to be carried out in accordance with the Mining Plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Bureau of Mines. However, Mining operations have not been carried out in accordance with the Modification of Review and updation of Mining Plan approved dated- 27/11/2020 and 11/03/2021 to the extent indicated below:-</p> <p>(i) Development works observed lagging behind than proposed as less development/waste removal reported carried out in the year 2020-21. Waste disposal/removal reported 1115069 te only against the proposal of 1841301 te and Ore : OB/waste ratio reported 1:1.59 only against the proposal of 1:2.63 in the year 2020-21.</p> <p>(ii) Back-filling/Reclamation is approved to be carried in stages in northern side of the existing back-filling pit (situated in eastern part of lease area) from X-section N-1743510 to N-1743745 in view of safe & systematic mining and scientific closure of mines. However, it is observed that back-filling being carried out in southern side of the existing back-filling pit from the X-section N-1743500 to N-1743425. Hence, manner/sequence of Back-filling/Reclamation has not been followed as approved.</p> <p>(iii) Excavation/development of pit is approved to be carried out by formation of regular benches of height 6 m and width more than its height. However, it is observed during inspection that benches in newly formed pit in western part of lease area are merged in irregular manner with height of benches up to about</p>

	10 to 12 m and width of benches less than its height at places. Hence, above are observed to be against the systematic and scientific development of mines.	
45 (7)	In Annual Return submitted for the Year 2020-21 of your above said mine, following details are reported:	
	Iron Ore Fines below 55% (% Fe content)	Ex-mine price = 918.24 (in ₹ Per Tonne)
	Cost of production	Cost Per Tonne (in ₹) = 921.28
	From above, It is evident that Ex-mine price has been reported less and Cost of production has been reported more; and seems that incomplete or wrong or false information has been provided in the Annual Return submitted for the Year 2020-21. Hence, you are directed to provide specific reasons for the same along with the copy of sales invoices and sales agreements of sold/discharged ore and relevant documents/records in respect of Cost of production.	

- 02.** You were given 45 days' time to intimate the compliance position to this office after rectifying the above violations. However, the compliance report/reply submitted by you, vide your letter no. Nil, dated 02.09.2021 has not been found satisfactory as violations of Rule 11(1) has not been rectified so far; and copy of sales invoices & sales agreements of sold/discharged ore and relevant documents/records in respect of Cost of production in connection with compliance of Rule 45(7) has not been submitted as directed.
- 03.** In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
- 04.** The mining operations can be suspended under Rule 11 (2), if compliance of Rule 11 (1) is not found satisfactory and action according to Rule 45(7) of MCDR, 2017 can be initiated, if compliance of Rule 45 is not found satisfactory.
- 05.** You are therefore directed to show cause within a period of **30 (thirty) days** from the date of issue of this letter as to why you should not be prosecuted for the above offence and/or the mining operations should not be suspended in accordance to Rule 11 (2) of MCDR, 2017.
- 06.** Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

(P. PRAKASH)
Dy. Controller of Mines

Copy forwarded to :-

- (1) The Dy. Director General (Stat.), IBM, Nagpur
- (2) The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore
- (3) The Director, Directorate of Mines & Geology, Government of Maharashtra, Khanij Bhawan, Plot No.-27, Shivaji Nagar, Cement Road, Nagpur -440010

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