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No.KOL/JHK/SB(W)/Fe(V-I)-Vol III

318/B, Road No.3
Ashok Nagar, Ranchi – 834 002
Date: 07/10/2021

To: 1. Shri. Ashish Anupam, Managing Director, Tata Steel Long Products P.O. Joda, District Keonjhar, Orissa - 758034
2. Shri. Sahabji Kuchroo, Agent, Vijay II Iron Ore mines, Ghatkuri, At/Post: Barajamda, Jharkhand- 833221
3. Shri. Debashish Mukharjee, Mines Manager, Vijay II Iron Ore mines, Ghatkuri, At/Post: Barajamda, Jharkhand- 833221

Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Vijay II Iron Ore Mine over an area of 155.078 Hectare in Singhbhum (W) District of Jharkhand State.

Ref: Your reply vide letter No. VII/Mines/2021/213

Sir,

Undersigned inspected above mine on 27/7/2021 and 28/7/2021 in presence of shri D. Mukherjee, Mines Manager, Shri A.K. Nandi, Geologist and Shri A.K. Singh, Surveyor and Violation letter number KOL/JHK/SB(W)/Fe-Vol III dated 12/08/2021 was issued for below mentioned rules of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017.

Rule No.	Nature of violations observed in details.
Rule-11 (1)	<p>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 Govt.</p> <p>During inspection it was observed that, mining operations during 2020-21 were not done as per proposals envisaged in the Modification of Review of Mining Plan approved vide letter No.-RAN/WSB/Fe-Mn/MP-35/2019-20 dated 22/9/2020. Extent of deviations during 2020-21 from approved proposals are indicated below:</p> <p>(i) It was proposed to drill 17 core boreholes however, no boreholes were drilled during above mentioned period thus exploration not done as per approved proposals.</p> <p>(ii) Removal of 5,13,141 cum of OB/SB/IB was proposed during 2020-21 but only 1,41,077 cum of OB/SB/IB was removed during above said period thus mine development was inadequate and not in accordance with approved proposals.</p> <p>(iii) Depth of working between section lines 2A-2A' to 4A-4A' in 2020-21 was proposed upto 684 bench mrl however, bottom workings in this pit reached upto 721 mrl only during above mentioned period.</p> <p>(iv) Workings were proposed in an area between section lines 6A -6A' to 12A-</p>

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	<p>12A' however, southern limit of working extended upto section line 13A-13A i.e. 100 m away from proposed limit. Further, it was proposed to work upto 721 bench mrl in this section however pit has reached upto 680 mrl along section line 13A-13A' thus excavation during 2020-21 not done as per approved proposals.</p> <p>(v) Production of 23,039 cum of ore from the area lying between section lines 23 A-23A to 25-25' was proposed during 2020-21 however, excavation not done as proposed and a new fines stack was created over the site proposed for excavation (in between section lines 24-24' to 26A-26A') for which there was no proposal in approved document.</p> <p>(vi) To prevent wash off from dump (backfilled area), it was proposed to construct retaining wall of 310 m length in 2020-21. However, proposals for the construction of retaining wall were not implemented.</p>
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2. Your reply vide letter No. VII/Mines/2021/213 dated Nil received in this office on 27/09/2021 has been considered. After examination it has been seen that, reply given for compliance of Rule 11(1) of MCDR, 2017 mentioned from serial no. (ii) to (vi) is not satisfactory. However, it has been found that even after lapse of 45 (Forty Five) days from the issue of violation letter, the violations for the Rule 11(1) of MCDR, 2017 mentioned from serial no. (ii) to (vi) remain to be continued and not rectified.
3. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violation constitutes an offence, punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
4. The mining operations can be suspended under Rule 11(2), if compliance of Rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.
5. You are therefore, directed to show cause within a period of 30 (Thirty) days as to why you should not be prosecuted for the above offence and/or why mining operations shall not be suspended as per provision of MCDR, 2017.
6. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
7.10.2021

(O.P. Gopal)

Regional Mining Geologist

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Copy for information to:

- (1) The Controller of Mines (EZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Kolkata
- (2) The Director of Mines, Govt. of Jharkhand, 3rd floor, Yojna Bhavan, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi – 834 002.

(Signature)
7.10.2021

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