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NO. BIH/LOH/BX/245/RRO

Mine Code 07JHK12007

Dated - 01/10/2021

To

(i) 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)
(Maharashtra) PIN – 400093.

 (ii) Shri Bijesh Kumar Jha ,Agent of Mines
 Pakhar Bauxite Mine
 M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd.
 P.O.& Dist. Lohardaga PIN-835302
 Jharkhand State.

Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Pakhar Bauxite Mine over an area of 115.13hect., Lohardaga district, Jharkhand state.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017(MCDR, 2017) were found violated in the above mine during inspection on 12/09/2021 by Shri Raghvendra Kumar, AME, IBM, Ranchi in presence of Shri Shil Prakash Jha, Mine Manager.

Rule

Nature of violation

Rule 11(1): No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operations in any area except in accordance with the mining plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Bureau of Mines. The mining operations are not carried out as per approved Review of mining Plan approved vide letter no. RAN/LOH/BX/MP-11/2019-20 dated 22/01/2020 to the extent indicated below:-

- A. Exploration:- As per Page 17, of the approved Review of Mining Plan dated 22/01/2020, during 2020-21 (as per table) proposed 120 (One Hundred Twenty) vertical coring boreholes at 50mx50m Grid interval, against that only 81 (Eighty One) boreholes have been drilled.
- B. There is no proposal to form mineral reject dump during 2020-21 & 2021-22, whereas against that mineral reject dump has formed at southern part of quarry 6.
- C. There is no proposal to backfill the eastern part of quarry -6 during 2020-21 & 2021-22, against that it has been backfilled (20m x20m area approximately) and connected with eastern part of quarry -6.

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Rule 13(2): The benches in overburden shall be kept sufficiently in advance so that their workings do not interfere with the working of ore or minerals. In your case it was observed that in quarry no. -07, ore bench have not kept sufficiently in advance of O.B. bench.

- 02. In this connection it is to inform that, this violation of rule 11(1) of the MCDR'2017, may lead to suspension of mining operation in accordance to rule 11(2) of the MCDR'2017.
- 03. 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 continuing contravention with an additional fine which may extend up to Fifty thousand rupees for every day during which such contravention continues, after conviction for the first such contravention".
- 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.

Yours faithfully

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Dy. Controller of Mines

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Copy forwarded for kind information to:

The Director (Mines), Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Jharkhand, Yojana Bhawan, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi - 834 002.

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