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No. JHK/GML/BX/253/RRO

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Date: - 26.11.2021

To,
Shri. A.K.Agarwala (Nominated Owner),
M/s. Hindalco Industries Limited,
Court Road,
Post & Dist - Lohardaga,
Jharkhand – 835 302

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of Kujam-II Bauxite Mine, over an extent of 157.38 hectares situated in Kujam & Chirodih Villages, Bishunpur Taluk, Gumla District, Jharkhand State - Reg.

Ref:- 1) Violation Lr.No. JHK/GML/BX/253/RRO dated 17/09/2021
2) Your Reply Lr. No. HIL/LHD/Kujam-II/ MCDR-Reply/ IBM/330 dated 29/10/2021

Sir,

Undersigned inspected your above mine on 11.08.2021 along with Shri. Raghvendra Kumar, AME, IBM, Ranchi in presence of the mine officials Shri. Pradeep Bhalekar (Mines Manager) and Shri. Victor Basu (Manager-Geology) and Violation letter of even number JHK/GML/BX/253/RRO dated 17/09/2021 was issued for below mentioned rules of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017.

Rule No.	Nature of Violations observed
11(1)	<p>The mining operations in the Lease area are not carried out as per the last approved Review of mining plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">It is proposed to drill 293 core boreholes during 2019-2020 against that no exploration has been taken place from 2019-2020 to till date.There is no proposal to merge Quarry-A & B during this plan period, whereas during inspection, it has noticed that both quarries are merged.During inspection it has noticed that mining has carried out in negative borehole area (KII-102, KII-103, KII-104, KII-116, KII-130, KII-110) which is outside the UPL.It is proposed to backfill the Quarry-C during 2019-2020. But as per proposal backfill has not taken.There is no proposal to backfill the Quarry- 3A, 4-I & 4-F, against that it has been backfilled.
45(7)	<p>The following discrepancy has been observed for Annual return.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">It was observed while scrutinizing the annual returns of last two years that Geological reserves are not provided as per UNFC classification system, whereas it was mandatory to estimate the reserves as per amendment in the rule.As per approved plan and NABL test result shows 70% Recovery whereas in all the annual returns and monthly returns shows 100% Recovery from ROM.

2. Your reply vide letter No. HIL/LHD/Kujam-II/ MCDR-Reply/ IBM/330 dated 29/10/2021 received in this office on 03.11.2021 has been considered. After examination it has been seen that, reply given for compliance of Rule 11(1) & 45(7) of MCDR 2017 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) & 45(7) of MCDR-2017, remain to be continued and 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



22/11/21

G.S.Kannan
Senior Mining Geologist

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Copy for information to:

1. **The Director (Mines)**, Govt of Jharkhand, 3rd floor, Yojana Bhawan, Jharkhand Mantralaya, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi – 834 002.
2. **The Controller of Mines (EZ)**, Indian Bureau of Mines, Block-CP, Plot No.13, Salt Lake, Sector-V, Kolkata- 700 091.



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