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No. JHK/GML/BX/252/RRO

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Date: - 03.12.2021

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-I Bauxite Mine, over an extent of 80.87 hectares situated in Kujam, Deoragini & Chatam Villages, Bishunpur Taluk, Gumla District, Jharkhand State - Reg.

Ref:- 1) Violation Lr.No. JHK/GML/BX/252/RRO dated 06/10/2021
2) Your Reply Lr. No. HIL/LHD/Kujam-I/ MCDR-Reply/ IBM/346 dated 12/11/2021


Sir,

Undersigned inspected your above mine on 29.09.2021 along with Shri. B.L.Kisku, AME, IBM, Ranchi in presence of the mine officials Shri. S.S. Vashistha (Mines Manager) and Shri. Victor Basu (Manager-Geology) and Violation letter of even number JHK/GML/BX/252/RRO dated 06/10/2021 was issued for below mentioned rules of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017.

| Rule No. | Nature of Violations observed |
|----------|---|
| 11(1) | The mining operations in the Lease area are not carried out as per the last approved Modification in approved mining plan. a) During inspection, it has noticed that boundary pillars are not erect as DGPS map enclosed in approved plan. Boundary pillars are shifted. b) There is no proposal to work towards southern side of pond area, whereas during inspection it has noticed that, area has been backfilled and there is no such un-excavated area available nearer to pond as per approved surface plan. c) It is proposed in Page-32 to backfill the 1.28 hectares with 96469 cu.m of OB & waste, whereas during inspection it has noticed that 5.50 hectares has backfilled with 69207 cu.m. |
| 31(4) | The plans and sections required under these rules shall be maintained up to date within three months in case of category 'A' mines. - In your case it was observed that the electrical dead lines are not shown in updated surface plan. Mines road are shifted and not matching with updated surface plan. Backfilled area towards Southern side of Boundary pillar-106 & 107 is not shown. |
| 45(7) | The following discrepancy has been observed for Annual return. a) As per approved plan, Recovery from ROM is 90% whereas in all the annual returns and monthly returns shows 100% Recovery from ROM. b) As per approved plan, 15.02 hectares are reclaimed as on 01.04.2020, whereas annual returns shows 31.870 hectares as reclaimed in 31.04.2021. |


2. Your reply vide letter No. HIL/LHD/Kujam-I/ MCDR-Reply/ IBM/346 dated 12/11/2021 received in this office on 22.11.2021 has been considered. After examination it has been seen that, reply given for compliance of Rule 11(1) & 31(4) of MCDR 2017 is 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 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. It is brought to your kind notice that, if it is found that the holder of mining lease has submitted incomplete and wrong information in monthly or annual returns and if the above rules are not complied; the Regional Controller of Mines may advise to State Government to take following action under **Rule 45(7)(a)** of Mineral Conservation and Development Rule, 2017:
 - i. order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance;
 - ii. take action to initiate prosecution under these rules;
 - iii. recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information
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


3/12/21
G.S.Kannan
Senior Mining Geologist

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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