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File No. TN/ALR/LST-34.MDS

Mine code – 38TMN38052

Dt. 12/12/2022

To,

Smt. Lakshmi Aparna Sreekumar,
Nominated Owner (Periyathirukonam Limestone Mine),
M/s India Cements Limited,
Coromandel Towers, 93, Santhome High Road,
Karpagam Avenue, R.A.Puram, Chennai – 600 028.

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021, in respect of your Periyathirukonam Limestone Mine over an area of 74.81 Ha in Periyathirukonam, Reddipalayam & Edaiyathangudi Villages, Ariyalur Taluk & District, Tamil Nadu.

Sir,

The following provisions of the MCD(A)R, 2021 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 06/12/2022 by undersigned in presence of the mine officials Shri N. Jaya Bharata Reddy, GM(Mines), Shri R. Balamurugan, Chief Manager (Mines) & Shri K. Bhasker, Chief Manager (Geology):

Rule No.	Nature of Violation
11(1)	Mining operations have not been carried out as per the Review of Mining Plan approved vide Letter No. TN/ALR/LST/ROMP-1619.MDS dated 08.12.2020 to the extent as mentioned below: a) There was a proposal to excavate 1,53,558 m ³ of Top Soil during the year 2021-22 against which only 42,004 m ³ has been excavated during the year. b) There was a proposal to excavate 1,28,292 m ³ of Overburden during the year 2021-22 against which only 1,01,253 m ³ has been excavated during the year. c) There was a proposal to excavate 11,50,227 tonne of Limestone & 1,27,802 tonne of Mineral Rejects during the year 2021-22 against which only 9,61,155 tonne of Limestone & 18,058 tonne of Mineral Rejects have been excavated during the year. d) There was a proposal to backfill 3.00 Ha of mined out area during the year 2021-22 against which only 0.78 Ha of mined out area has been backfilled during the year.

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62(1) of Mineral Conservation and Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to rupees five lakhs, or with both, and in the case of a continuing contravention, with additional fine which may extend to rupees fifty thousand for every day during which such contravention continues after conviction for the first such contravention.

03. The mining operation can be suspended under Rule 11(2), if the compliance of Rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.

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,

Sd-
(Matiul Islam)
Assistant Controller of Mines

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