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File No. TN/DGL/LST-41.MDS

Mine code – 38TMN33046

Dt. 12/12/2022

To,

Shri Mohan Muthukaruppan,
Nominated Owner, (Karikalli Limestone Mine),
M/s Chettinad Cement Corporation Private Limited,
4th Floor, Sigappi Aachi Building, 18/3 Rukmani Lakshmi Pathy Road,
Egmore, Chennai – 600 008, Tamil Nadu.

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017, in respect of your Karikalli Limestone Mine over an area of 125.485 Ha in Karikalli Village, Guziliamparai Taluk, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu.

Sir,

The following provision of the MCDR, 2017, were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 03/12/2022 by undersigned in presence of mine official Shri M. Mayilrajan, GM (Mines) & Shri M. K. Karthik Kumar, Sr. Geologist (Mines):

Rule No.	Nature of Violation
11(1)	<p>Mining operations have not been carried out as per the Review of Mining Plan approved vide Letter No. TN/DGL/LST/ROMP/1530.MDS dated 14.11.2018 to the extent as mentioned below:</p> <p>(i) There was a proposal to excavate 5,41,383 cu.m. of Overburden during the year 2021-22 against which only 2,62,024 cu.m. has been excavated during the year.</p> <p>(ii) There was a proposal to excavate 10,00,884 Tonne of Ore & 2,50,221 Tonne of Mineral Rejects during the year 2021-22 against which only 4,91,454 Tonne of Ore & 1,22,864 Tonne of Mineral Rejects has been excavated respectively during the year.</p> <p>(iii) There was a proposal to plant 1,800 nos. of saplings during the year 2021-22 against which only 1,750 nos. have been planted.</p>
34A(1)	<p>Every lessee having –</p> <p>(a) an annual excavation plan of one million tonne or more in a particular year; or</p> <p>(b) leased area of fifty hectare or more,</p> <p>shall carry out a drone survey of the leased area and upto hundred metres outside the lease boundary in the month of April or May every year and submit the processed output [digital elevation model (DEM) and Orthomosaic] images obtained from such survey or any other format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard to the Controller General on or before 1st day of July every year.</p> <p><i>The Digital Aerial Images received i.r.o mines has been validated w.r.t the parameters specified in the Standard Operating Procedure at IBM Chennai. It is observed that the processed output data submitted to IBM does not meet the parameters specified in SOP. The lessee needs to re-submit the data again after meeting all the requirements of the SOP.</i></p>

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 Rules, 2017, 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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(Matiul Islam)
Assistant Controller of Mines