

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES

No: BIH/LHD/BX/246/RRO.

318/B, Road No.-3,
Ashok Nagar,
Ranchi- 834 002
Date: 22/12/2021

To:

1. Shri A.K. Agarwala,

Nominated Owner,
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Mumbai (Suburban) - 400093 Mah.)
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2. Shri Bijesh Kumar Jha,

Agent of mines,
M/s – Hindalco Industries Ltd.
At & P.O.- Court Road, Lohardaga,
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PIN – 835302 (Jharkhand).
E-mail: bijesh.jha@adityabirla.com

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Bhusar Bauxite mine (area 65.31 Hects.) in Lohardaga district, Jharkhand State.

Sir,

The provisions of the following rules of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, were found violated during the inspection of your above mine carried out on 17.08.2021 by Shri B.L. Kisku, Assistant Mining Engineer, Indian Bureau of Mines, Ranchi and communicated to you vide this office Regd. A/D letter No.: BIH/LOH/BX/246/RRO, dated 02/09/2021 giving you a period of 45 (forty five) days for rectification of the same.

No./Section	Nature of Violation observed in detail
Rule-11(1):	No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operation in any area except in accordance with the mining plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Bureau of Mines or prepared and certified in accordance with the system established by the State Government. In your case, mining operations are not carried out in accordance with approved review of mining plan approved vide letter no.: RAN/LOH/BX/MP-22/2019-20, dated 16/10/2020 to the extent indicated below:
(i)	Exploration: As per Chapter-1; Para-1.0 (i), page no.-21, it was proposed to drill 16 Bore holes (PBH-118 to PBH-133) Coring type in Grid Interval 45m X 45m, total meterage 400m during 2020-21. But, it was observed that only 5(Five) Boreholes have been drilled during 2020-21. The reason for deviation may be furnished.
(ii)	As per Chapter – 8; Para: 8.3.5; page - 65 (Summary for year-wise proposal for item no. 8.3, for 2020-21): It was proposed to carry out the reclamation & rehabilitation work during 2020-21 in 1.69 ha. in north-western part of mining lease boundary, whereas, actual work done was 0.907 hect. only. The reason for deviation may be furnished.

02. However, it has been found that you have given reply to the violation letter vide your letter no.: HIL/LHD/Bhusar/MCDR-Reply/IBM/48, dated 28.09.2021. The reply furnished in your letter has been duly considered and it is found not satisfactory. Because, a firm time bound proposal for backlog exploration and reclamation & rehabilitation have not been furnished in your reply letter dated 28.09.2021.

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03. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violation constitutes an offence, punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017. **The relevant extract of the rule- 62 is given below:-** "Penalty: - Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of these rule 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 additional fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees for every day during which such contravention continues, after conviction for the first such contravention."
04. You are, therefore, directed to show-cause within a period of 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of this letter, as to why you should not be prosecuted for the above offence.
05. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully

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(B.P. Kerketta)

Deputy Controller of Mines

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The Director (Mines), Govt. of Jharkhand, 3rd Floor, Yojna Bhawan, Jharkhand Mantralaya, Nepal House Area, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002.

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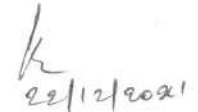
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