



Government of India
Ministry of Mines
Indian Bureau of Mines
Office of the Regional Controller of Mines, Jabalpur



To,

Dated: - 27/03/2023

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2. कुटेश्वर चूना पत्थर खदान
 मैसर्स स्टील अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया
 डाकघर - बरही, जिला - कटनी - 483770

Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your **Kuteshwar Limestone Mine, (944.89 Hect.)** Mine code 38MPR47009 in **Katni** district of **M.P. State**.

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mentioned mine during inspection on 20/03/2023 by the undersigned in presence of Shri Anand Mukul Pandey, DGM (Mines), Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, Mine Manager & Satish Kumar Singh, Sr Manager Geology:

नियम स .	पाए गए उल्लंघन की विस्तृत प्रकृति
Rule 11 (1)	<p>According to this rule-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. The Modification of Mining Plan of afore mentioned mine was approved vide this office letter No-MP/KATNI/LIMESTONE/MPLN/MOD-13/2020-21 dated 28.12.2020 incorporating the proposals of working from 2021-22 to 2025-26. During the inspection, it was found that following provisions of the rule have been violated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was a proposal of 56 nos. of core boreholes during the year 2021-22 & 2022-23 (total 3000 mtrs) but only 19 nos.(1235 mtrs) of core boreholes are dug. 2. 9, 88,000 metric Tons of ROM is raised against the proposal of 12, 00,000 metric tons. 3. 33.58 Lakh tons of cement grade limestone is lying as dead stock. No bonafide action are taken for disposal of the same.
Rule 55	<p>Employment of geologists and mining engineers. -(1) For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules, –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) every holder of reconnaissance permit shall employ a whole-time geologist; (b) every holder of prospecting licence or a prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall employ a whole-time geologist and a part-time mining engineer; (c) every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of–

	<p>(i) category 'A' mines, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist; (b) category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist:</p> <p>Provided that in the case of fully mechanised category 'A' mines, the mining engineers and geologists shall have minimum five years of professional experience of working in a supervisory capacity in the field of mining:</p> <p>Mining Engineer and Geologist have not been appointed.</p>
Rule 63(1)	<p>Preservation of cores, etc.-(1) Every holder of a mineral concession and every agency authorised under the second proviso to sub-section (1) of section 4 shall preserve intact, until submission of the final geological report, all cores and specimens of different types of rocks and minerals obtained during drilling or sinking operations and shall arrange for them to be laid out in a serial order with identification marks, showing the progressive depth at which, they are obtained.</p> <p>During the inspection, It is found that the cores & records of old core sample are not available. And the core samples of recent boreholes are not kept systematically. And recent drilled bore holes are not preserved.</p>

02. **A brief Note may be submitted on the efforts made for reducing the generation of fines (-10mm limestone) as well as disposal of huge quantity limestone fines so far.**
03. In this connection it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR-2017.
04. Non-compliance of the rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 may lead to suspension of Mining operations under the provisions of rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017.
05. 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.

भवदीय,

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प्रतिलिपि प्रेषित (ईमेल) :

01. संचालक, भौमिकी एवम खनिकर्म, मध्य प्रदेश सरकार, खनिज भवन, 29-ए, अरेरा हिल्स, भोपाल (म.प्र.) को सूचनार्थ एवं अग्रिम कार्रवाई हेतु.
02. खान नियंत्रक (मध्यांचल), भारतीय खान ब्यूरो, नागपुर
03. जिलाधीश, जिला - कटनी (म.प्र.) सूचनार्थ ।

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