



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

**Show-cause notice**  
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Mine Code: 38MPR35346

Date: 20/02/2023

To,

**Shri. Sanjeev Kumar Pathak,( Lease owner)**  
**H.No.16, Street No.1,**  
**Samariya Chowk, Chankyapuri,**  
**Raghurajnagar Satna (M.P.) – 485005**  
**Email –sanjeevpathak01@rediffmail.com**

**Subject:** Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Lakhanwah Limestone & Laterite Mine over an area of 4.047hect. in Satna District of M.P.

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 08/02/2023 by the undersigned, accompanied by your representative Shri Bunkar and Indraneel Dawande, QP.

नियम स.	पाए गए उल्लंघन की विस्तृत प्रकृति
Rule 11(1)	No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operations 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 pursuant to the proviso to clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 or approved by the competent authority of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, in respect of minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act where the grade of such atomic minerals is equal to or above the threshold value limits declared under Schedule-A of the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016. The document of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Satna/Limestone /RMP-76/2018-19 dated 10/06/2019 incorporating proposal of working from 2019-20 to 2021-22. In the year 2021-22 it was proposed to produce 23420 metric tonnes limestone along with 5100cum laterite and 6141cum OB/SB/IB. But it was observed that no production of limestone along with laterite and Over Burden have reported through statutory returns.
12(4)	In the case of existing mining leases, detailed exploration (G1 level) over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease shall be carried out in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 or the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016, as the case may be, within a period of five years from the date of commencement of these rules. Mining lease was executed on 06/06/2002 and so far entire potential area has not been explored under G1 level, thus violation of rule exist in the mining lease.
34A(3)	Every lessee shall carry out a drone survey of his leased area and upto hundred metres outside the lease boundary within six months before submission of any mining plan document or modification thereto to the Indian Bureau of Mines for approval and shall submit 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 concerned Regional Controller of Mines and the Controller General along with the application for approval or modification of mining plan: Provided that the lessee who has submitted the images under sub-rule (1) on or before the 1st day of July falling immediately before submission of mining plan document, shall not be required to submit the same under sub-rule (3). Processed output [digital elevation model (DEM) and Orthomosaic] images obtained from such survey <b>have not been submitted to this office.</b>

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Rule 45(5)(c)	<p>The holder of a mining lease shall submit online returns in respect of each mine to the Regional Controller or any other authorised official of the Indian Bureau of Mines in the following manner-</p> <p>An annual return which shall be submitted before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July each year for the preceding financial year in electronic form, along with a signed print copy of the same if it is not digitally signed, in the respective Form .</p> <p>But, during inspection &amp; on the verification of records of this mine it was observed that, you have not submitted any online Annual Return for the year 2021-22 within stipulated time period to this Regional office. Therefore, you are directed to submit aforesaid return in online system immediately</p>
Rule 45(7)	<p>If it is found that the holder of a 1 [mineral concession] or the person or company engaged in trading or storage or end-use or 1 [export or import] of minerals, as the case may be, has submitted incomplete or wrong or false information in monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified; then,</p> <p>in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mineral concession, the Regional Controller of Mines,</p> <p>(i) order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance;</p> <p>(ii) take action to initiate prosecution under these rules;</p> <p>(iii) recommend termination of the mineral concession, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining;</p> <p>On examination of Monthly Return for the month of January,2023 it is observed that data of Monthly Return for the month of January,2023 are incomplete &amp; having following deficiencies:-</p> <p>Part II, item No 3(ii) Grade-wise Production, Dispatches, Stocks and Ex-mine prices:-</p> <p>Closing stock at mine head is indicated as 40206tonne cement grade limestone but during inspection such stock was not noticed.</p>

2. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable

under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservations and Development Rules, 2017.

3. The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 are not found satisfactory. In case Non-compliance of Rule 45(7) of MCDR-2017,

Necessary action shall be initiated as deemed fit.

4. 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,

( Raghbir .Sharan ,Garg)  
Assistant Controller of Mines  
Indian Bureau of Mines Jabalpur

Copy for kind information to:-

01. The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhavan, 29-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal(M.P.) for information and further necessary action.

02- The District Collector, Satna (M.P.) for information.

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2. MMS division, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur

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