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Date: 07.07.2023

To

Sri. M. Tickamchand Khimsura, Director
Dugar Vermiculite Mine
M/s. Dugar Vermiculite Pvt. Ltd.
7th Floor, Dugar Towers,
No. 34(123), Marshall Road, Egmore,
Chennai – 600008.

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Dugar Vermiculite Mine (62APR15015) over an extent of 2.707 ha. situated in Palicherla Village, Gudur Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during MCDR inspection on 21.06.2023 in the presence of Sri.M. Tickamchand Khimsura, Director & Sri. R. Shakthivelu, Manager.

RuleNo.	Nature of Violation observed
11 (1)	<p>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.</p> <p>Mining operations are not carried out in accordance with the proposals given in approved Modification of Mining Plan vide letter No. 659(562)/Ver/2007/NLR dated 20.04.2021 to the extent indicated below.</p> <p>i. It was proposed to drill 02 Nos. core boreholes in the year 2021-22, 04 Pits in the year 2022-23, whereas no exploration work carried out as per proposal.</p> <p>ii. It was proposed to excavate ROM of 952 tonnes in the year 2021-22 & 964 metric tonnes in the year 2022-23, whereas no production carried out in the year 2021-22 and 1055 tonnes of production reported in the year 2022-23.</p> <p>iii. It was proposed to plant 50 Nos. of saplings in the year 2022-23, whereas no plantation work carried out as per proposal.</p> <p>iv. It was proposed to construct Retaining wall and garland drain of 35meter each in the year 2022-23, whereas no retaining wall construction done as per proposal</p> <p>iv. It was proposed to carry out environmental monitoring on half yearly basis. However during inspection it was noticed that environment monitoring work was not carried out.</p>

1/12646/2023 13 (2)	<p>In open cast workings, the benches formed shall be so arranged that the benches in ore or mineral and overburden are separate so as to avoid mixing of waste with the ore or minerals.</p> <p>During inspection it was noticed that overburden was dumped around the mining pit.</p>
26 (2)	<p>The holder of mining lease shall submit to the competent authority a yearly report as per the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines, before 1st day of July every year setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan, and if there is any deviation, reasons thereof:</p> <p>Yearly report setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan for the year 2021-22 not submitted to RCOM, IBM Hyderabad.</p>
27(2)	<p>A financial assurance shall be furnished by the holder of the mining lease, for due and proper implementation of the progressive mine closure plan contained in the mining plan or the final mine closure plan, as the case may be, which shall be an amount of five lakh rupees for Category 'A' mines per hectare of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities.</p> <p>The difference amount of Financial Assurance as per the rate contained in the MCDR, 2017 on 3rd November 2021 for the area proposed to be put in use for the block period of 2021-22 to 2025-26 has not been submitted so far to the authorised officer.</p>
31 (4)	<p>The plans and sections required under these rules shall be maintained up to date showing also the respective proposal of approved mining plan for various activities pertaining to that year, within three months in case of category 'A' mines as referred to in clause (a) of sub-rule of rule 55, and within twelve months in the case of any other mine.</p> <p>During inspection it was observed that plans and sections required under these rules were not maintained upto date as per statute.</p>
34A(2)	<p>Every lessee, other than those covered under sub-rule (1), shall submit soft copy of high resolution Georeferenced Ortho-rectified Multispectral satellite images of the leased area and upto hundred metres outside the lease boundary taken in the month of April to June of every year, to the Controller General on or before 1st day of July of the that year in the standards formats such as GeoTIFF along with metadata or any other format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard:</p> <p>Digital aerial images of the mining lease area have not submitted to the competent authority as per statute till date.</p>
54	<p>The holder of a mining lease shall maintain the labour attendance register, production and dispatch register, royalty assessment register, sub-grade or mineral reject stack register, OB stack register.</p> <p>However, during inspection it was noticed that ROM production and dispatch register, Topsoil generation register, overburden generation register, mineral reject stack register along with grade and plantation/progressive mine closure activities register were not maintained.</p>
55(1)	<p>For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules – 3. every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of- (ii) category 'A' mines having lease area below twenty-five hectares and category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist:</p> <p>However during inspection it was noticed that Geologist and Mining Engineer was not appointed.</p>

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02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 (1) of MCDR. Further, inability to comply the provision of Rule 11(1) is liable for suspension of Mining operations under 11(2) of MCDR, 2017.

03. 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

(Madhu Sudhan Yadav. M)
Assistant Controller of Mines

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**Signed by Madhusudhan
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Rule No.	Nature of violation observed
45(7)	<p>If it is found that the holder of a mineral concession or the person or company engaged in trading or storage or end-use or 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; The following deficiencies were observed in the Annual Returns (2021-22):</p> <p><u>Part-I:</u> The lease area utilization submitted in the annual returns is not matching with the field conditions.</p> <p><u>Part-IIA:</u> In the Capital Structure, the value of fixed assets submitted as NIL.</p> <p><u>Part-V:</u> Section 3: i. Proved Mineral Reserve is submitted as 3457Tonnes, whereas in the approved Modification of Mining Plan vide letter No. 659(562)/Ver/2007/NLR dated 20.04.2021, it is stated that proved mineral reserves is 4500Tonnes.</p> <p>Section 4: i. Total ROM production mentioned as 900 Tonnes, whereas in other chapters of annual and during inspection it was reported as NIL production. ii. No plantation work carried out, whereas it is submitted as 25 Nos. of saplings planted.</p> <p>Section 5: Machinery details not submitted.</p>

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that continuing contraventions of the provision of these rules by submitting late returns also attracts the action as per the provision of rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.

03. Your attention is invited to clause (ii) of Rule 45(7)(a) of MCDR, 2017, by which, non-submission or incomplete/wrong/false information in the annual returns by due date attracts action which may be:

- i. Suspension of all mining operations;
- ii. Prosecution;
- iii. Recommend for termination of the mining lease;

You are therefore, directed to show-cause within a period of 30days as to why aforesaid action as stipulated under Rule 45(7)(a) is not to be taken against you.

04. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

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