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To

Sri. T. Meenatchi Sundaram, Managing Partner
Sri Ramamaruthi Vermiculite Mine
A25, Sneham Apartments,
Anna Nagar west extension,
Chennai - 600099.

Sub:Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules,2017 in respect of your Sri Ramamaruthi Vermiculite Mine (62APR15013) over an extent of 10.87 ha. situated in Rachapalem 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 19.06.2023 in the presence of Sri.T. Meenatchi Sundaram, Managing Partner & Sri. P. Srinivasulu, Manager.

Rule No.	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(497)/VV/2003/NLR dated 25.06.2021to the extent indicated below.</p> <p>i. It was proposed to drill 09 Nos. core boreholes and 07 Nos. DTH boreholes during the year 2021-22, whereas no exploration work carried out as per proposal.</p> <p>ii. It was proposed to carry out development and production between co-ordinates E368890-E369005 & N1559050-N1559140 in the year 2021-22 & E368870-E369010 & N1559045-N1559150, whereas working pit was developed outside the mining lease area between the co-ordinates E369002.14-N1559113.37, E369018.05-N1559089.02& E369079.19-N1559145.46, E369079.33-N1559127.06.</p> <p>iii. It was proposed to construct Retaining wall around the dumps, whereas no retaining wall construction done as per proposal.</p> <p>iv. It was proposed to carrying backfilling in the year 2021-22 - 5583.5 cu.m @ 0.0692 Ha and in 2022-23 – 13380 Ha @ 0.0486, whereas no backfilling work carried out.</p> <p>iv. It was proposed to carry out environmental monitoring of AAQ, noise level and water</p>

1/12561/2023	quality. However during inspection, it was noticed that environment monitoring work was not carried out.
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 2023-24 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 (1)	<p>Every lessee 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>Digital aerial images of the mining lease area have not been submitted as per the Standard Operating Procedure prescribed by Indian Bureau of Mines. The deviations are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolution of DEM is more than 15cm. 2. Shape files of mining pit, mineral storage, sub grade dump, waste dump and afforestation not submitted. 3. Approved DGPS co-ordinates not submitted. 4. Data submitted in Annexure-I is incomplete.
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, overburden generation register, sub-grade or 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>

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)
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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 are not matching with the field conditions.</p> <p><u>Part-IV:</u> Total production during the year and overburden removed details not submitted.</p> <p><u>Part-V:</u> Section 3: i. Reserves and Resources details submitted as NIL.</p> <p>Section 4: i. Total ROM production details not submitted correctly. ii. Details of benches not submitted. iii. Plantation details not submitted correctly.</p> <p>Section 5: Machinery details not submitted.</p>

	<p><u>Part-VI:</u></p> <p>i. In the monthly returns during the year 2021-22 you have reported Ex-mine price as Rs.625/- per tonne, but in the annual return 2021-22, you have reported Ex-mine price as Rs.875000/- per tonne.</p> <p>ii. Deduction claimed for cost of transportation, loading and unloading charges not applicable for captive dispatches.</p> <p>iii. Sale value is not required for captive consumption.</p> <p><u>Part-VII:</u></p> <p>i. Exploration cost per tonne is submitted as Rs.100/-, whereas no exploration work carried out during the year 20221-22.</p> <p>ii. In the cost of production details, over-head cost, depreciation, royalty and dead rent paid are not consistent with the values reported in other parts of the annual returns.</p> <p>iii. Total cost per tonne is submitted as NIL.</p>
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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 30 days 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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