

Government of India Ministry of Mines Indian Bureau of Mines <u>Office of the Regional Controller of Mines, Jabalpur</u>

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Jabalpur, Dated: 31.03.2023

To,

Shri Vijay Khandelwal, 678, Shyamakuti, Hanuman Nagar, Tharsa Road, Kanhan, Nagpur (Maharashtra) -441401 <u>Email-khandelwalconstruction2015@gmail.com</u>

Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Botejhari Manganese Ore Mine (8.45 ha) Mine code-40MPR01037 belonging to Shri.Vijay Khandelwal in District Balaghat. Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated during the examination of Drone Aerial Image of Mining lease submitted by you in this office dt. 07.02.2023 along with the Review of Mining Plan inspection on 22/12/2022 by the undersigned in your presence & Shri. Indraneel Dawande(Q.P.):

Rule	Nature of violation observed in detail
No	
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. The Review of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide this office letter No-MP/ BALAGHAT/ MANGANESE/ RMP-71/ 2017-18 dated 03.01.2018 incorporating the proposals of working from 2018-19 to 2022-23. During the inspection it was found that following provisions of rule have been violated.
	 i. Only 2435 tonnes of Mn Ore is achieved against the proposal of 7376 t Mn Ore for the financial year 2021-22. ii. It is observed during inspection & on scrutiny of the Drone digital output, that the mine pit has been extended upto 70m towards northern side of ML in between TP 3 - TP 7 and upto 100 m towards eastern side of ML in between TP 12 - TP 25 which was not as per the approved proposals.
	The above irregularities that were observed go against the approved proposals.
55	Every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of (i) category 'A' mines having leased area equal to or above twenty-five hectares, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist; (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: Provided that in the case of fully mechanised category 'A' mines, the mining engineers and geologist shall have minimum five years of professional experience of working in a supervisory capacity in the field of mining:
	Mining Engineer and Geologist have not been appointed as per rule.

- 1. 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.
- 2. The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR, 2017 is not found satisfactory.
- 3. You are advised to rectify the violations of abovementioned rules immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Forty-Five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully

(Robert Simon C) Asst. Controller of Mines, Jabalpur Region, IBM

Copy to:

1) The Controller of Mines (CZ), Nagpur, IBM

2) The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Khanij Bhavan, Arera Hills, Bhopal (MP).

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