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बेंगलुरु -560022

सं/No. KNT/BLR/FE/501/BNG

Mine-code:30KAR528002

To,
Shri T Hanumantha Reddy,
Nominated Owner, Auro Minerals Iron ore mine
M/s. Minera Steel & Power Private Ltd
Prestige-Minera No 6, 3rd Floor,
Main Guard Cross Road, Shivajinagar
Bengaluru- 560 0001
E-mail id- - threddy@mineragroup.com , mkrao@mineragroup.com

विषय/Subject: **Violation of provisions of MCDR 2017 read with MCDR(Amendment),2021 in respect of your Auro Minerals Iron ore Mine, ML 0019 of M/s. Minera Steel & Power Private Ltd. over an extent of 32.05 ha, in Kallahalli Village, Hosapete Taluk, Ballari District of Karnataka State.**

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 read with Mineral Conservation and Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021 were found violated in your above mine during inspection on 06.05.2023 by undersigned in presence of Shri M Ramakoteswara Rao-Mine Manager, Shri Prasanth Kumar Reddy D-Mining Engineer, Shri Sandeep B-Geologist, and other mining officials:

Rules	Nature of Violations observed
11 (1)	<p>Mining Plan was approved by IBM vide letter no. 279/1109/2022/BNG dated 08/06/2022, for the period 2022-23 to 2026-27. The deviations observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document are given below.</p> <p>i. 8 nos. of exploratory boreholes with total meterage of 686 metres proposed for the year 2022-23 against which only 3 boreholes with total meterage of 212 metres were carried out.</p>

	<p>ii. The construction of 425 m Retaining Wall & 440 m garland drain were proposed along Waste dump AD-1 for the year 2022-23 against which no work has been carried out.</p> <p>iii. The plantation proposals of 430 nos. have been proposed in 0.17 ha of the safety zone for the year 2022-23 against which no plantation has been carried out.</p>
31(4)	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 (2) of rule 55. It was observed during inspection that the plans & sections have not been updated and maintained as per the provision of this rule.
48	The record of the 3 nos. of boreholes drilled during year 2022-23 were not found maintained in "Form-J" as per provision of this rule.

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR (Amendment), 2021

03. The mining operations can be suspended under rule 11(2), if compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.

04. 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/Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar Singh)

Assistant Controller of Mines
Indian Bureau of Mines

Copy for kind information to:

1. The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore.
2. The Director, Dept. of Mines & Geology, 49, Khanij Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001.