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क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक का कार्यालय / Office of the Regional Controller of Mines



To,

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Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Majhgawan Limestone Mine over an extent of 362.68 hectares in Majhgawan & Sarada village, Rampur Naikin Taluka, in Sidhi District of Madhya Pradesh state.

Sir,

The undersigned inspected your mine on 05/07/2023 in the presence of your representative Shri Bharat Gokharu (Mines Agent), Shri Shishir Kumar Tamrakar (Mines Manager), Shri Kapil Ojha (Geologist) and other mines officials. The document of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No. MP/Sidhi/Lst/RMP-33/18-19 dated 24.12.2018 incorporating proposal of working from 2019-20 to 2023-24. Following provisions of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your mines at the time of inspection.

Rule No.	Proposal/ Rule Position	Nature of Violation
11(1)	In 2022-23, the lateral extent of the Mining operation proposed between the following coordinates in Majhgawan Pit (Pit A): E 532769 to 533045 & N 2689025 to 2689650. Production and development proposed from sections 17 and 18	(1) Mining operation for the production of limestone was carried between the coordinates E 532258 to 532795 & N 2688944 to 2689319 between section line 10-10' to 15-15' in Pit B of Majhgawan Pit. Mining operations was extended beyond the proposed limit.
	In 2022-23, the proposal for insitu overburden and ROM generation was 830694 cu.m and 1500003 tonnes respectively.	In 2022-23, the actual generation of insitu overburden and ROM generation was less i.e., 155560 cum and 1067472 tones respectively.
	In 2022-23, it was proposed that insitu OB generated shall be disposed in the area proposed for backfilling in Majhgawan Pit and area proposed for backfilling was 1.5 hectares.	Insitu OB generated was 155560 cum and disposed of in the area proposed for backfilling in Majhgawan Pit over an area of 0.455 hectares only. Further, OB rehandled from the waste dump, WD3 was 311053 cum and backfilled in Majhgawan Pit (A) for road making between section lines 15-15' and 16-16'. This backfilling in Pit A of Majhgawan Pit for road making between section lines 15-15' and 16-16' was not proposed in the approved Review of the Mining Plan.
45(7)	If it is found that the holder of a mining lease or the person or company engaged in trading or storage or end-use or export of minerals, as the case may be, has submitted incomplete or wrong or false information in daily or monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified	It has been observed during the inspection that in the annual return submitted for the year 2022-23, the quantity of overburden (in cum) furnished under the headings (1) Generated during the year; (2) Disposed in dumps during the year; (3) Backfilled during the year and (4) Total at the end of the year are incorrect.

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02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offense punishable under rule 62 of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.
03. Non-compliance with the rule 11(1) and 45(7) of MCDR, 2017 may lead to the suspension of mining operations under the provisions of rules 11(2) & 45(7)(a)(i) of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.
04. You are therefore 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,

(Sudip Ranjan Mazumdar)
Senior Mining Geologist
For Regional Controller of Mines

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01. The Director, Director of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhawan, 29-A, Arera Hills, Jail Road, Bhopal (M.P.) for information and further necessary action.
02. The Controller of Mines (CZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur for kind information.

Yours faithfully,

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