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



To,

Shri M.M.Abdulla  
Nominated Owner,  
MOIL Limited,  
Moil Bhawan, Nagpur-440013  
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Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Sitapathore Manganese Mine over an extent of 43.35 hectares in Tirodi Tehsil, in Balaghat District of Madhya Pradesh State

Sir,

The undersigned inspected your mine on 20/07/2023 in the presence of your representative Shri Bhuneswar Singh Karpe, (Mines Manager), Shri B Koteswar Rao, (Mining Engineer), Shri Subhransu Pani, (Geologist), Shri Rajesh Manke, (Surveyor) and other mines officials. The document of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No. MP/Balaghat/Manganese/MPLN/G-05/2021-22 dated 11.04.2022 incorporating proposal of working from 2022-23 to 2026-27. Following provisions of MCDR 2017 (as amended up to 3rd November, 2021) were found violated in your mines at the time of inspection.

Rule No.	Proposal/ Rule Position	Nature of Violation
11(1)	During the year 2022-23, it was proposed to drill 32 numbers of boreholes and their locations were marked in the approved Surface Geological plan.	In 2022-23, 36 numbers of boreholes were drilled but these boreholes were not drilled as per their proposed location shown in the approved Surface Geological plan, thus violating the provisions of rule 12(4) of MCDR 2017 as mentioned below.
	Development was proposed from Pit 3, Pit 6 and from mineralized dump located in southern part of the lease.	Development was carried out from Pit 6 and mineralized dump located in southern part of the lease but from different part of the Pit 6 and mineralized dump. Further, Pit 3 was not put in production and development.
	Proposal for overburden generation from Pit 3 was 32595 m <sup>3</sup> and from Pit 6 was 70650 m <sup>3</sup> . Total overburden generation proposal was 103245 m <sup>3</sup> .	Actual overburden generated during the year was less i.e., 94751.25 m <sup>3</sup> .
12(4)	<b>Rule Position</b> In the case of existing mining leases, detailed exploration (G1 level) over the entire potentially mineralized area under the mining lease shall be carried out in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 ..... within a period of five years from the date of commencement of these rules	The entire lease area has not been explored fully to identify the potentially mineralized area and thus detailed exploration over the potentially mineralized area has not been carried out in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules within a period of five years from the date of commencement of these rules.
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	In the Mining plan, the ROM production quantity approved is 17000 tones. The cumulative ROM production quantity of Manganese Ore reported in Monthly returns from April'22 to March'23 is 17273.98 tones whereas the ROM production quantity reported in Annual return of 2022-23 is 16966.98 tones. There is excess ROM production of 307 tones reported in Monthly returns spread over the month of April'22, May'22, June'22 and July 22.

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		In Para (3) of PART-V (General Geology & Mining) of the annual return, the Subgrade-Mineral reject (in tones) have not been reported.
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02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that non-compliance of rule 12 (4) shall be punishable with fine of Rs 5, 00,000/-.
03. Further, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offense punishable under rule 62 of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.
04. Further, non-compliance of 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.
05. 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,

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