

Government of India
Ministry of Mines
Indian Bureau of Mines
Office of the Regional Controller of Mines, Jabalpur

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To,

Shri. Kailesh Chandra Jhanwar, Nominated Owner and Director
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Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, (MCDR, 2017) in respect to Julgul Limestone Mine (350.383 hectare) Mine Code 38UPR56003 in District Sonbhadra of Uttar Pradesh State regarding.

Sir,

Following provision of Mineral conservation and Development Rules 2017 were found violated in respect of your subject mine during the inspection of the said mine by the undersigned on 01 & 02.08.2023 in the presence of Shri Vivek Khosla, Agent, Shri Atul Gaharana, Geologist, Shri D K Pandey, Mines manager.

Rule No	Nature of violation observed in detail
Rule 11(1)	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Mining operations are not found carried out in accordance with approved modification of Mining plan vide letter no. UP/Sonbhadra/limestone/MPLN/MOD-01/2022-23 dated 13.04.2022 as below:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was approved to carry out exploration by drilling 18 no. of bore hole with 2160 meterage during the year 2022-23; against which only 15 bore holes were drilled with 1678 meterage, further chemical analysis of bore hole drilled has not been done so for so as to considering the same. 2. It was approved to carry out production with 95% recovery of salable ore (40,00,744 Tonnes) from ROM ore (42,11,310 Tonnes); against which recovery of saleable ore (22,05,205 Tonnes) is 92% of Rom Ore (23,94,729), which is against mineral conservation point of view. Further mineral reject (screen reject) generated is not being analysed to know the mineral content i.e. CaO% and MgO%. 3. Further Rom ore production during the year is 56% of approved

	<p>proposals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. In pit no.2, on Eastern side, backfilling was carried out over mineral benches with waste material without complete excavation of ore and without any such approved proposals, which is against mineral conservation point of view. 5. It was approved to develop the pit with waste / OB excavation of 19,12,380 Tonnes with stripping ratio of 1 : 0.53; against which only 218627 Tonnes of waste excavated with stripping ratio of 0.09 only. Further It was approved to maintain bench height of 9 meters and width more than the height; against which Bench height of about 12 to 18 meters is observed and width less than the bench height. Thus development activity was on lower side than the proposed proposals. 6. It was approved to construct Retaining wall of 1061 meters and Garland drain of 7086 meters during the year 2022-23, all along bottom periphery of dumps; against which no retaining wall was constructed and garland drain was partly done. 7. Ore is found dumped in waste dump, which is against mineral conservation point of view. 8. Substantial area is utilized for establishing New crusher and belt conveyor line thus additional area is being utilized for mining and allied activities without any such approved proposals
<p>31(4)</p>	<p><i>The plans and sections required under these rules shall be maintained up to date 1 [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, and within twelve months in the case of any other mine.</i></p> <p>It is noted that plans and sections are not found updated last updated was on 31.03.2023</p>
<p>34A</p>	<p><i>Drone data submitted is not as per SOP, details of the same is attached herewith as Annexure-I for correction and resubmission in accordance with SOP</i></p>
<p>45(7)</p>	<p><i>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; then,–</i></p> <p><i>(a) in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines may advise the State Government to,–</i></p> <p><i>(i) order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance; (ii) take action to initiate prosecution under these rules; (iii) recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining;</i></p>

	<p>Following discrepancies are observed in the monthly returns submitted from September 2022 to March 2023</p> <p>(i) PART-I</p> <p>Para 11. Particulars of area operated-Lease: Date of execution of mining lease deed and period of lease is reported as 27/07/2017 and 13 years, is incorrect.</p> <p>(ii) Backfilling is being carried out, but details of the same is not furnished.</p> <p>(iii) Crushing and screening is being carried out but details of the same is not furnished- Ore from Bhalua lease is also being crushed and screening in the subject- needs to submit the proper data under this para.</p> <p>(iv) <u>Under para type of machinery</u>, Crusher, Screen, Belt conveyor are also located within lease, details of the same shall be furnished.</p> <p>(v) Ex mine price (Rs. 269.78/-) and Cost of production (Rs. 318.44/-) cannot be different to use of mineral for captive consumption.</p>
67	<p><i>1. Screen reject generation and its analysis report is not found maintained</i></p> <p><i>2. Waste material generated is not found maintained</i></p> <p><i>3. Waste material re-handled and disposed-off under 12(1) K of MCR 2016 is not found maintained.</i></p> <p><i>4. Details of material backfilled is not found maintained.</i></p> <p><i>You are hereby advised to submit the above information for the year 2022-23 and till date of inspection.</i></p>

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR,2017.
03. Non-compliance of the rule 11(1) & 45(7) of MCDR,2017 may lead to suspension of Mining operations under the provisions of rule 11(2) & 45(7)(a) of MCDR,2017.
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.

Yours faithfully

(Ibrahim Sharif)
Dy. Controller of Mines,
For Regional Controller of mines

Copy for kind information:

- 1) The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Khanij bhavan, 27/8, Raja Ram Mohan Rai Marg, Lucknow-226001 (U.P.); Mining Lease boundary pillars are not found erected as per MCR,2016
- 2) खान नियंत्रक (मध्य), भारतीय खान ब्यूरो, नागपुर

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