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



Jabalpur

To,

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Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Sagmania Limestone Mine over an extent of 852.50 hectares situated in Sagmania Village, Raghuraj Nagar Taluka, Satna District of Madhya Pradesh State

Sir,

The undersigned inspected your mine on 17/08/2023 in the presence of your representative Shri Rajesh Chaubey (Mines Agent), Shri Kumar Rajan (Mine Manager) and other mines officials. The latest Review of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No. MP/Satna/Limestone/RMP-22/2020-21 dated 24.12.2020 incorporating proposal of working from 2021-22 to 2025-26. 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)	In 2022-23, development proposed in Block Bharjuna North (Development No-1), Block Bharjuna South (Development No-2), Block A Quarry (Development No-3 to 7), Block D-Cutting (Development no-8) and Block N1 (Development no-9)	In 2022-23, no development work carried out in Block Bharjuna North. In Block Bharjuna South, development extended beyond the proposed limit of development no-2. In Block A Quarry, no development done in proposed development no 3 & 5 whereas the development extended beyond the proposed limits in development no 4, 6 & 7.in Block D-cutting (development no-8) and Block N1 (Development no-9), the excavation extended beyond the proposed boundary limits.
	In 2022-23, the proposal for top soil generation was 140818 cum	In 2022-23, top soil generated was less i.e., 107424 cum
	In 2022-23, the proposal for overburden generation was 1184415 cum	In 2022-23, the Overburden quantity generated was very less i.e., 113514 cum
	In 2022-23, ROM production proposed was 4505000 tones	In 2022-23, actual ROM production was less i.e., 2974481 tones. However, the ROM reported quantity in annual return submitted for 2022-23 is 2899769 tones in which the screen reject quantity generated from ROM screening has not been considered as part of ROM production.
	The OB/waste generated from N1 block, D-Cutting and Bharjuna North pit will be utilized for preparation of bund all long the PWD road passing through the ML are and in pit/trenches area and Overburden waste generated from A-quarry in first two year will be stacked in A quarry second bench floor for temporary basis. Utilization of OB for backfilling has been proposed from 2023-24 to 2025-26.	Overburden generated has been temporarily stacked in A –Quarry as per proposal. However, overburden/waste generated during the year 2022-23 has also been utilized in backfilling at locations such as in area between the boundary pillars BP97 & BP-98, and in three different locations in C-Quarry which were not in proposals.

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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	Lease area (surface area) utilization as at the end of year (hectares) reported in annual return for 2022-23 is incorrect.
		The PMCP Table submitted in Excel format and UAV survey (.kml) file failed to open.
		In Para 3 of Part V of annual return 2022-23, the information furnished about generation and disposal of Subgrade-Mineral Reject (in tonnes) during the year is incorrect.
		In Para 2 of Part VI, the ROM production quantity reported for the year 2022-23 is incorrect to the extent that the screen reject quantity generated from ROM screening has not been considered in total ROM production quantity.
		In Para 2 of Part V, depletion of reserves during the year 2022-23 and balance resources as on 31.03.2023 is incorrect.
		In 2022-23, 37 numbers of boreholes have been drilled, but the cost of exploration has not been considered in Cost of production per tonne of ore-mineral produced.

02. 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.
03. 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.
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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