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सं/No.: KNT/CTD/Fe-4/BNG/Vol-V

Mine-code: 30KAR07013

दिनांक/Dated: 07/12/2023

29, इंडस्ट्रियल सबर्ब, II स्टेज, तुमकुर रोड,

गोरगुंटापाल्या, येशवंतपुर,

Bengaluru/ बेंगलुरु -560022

To,

**Shri M. Krishna Reddy**

Nominated Owner

M/s Vedanta Ltd.

Sesa Ghor, EDC Complex,

Patto – Panajim, Goa - 403001

**विषय/Subject:** Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your A. Narrain Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2677) over an extent 160.59Ha, located in Maghalahalli & Other villages, Chitradurga & Holakere Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka State.

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above said mine during inspection carried out on 16/11/2023 by undersigned along with Dr. Sudhakara T.L., SMG in presence of Shri Shrishaila Gouda, Agent, Vijay Mehta, Mines Manager and Shri Sajjad Ahamed, Mining Engineer

| Rules | Nature of Violations observed   |
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| 11(1) | <p>The Mining operations required to be carried out in accordance as per the approved Modified Review and Updation of Mining Plan document vide letter no. 279/272/91/BNG dated 01/02/2023, However, during the inspection deviations were observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document and are as follows:</p> <p>(i) For the year 2022-23, in north block pit, between section lines 18 to 20, the proposed maximum vertical depth is 900mRL. However, it was observed that vertical excavations are extended beyond the approved proposal limits and reached upto 876mRL.</p> <p>(ii) During the year 2022-23 &amp; 2023-24, it was proposed dump waste at new dump site (D-5) at southwestern part of north block pit between section line number 16 and 17, however, dumping is not done at the proposed site.</p> <p>(iii) During the year 2022-23, it was proposed to construct 200m Retaining Wall and Garland Drain along the toe of the proposed waste dump D-5. However, upon inspection, it was observed that the Retaining Wall and Garland Drain were not constructed as proposed.</p> <p>(iv) In north block pit, at western part, between section line 17 and 17A</p> |

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|  | <p>(western part of the pit), sliding/erosion of benches was observed.</p> <p>(v) In north block pit, at western part, between boundary pillar no. 6A and 7A benches width not maintained as proposed and a few benches appears to have merged.</p> <p>(vi) At northwestern part of South block pit, waste dumping is carried out over the mineralized area in the working benches at two different location viz. on section line 9-9' (E. 630090, N. 1572750) and between section line 13A and 14A (E. 629830, N. 1572984 and E. 629800, N. 1573060) which is not in accordance with the approved document. As such this is against the systematic and scientific mining and the conservation of minerals.</p> <p>(vii) The mining plan document was approved with a special condition to establish a permanent monitoring mechanism for continuous monitoring of the stability of pit and dump slopes. However, during the inspection, it was observed that the installed Slope Stability Radar mobile unit was not in proper location to monitor or record the stability of the critical part of dumps and pit slopes.</p> |
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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. 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,

(डॉ. सुरेश प्रसाद / Dr. Suresh Prasad)  
क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक / Regional Controller 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.

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