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सं/No.: KNT/BLR/FE/201/BNG Mine-code: 30KAR03180

दिनांक/Dated: 20/12/2023

To,

**Shri Mohammed Abdul Saleem****Nominated Owner****M/s The Sandur Manganese & Iron ores Ltd.,****Deogiri (Post) – 583 112,****Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka**

**विषय/Subject:** Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Sandur Manganese and Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2678) over an extent 1864.70Ha, located in Sandur Taluk, Bellary 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 05/12/2023 and 06/12/2023 by undersigned in presence of Shri. Shridhar P Hegde, General Manager (Mines), Shri Subbakumarswamy, Mines Manager, Shri Sunil G, Mining Engineer, Shri Deepak C. Anilkumar, Sr. Manager Geology and other mine officials

Rules	Nature of Violations observed
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. 279/281/91/BNG-VOL-II/608 dated 12.04.2022 for the year 2022-23 and Review and Updation of Mining Plan vide letter No 279/281/91/BNG-VOL-II/1130 dated 19.09.2022 for the period from 2023-24 to 2027-28, However, during the inspection deviations were observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document(s) and are as follows:</p> <p>(i) For the fiscal year 2022-23, it was proposed to produce 16,00,000 tonnes of iron ore by handling 33,72,638 tonnes of OB/waste quantity with a stripping ratio of 1:2.11. However, upon inspection, it was noted that only 1,297,884 tonnes of overburden/waste were handled to achieve the planned iron ore quantity, resulting in an attained stripping ratio of 1:1.23. The proposed stripping ratio was not maintained, thereby indicating a deficiency in development.</p> <p>(ii) As per the approved document dated 19.09.2022, for the fiscal year 2023-24, it was proposed to produce 54,77,909 tonnes of iron ore from KTIO-A, KTIO-B, KVHIO iron ore pits, and incidental iron ore from manganese ore pits by establishing a beneficiation plant in the lease area (KTIO Block). However, upon inspection, it was observed that the</p>

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	<p>proposed production of iron ore from KTIO-A and KTIO-B pits has not commenced, and the proposed beneficiation plant not established.</p> <p>(iii) During the fiscal year 2022-23, there was a proposal to backfill part of three pits, namely JLK, YRD, and KMK. However, it has been observed that the proposed backfilling at the YRD pit has not been carried out as planned.</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. सुधाकर टी.एल. / Dr. Sudhakara T.L.)  
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**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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