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Date: 22.12.2023.

सेवा में,

- 1.Lamshwa Kyndoh (Nominated Owner),
M/s Meghalaya Minerals & Mines Ltd.
Village & Post-Lumshnong, P.S.-Khliehriat,
District-East Jaintai Hills, Meghalaya– 793210
2. M/s Meghalaya Minerals & Mines Ltd.
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District-East Jaintai Hills, Meghalaya– 793210

Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of Lumshnong Limestone Mine of M/s Meghalaya Minerals & Mines Ltd. over an extent of 4.20 Ha in Lumshnong Village, P.S.-Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hill District, Meghalaya State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 2017 (MCDR, 2017), were found violated in your above mine based on mine inspection by the undersigned on 13.12.2023 in the presence of Sri A. K. Pathak, GM (Mines) and Sri Deepak Kumar-Assistant Manager.

Rule No.	Rule Position	Nature of Violations observed
11 (1)	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 or approved by the competent authority of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, in respect of minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act where the grade of such atomic minerals is equal to or above the threshold value limits declared under Schedule-A of the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016.	Barrier plantation was proposed in the eastern side of the lease in 7.5 metre barrier zone between boundary pillars A7 & A10 over an area of 0.018 Ha. by planting 50 nos. of sampling on it. During inspection of the mine ,it has been observed that no plantation was done in this area. Thus proposal of approved mining plan is not implemented and it is violation of rule 11(1).
40.	Every holder of prospecting licence or a mining lease shall take all possible measure to keep air pollution due to fines, dust, smoke or gaseous emissions during prospecting, mining, beneficiation or metallurgical operations and related activities within permissible limits.	During inspection of the mine it was found that the wet drilling/dust suppression system is not provided in the DTH Drill Machine- AIRROC-D-35. Dry cuttings were observed near holes. Dry drilling with out any dust suppressing device caused air pollution by fine dust

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34A(2)	Every lessee, other than those covered under sub-rule (1), shall submit soft copy of high resolution Georeferenced Ortho-rectified Multispectral satellite images of the leased area and upto hundred metres outside the lease boundary taken in the month of April to June of every year, to the Controller General on or before 1st day of July of the that year in the standards formats such as GeoTIFF along with metadata or any other format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard: Provided that the lessee who has submitted images under sub-rule (3) shall not be required to submit the images under this sub-rule for the year in which images are submitted under sub-rule (3).	During inspection of the mine it has been found that the processed output Georeferenced Ortho-rectified Multispectral satellite images of the leased area and upto hundred metres outside the lease boundary taken in the month of April to June of every year, for FY 2022-23 has not been submitted yet. It is violation of Rule 34A(2).
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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 Mineral Conservations and Development Rules, 2017.

03. 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,

o/c

S.K.S.
(Sandeep Kumar Singh),
Deputy Controller of Mines & OIC,
Indian Bureau of Mines-Guwahati

Copy for kind information to:

- 1) The Controller of Mines, EZ, IBM, Kolkata
- 2) The Director, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Govt. of Meghalaya, Risa Colony, Shillong, Meghalaya-793003

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