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No. MCDR-MiFLOFE/12/2022-BNG-IBM\_RO\_BNG Mine-code: 30KAR03011

Dated: 11/01/2024

To,  
Shri Dilip Kumar Mohanty,  
Director Production & Nominated Owner,  
Donimalai Iron Ore Mine.  
M/s. NMDC Limited.  
Post-Donimalai Township,  
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विषय/Subject: **Violation of provisions of MCDR 2017 in respect of your Donimalai Iron ore mine, ML 2396 over an extent of 597.54 Ha (as per CEC Sketch) in Donimalai Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District of Karnataka State.**

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during inspection on 28.12.2023 by the undersigned in presence of Shri. Rajeev Wadhwa, DGM (Geology), Shri S.S. Prasad, Mining Engineer, Dr. D N Subramanyam, Geologist and other mine officials :

Rules	Nature of Violations observed
11 (1)	<p>The Mining plan was approved by IBM vide letter no. 279/34/88/BNG dated 03/12/2020 for the period 2020-21(Dec-2020 to Mar-2021) to 2022-23 &amp; Review and updation of Mining plan was approved vide letter no 279/34/88/BNG dated 16/02/2023, for the period 2023-24 to 2027-28. The deviations observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document are given below.</p> <p>i. It was observed that only 7 nos. of boreholes with total meterage 749.5 metres have been carried out in the year 2022-23 against the proposed exploratory drilling of 18 borehole with total of 1290 metres.</p> <p>ii. The stripping ratio proposed for the year 2022-23 is 1:3.03 against which 1:1.97 has been achieved. Less development &amp; corresponding waste handling (11,301,864 tons/4,346,871Cum) has been carried out proportionate to achieved ROM production of 5,728,776 tons. Accordingly, development of benches at South block (SB) pit at eastern side is lagging and is not developed systematically with 12 m bench height as proposed between section C-6 to C-11 as per proposal.</p> <p>iii. The development of benches at Pit 3E has not been carried out systematically maintaining bench height of 12 m as per the proposal between section D-6 to D-</p>

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	<p>10. Also, at Section P of Pit 3W, the excavation has been carried out beyond the proposed vertical limit of 945 mRL till 935 mRL.</p> <p>iv. The 12 m systematic stages/lifts have not been maintained at Backfilling dump (BF-4) between section M-18 to M-21 from 995 to 1030 mRL as per 2022-23 waste dumping proposal.</p>
<b>35.(2) &amp; (4B)</b>	<p>Every holder of a mining lease shall monitor his mining and allied activities as per the template of star rating in the format specified in this behalf by the Indian Bureau of Mines from time to time, and shall submit online its self-assessment report before the 1st day of July every year for the previous financial year, along with the digital images of mining lease area under rule 34A. In case of non-filing of template as stated in sub-rule (2), the holder of mining lease shall be liable to pay an amount of ten thousand rupees per day for such delay to the authorised officer of the Indian Bureau of Mines. The SDF template for year 2022-23 has been submitted on 3rd July 2023 which is after the due date. In the instant case the SDF is submitted 2 days late from the due date of submission.</p>

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR (Amendment), 2021.

03. The mining operations can be suspended under rule 11(2), if compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.

04. The fine amount to be paid @ Rs. 10,000/- per day i.e., 10,000 x2 days i.e., Rs, **20,000(Rupees Twenty Thousand only)**. The said fine is to be paid through "<https://bharatkosh.gov.in>" web portal under the purpose head '**Non filing Star Rating template**' in favour of '**137321-Regional Controller of Mines, IBM Bangalore**'.

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,

(Sandeep Kumar Singh)  
Senior Assistant Controller of Mines  
Indian Bureau 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.

(Sandeep Kumar Singh)  
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