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To,

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M/s J. K. Minerals

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Mine Code: - - 40MPR01030 Jabalpur, Dated:

Sub. : Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Katangjhari Manganese ore **Mine** over an extent of **3.38 hect.** in **Balaghat** District (M.P.)

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 15/09/2023 by the undersigned, accompanied by yourself and Mr. Tirukar, Mine Forman.

नियम	पाए गए उल्लंघन की विस्तृत प्रकृति
Rule 11(1)	<p>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. Read with MCR (Amendment), 2021 notified in Gazette of India vide dated 02/11/2021</p> <p>The Modification of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Balaghat/Manganes/MPLN/MOD—06/2019-20 dated 24/07/2019 incorporating proposal of working from 2019-20 to 2023-24 During the inspection it was found that following activities have been carried out with violating the approved proposals: -</p> <p>i. Exploration was not done as per the proposals given in the approved Modification of Mining Plan. . Four no. of core vertical boreholes 130 m deep each were proposed against year 2019-20 but boreholes are not drilled so far. This amounts to the violation of the rule.</p> <p>ii. In the year 2022-23 it was proposed to produce 2907 metric tons Manganese ore (1761 tone from pit working and 1146 tone from dump mining) with removal of 4519 cum Over Burden/Sub burden /inter Burden/ mine waste. But, it was observed that with 1348.5 tone production of Manganese ore (691.5 tone from pit working &amp; 657.0 tone from dump working) achieved with removal of only 1774.38 cum Over Burden. Thus, there is almost 54% deviation in case of production of Manganese ore and 61/% deviation in case over burden/Sub burden /inter Burden/ mine waste generation during the year.</p>
12(4)	<p>In the case of existing mining leases, detailed exploration (G1 level) over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease shall be carried out in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 or the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016, as the case may be, within a period of five years from the date of commencement of these rules.</p> <p>Mining Lease was executed on 30/10/1999 and so far entire potential area has not been explored under G1 level, thus violation of rule exist in the mining lease. It is stated that contravention of the rule liable to punishment of Rs. 5,00,000/- as per the provision notified in schedule III through Gazette notification dated 03/11/2021( MCDR Amendment)</p>
33	<p>Copies of plans and sections to be submitted – The holder of mining lease shall on or before the 30th day of the June every year submit to the authorized officer, as the case may be, and the State Govt., a digital copy along with a print copy of the surface geological plans and sections maintained under rule 32.</p> <p>Copies of plans and sections under rule 32 of MCDR-2017 have not been submitted.</p>
45(7)	<p>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</p>

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	<p>wrong or false information in daily or monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified; then,—</p> <p>in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines,</p> <p>i. order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance;</p> <p>ii. take action to initiate prosecution under these rules;</p> <p>iii. recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining;</p> <p>On examination of Annual Return for the year 2022-23 it is observed that data of annual return are incomplete &amp; having following deficiencies: -</p> <p>1. Part III, item No 2-Royalty and Rents Payment against royalty and dead rent have been shown on the return. Royalty and Dead Rent cannot be charged at a time. So information furnished in this regard needs correction.</p> <p>2. Part III, Consumption of material: Cost of explosive consumed during the year indicated as Nil is not acceptable as nature of deposit is not suitable for extraction of mineral without drilling and blasting. Further, extraction of mineral from the mine is also proposed with drilling and blasting in valid approved mining plan.</p> <p>3. Part III item No. 6 -Other expenses Expenses of Rs. 6184797/- shown against overhead for the production of only 1348tone. Thus, per tonne overhead expenses reached to Rs. 4586.42 which is appears not realistic. Further in calculation of cost of production only 456/- per tonne overhead expenses have taken into account.</p>
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2. 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.
3. The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 are not found satisfactory. In case Non-compliance of Rule 45(7) of MCDR-2017, Necessary action shall be initiated as deemed fit.
4. 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,

(Raghubir Sharan Garg)  
Assistant Controller of Mines  
For Regional Controller of Mines

Copy to:

- 1- The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhavan, 29-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.)
- 2- The District Collector, Balaghat (M.P.) for information & appropriate action.

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- 1- Controller of Mines(CZ) for kind information.
- 2- DDG, Mining & Mineral Statistics Division, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur for refer back of Annual Return for the year 2022-23 to rectification as pointed out above under rule 45(7).

Assistant Controller of Mines  
For Regional Controller of Mines