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 क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक का कार्यालय / Office of the Regional Controller of Mines



Dated: 31/01/2023

To,

Shri Vedanand Roy
 Nominated owner,
 M/s Pacific Minerals Private Limited
 Baihar Road, Balaghat
 Email: vedanandroy@yahoo.in

Subject:- Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect of Laughher Manganese Mine, over an area of 10.0 hectare in Balaghat district of M.P. State.

Sir,

Undersigned has inspected your mine in your presence along with Shri Arun Deoras (QP) and other mines officials on 10/11/2022. Following provisions of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your mines at the time of inspection.

<p>11(1)of MCDR 2017</p>	<p>1. Mining operations under mining lease.-(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.</p> <p>The document of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Balaghat/Manganese/MPLN/MOD-10/2018-19 dated 06/08/2018 incorporating proposal of working from 2018-19 to 2022-23</p> <p>During inspection it has been observed that the following provisions of the rule have been violated: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only 787.500 tonnes of Manganese ore production is raised during 2021-22 against the proposed 8064 tonnes. 2. It was proposed to develop 11 stopes during 2021-22 but not a single stope is developed. 3. It was proposed to drill 07 core boreholes but not a single core bore hole is drilled. 4. It was proposed that 403.2 tonnes of subgrade mineral and 403.2 tonnes of Mineral reject will be produced, but not observed during inspection, nor reported in Annual returns.
<p>Rule 55</p>	<p>Employment of geologists and mining engineers.-(1) For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules,-</p> <p>(3) Every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of—</p> <p>(i) category 'A' mines having leased area equal to or above twenty-five hectares, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist;</p> <p>(ii) category 'A' mines having lease area below twenty-five hectares and category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist:</p> <p>Provided that in the case of fully mechanized category 'A' mines, the mining engineers and geologist shall have minimum five years of professional experience of working in a supervisory capacity in the field of mining.</p> <p>It is observed that you have not appointed any Geologist and Mining Engineer.</p> <p>As per MCDR(Amendment), 2021 notified on 3rd November, 2021; Rupees 500000/- is to be paid for non appointment of Geologist and mining engineer for violating the Rule 55, as specified in schedule III.</p> <p>Thus you shall be liable to pay an amount of Rs 5,00,000/- in case the violation is not rectified within stipulated time.</p>

1 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.

1/3963/2023 The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 is not found satisfactory.

3. You are advised to rectify the violations of above mentioned rules immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Forty Five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

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01. The Director, Director of Geology & Mining, Govt.of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhawan,29-A,AreraHills, Jail Road, Bhopal (M.P.) for information and further necessary action.

02. The Controller of Mines (CZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur for kind information.

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