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गोरगुंटापाल्या येशवंतपुर,
बेंगलुरु -560022

सं./ No. KNT/BLR/FE/499/BNG

दिनांक/Date: 16/01/2024

सेवा में/ To,

Mr. Mohamad Iqbal Hothur, CMD & Nominated Owner,
M/s Hothur Ispat Private Limited,
Hothur square, #284, 100 feet road,
Indiranagar-Bengaluru.-560008
e-mail: farooq@hothurindia.com

विषय/Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your **Janikunta Iron ore Mine (ML No. 0011) having Mine code: 30KAR03191)** over an area of **44.42 Ha** in Janikunta village, Ballari Taluk & District, Karnataka state.

महोदय/Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection carried out by the undersigned in presence of Shri A Syed Farooq, Mine Agent, Shri A Gururaj, Mines Manager & Shri Kiran Kumar P, Mining Engineer on 27/12/2023.

Rule	Nature of violations observed
11 (1)	<p>The Mining operations are required to be carried out in accordance with the approved Modifications to the approved Mining Plan document vide letter no. 279/1101/2019/BNG dated 08/07/2022. However, during the inspection deviations were observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document and are as follows:</p> <p>(i) It is proposed to carry out mining by maintaining all the benches with 7.5m height and 8m width. However, height and width of few benches between sections E-E' to G-G' are exceeding the proposed height and lesser than the proposed width thereby deviating from the approved proposals.</p> <p>(ii) It was proposed for 100% mineral recovery from ROM during the plan period. However, a considerable quantity of BHQ/Silicious Ore with grade range from 35% Fe to 40% Fe (above the threshold value) is stacked as mineral reject without accounting and reporting in the Annual Returns for the year 2022-2023.</p> <p>(iii) For the year 2022-23, it was proposed for Mineral Storage over: 0.87 Ha. However, it is stacked over an extent exceeding 1.2 Ha thereby creating hinderance for the pit development as well as</p>

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	deviating from the approved plan. (iv) For the year 2022-23, it was proposed to carry out slope stability test of the dumps exceeding 50m. However, the same is not carried out and reported.
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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. You are advised to rectify/explain 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,

(H.M. SHIVAKUMAR)
Assistant Controller of Mines
Indian Bureau of Mines

प्रतिलिपिसूचनार्थ/Copy for kind information to:

1. The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore.
2. The Director, Department of Mining & Geology, No.49, Khanija bhavan, R.C. Road, Bangalore-560 001.

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