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गोरगुंटापाल्या, येशवंतपुर,
Bengaluru/ बेंगलुरु -560022

दिनांक/Dated: 16/02/2024

To,

Shri M. Krishna Reddy

Nominated Owner

M/s Vedanta Ltd.

Sesa Ghor, EDC Complex,

Patto – Panajim, Goa - 403001

विषय/Subject: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your A. Narrain Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2677) over an extent 160.59Ha, located in Maghalahalli & Other villages, Chitradurga & Holakere Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka State.

महोदय/ Sir,

Undersigned has inspected your above said mine on 16/11/2023 along with Dr. Sudhakara T.L., Senior Mining Geologist in presence of Shri Shrishaila Gouda, Agent, Vijay Mehta, Mines Manager and Shri Sajjad Ahamed, Mining Engineer Based on the aforesaid inspection, the contravention/deviation has been observed and following violations were pointed out under rule of MCDR, 2017 and same has been communicated to you vide letter even number dated 07/12/2023:

Rules	Nature of Violations observed
11(1)	<p>The Mining operations required to be carried out in accordance as per the approved Modified Review and Updation of Mining Plan document vide letter no. 279/272/91/BNG dated 01/02/2023, However, during the inspection deviations were observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document and are as follows:</p> <p>(i) For the year 2022-23, in north block pit, between section lines 18 to 20, the proposed maximum vertical depth is 900mRL. However, it was observed that vertical excavations are extended beyond the approved proposal limits and reached upto 876mRL.</p> <p>(ii) During the year 2022-23 & 2023-24, it was proposed dump waste at new dump site (D-5) at southwestern part of north block pit between section line number 16 and 17, however, dumping is not done at the proposed site.</p> <p>(iii) During the year 2022-23, it was proposed to construct 200m Retaining Wall and Garland Drain along the toe of the proposed waste dump D-5. However, upon inspection, it was observed that the Retaining Wall and</p>

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	<p>Garland Drain were not constructed as proposed.</p> <p>(iv) In north block pit, at western part, between section line 17 and 17A (western part of the pit), collapse/erosion of benches was observed.</p> <p>(v) In north block pit, at western part, between boundary pillar no. 6A and 7A benches width not maintained as proposed and a few benches appears to have merged.</p> <p>(vi) At northwestern part of South block pit, waste dumping is carried out on working benches at two different location viz. on section line 9-9' (E. 630090, N. 1572750) and between section line 13A and 14A (E. 629830, N. 1572984 and E. 629800, N. 1573060) which is not in accordance with the approved document.</p> <p>(vii) The mining plan document was approved with a special condition to establish a permanent monitoring mechanism for continuous monitoring of the stability of pit and dump slopes. However, during the inspection, it was observed that only one Slope Stability Radar mobile unit was installed to monitor the stability of the dumps and pit slopes. This is insufficient for simultaneous monitoring of both the north and south blocks of the mining lease area.</p>
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02. In response to this office violation letter, the explanations/clarifications provided in your letter dated 19/01/2024 and email on dated 21/01/2024 were examined. It has been observed that the explanations/clarifications offered in your response letter for the violations outlined in (i) to (vii) under Rule 11(1) of MCDR, 2017 are not found satisfactory, as the lessee has not taken substantial steps to rectify/comply with the observed deviations pointed out in the violation letter, as such the contraventions are still persistent.

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

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

05. You are, therefore, directed to show cause within a period of **thirty (30) days** from the date of issue of this notice, as to why you should not be prosecuted for the above said offence and / or why the mining operation in the mine should not be suspended under Rule 11(2) of MCDR 2017.

06. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

(डॉ. सुरेश प्रसाद / Dr. Suresh Prasad)
क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक / Regional Controller of Mines

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