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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Mines**  
**Indian Bureau of Mines**  
**Office of the Regional Controller of Mines, Jabalpur**

Mine Code: - - 38MPR47101 Jabalpur, Dated:

Sub. : Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Sejha Limestone & Dolomite **Mine** over an extent of **10.21 hect.** in **Katni** 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 26/12/2023 by the undersigned, accompanied by Shri Umesh Kushwaha, Mining Engineer of the mine.

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 Review of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Katni/Limestone /RMP—27/2021-22 dated 30/07/2021 incorporating proposal of working from 2021-22 to 2023-24 During the inspection it was found that following activities have been carried out with violating the approved proposals: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the year 2022-23 it was proposed to produce 26502 metric tons limestone with removal of 4543cum Over Burden/Sub burden /inter Burden/ Burden/ my waste. But it was observed that with 4483cum Over Burden/Sub burden /inter Burden/ mine waste removal only 500 tone production of limestone reportedly achieved. Thus, there is almost 98% deviation in case of production of mineral</li> <li>Number of Boundary pillars such as BP no. 17&amp; 22 were not found on place. Coordinates in some of the pillars such as BP No. 2,39,36 were not found marked. Boundary Pillar No. 14 was found damaged.</li> <li>Certain part of many dumps with mineral such as dump lies from BP.no.10 to 14 covering an area of about 150mX50m, Dump with mineral lies from BP no. 15 to 16 in an area of about 360mX30m and dump with mineral lies from BP no. 31 to 32 covering an area of about 30mX30m lies outside of lease area.</li> </ol>
12(4B)	<p>For the exploration done under sub-rule (3) and (4), the holder of mining lease shall submit to the State Government and the Indian Bureau of Mines, a Geological Study Report prepared in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015, within three months after the completion of the exploration work.</p> <p>As per approved Review of Mining Plan 15 no. of boreholes have been carried out for the purpose but copy of the Geological Study Report (GSR) has not been submitted to this office even lapsing of more than a year after completion of boreholes</p>
27(2)	<p>Where financial assurance is required to be furnished by the holder of the mining lease under sub-rule (1) read with MCDR (Amendment) ,2021 notified in gazette of India vide dated 03/11/2021, such amount of financial assurance shall be submitted to the authorised officer, as the case may be, in the form of a bank guarantee in the format specified by the Indian</p>

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	<p>Bureau of Mines:          Provided that where financial assurance has already been furnished before the commencement of these rules, an amount equal to the difference between the financial assurance due as on the date of notification of these rules and the financial assurance already furnished, shall be furnished to the authorised officer.          The Financial Assurance furnished by you @ Rs. 3 lakhs per hect of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities i.e., BG for Rs. 15,55,000/- (Rs. Fifteen Lakh Fifty-Five Thousands only) is valid up to 30/09/2026. As per amendment in MCDR,2017 notified on 03/11/2021, financial assurance is enhanced from existing rate of Rs. 3 lakh per hect to Rs. 5 lakhs per hect. of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities. Thus, additional financial assurance of Rs. 10,30,000/- (Ten Lakh Thirty Thousand only) in the form of Bank Guarantee with a validity upto 30/09/2026(at least extra six months claim period), supposed to be submitted on or before 01/02/2022 which has not been submitted so far.</p>
Rule 31(4)	<p>The plans and sections required under these rules shall be maintained up to date within three months in case of category 'A' mines as referred to in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 55, and within twelve months in case of any other mine          The plans &amp; sections were not found updated on quarterly basis as required under this rule and not maintained at mines site office.</p>
Rule 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.          Copies of plans and sections under rule 32 of MCDR-2017 have not been submitted.</p>
34A	<p>Every lessee, other than those covered under sub-rule (1), shall submit soft copy of high resolution Geo referenced Ortho-rectified Multispectral satellite images of the leased area and up to hundred metres outside the lease boundary taken in the month of April to June of every year, to the Controller General on or before 1st day of July of the that year in the standards formats such as GeoTIFF along with metadata or any other format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard:          A soft copy of high-resolution Geo referenced Ortho-rectified Multispectral satellite images of the leased area and up to hundred metres outside the lease boundary taken in the month of April to June has not been submitted and the processed output [digital elevation model (DEM) and Orthomosaic] images have not been submitted as specified in the rule.</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 wrong or false information in daily or monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified; then,—          in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines,          i. order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance;          ii. take action to initiate prosecution under these rules;          iii. recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining;          On examination of Annual Return for the year 2022-23 it is observed that data of annual return are incomplete &amp; having following deficiencies: -          1. Part V- General geology and Mining: -          For the updating of reserves 26125tonne mineral has been taken into account whereas reported production is only 500tone.          2. Part - VI (Production, dispatch and stock ) and Sales/Dispatches effected for Domestic Consumption and for exports: -          As per return 500tone limestone produced as a ROM during the year 2022-23 from the mine. There was no opening stock of ROM at mine head as reported in the AR. Beside this under grade wise dispatch {item no. 3(ii) } production of 26125tone limestone of cement grade is indicated.</p>

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.

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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, Katni (M.P.) for information & appropriate action.

Assistant Controller of Mines  
For Regional Controller of Mines

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- 1- Controller of Mines(CZ) for kind information.
- 2- Director, 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