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

Mine Code: - - 38MPR35222 Jabalpur, Dated:

Sub. : Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Bhatoora Limestone Mine over an extent of 2.748 hect. in Maihar 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 21/02/2024 by the undersigned, accompanied by Shri Ajay Pandey, Geologist and Satyam Shukla, 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.- E 2349 MCDR-MPC0LST/10/2022-JBP-IBM_RO_JBP dated 01/04/2023 incorporating proposal of working from 2023-24 to 2027-28 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"> In the year 2022-23 it was proposed to produce 34885 metric tons limestone with removal of 25771cum Over Burden/Sub burden /inter Burden/ Burden/ mine waste including topsoil. But it was observed that with only 1000cum Over Burden/Sub burden /inter Burden/ mine waste including top soil (only 3.8% of proposed one) removal 32250 tone production of limestone (92% of envisaged quantity) reportedly achieved. Thus, the development work is lacking almost 96% than the envisaged one. This amounts the violation of approved proposals. Pit was found waterlogged that too about 30m deep. Proper arrangement for the dewatering of pit has not found on the date of inspection. As per approved proposal during year 2022-23 exploitation of limestone was supposed to be carried out from the area between BP.No. 7, 8 and 12 whereas such part at present is almost intact. 7.5m wide Statutory barrier zone between BP No 6 to BP No. 8 was found degraded.
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 6 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 about a year after completion of boreholes</p>
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</p> <p>The plans & sections were not found updated on quarterly basis as required under this rule and not maintained at mines site office.</p>
45(7)	<p>If it is found that the holder of a mining lease or the person or company engaged in</p>

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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 & having following deficiencies: -

1. Part I, item No 8 & 9 Name of Mining Engineer and Geologist
Name of Mining Engineer and Geologist have not indicated in the AR.
2. Part-V – (General Geology & Mining):
Details of expenditure on exploration carried out during the year as well as upto the end of year had not been furnished.
5. Part – VII Cost of production: -
Mining cost is indicated as Rs. 100/-per ton whereas as per return including material cost and Employment and salary-wages paid (part II item No.3) it reached Rs. 112/03 per tone. Necessary changes need be incorporated.

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, Satna (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