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

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To,

**Shri Shashi Kant Kohad, (Nominated Owner)**  
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**District - Katni (M.P.) – 483 442**  
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**Subject: - Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Chhapra Bauxite Mine, Mine code- 07MPR47016 over an area of 7.383 hect. situated in Katni District of M.P. State.**

Sir,

Following provisions of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection by the Undersigned on 12/03/2024 in the presence of Manish Kumar Pandey (Mining Engineer) & Mine officials:

Rule No	Nature of violation observed in detail
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.</p> <p>The Review of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Katni/Limestone/RMP-08/ 2019-20 dated 20/08/2019 incorporating proposal of working from 2019-20 to 2023-24 and following deviations have been observed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was proposed to carryout development &amp; production towards north-west of quarry between the coordinates N2611177- N2611333 &amp; E417890- E417990 for the year 2022-23. But during the year, development &amp; production was instead carried out between the coordinates N2611177- N2611333 &amp; E417860- E417920 resulting in deviation in development towards the western side of the quarry.</li> <li>• It was proposed to maintain soil dump of about 1200 Sq.M * 3M towards south-west of quarry between the coordinates N2611060- N2611090 &amp; E417780- E417825. But during inspection the same was not maintained.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Hence the development &amp; excavation were lagging behind the approved proposals.</p>
11(4)	<p>The holder of a mining lease shall submit the mining plan to the competent authority for review at least one hundred and eighty days before the expiry of five years period for which it was approved on the last occasion, for mining operations for a period of five subsequent years.</p> <p>The Review of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Katni/Limestone/RMP-08/ 2019-20 dated 20/08/2019 incorporating proposal of working from 2019-20 to 2023-24 and same has been expired on 31/03/2024. However, you have not submitted any Review of Mining Plan for the subsequent period within stipulated time frame &amp; till date.</p> <p>Violation of Rule 11(4) of MCDR-2017, may lead to Suspension of Mining Operation in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017.</p>
12	<p>(3) The holder of a mining lease shall carry out detailed exploration (G1 level) over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease, in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 within a period of five years from the date of opening of the mine after execution of such mining lease.</p> <p>(4) In the case of existing mining leases, detailed exploration (G1 level) over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease shall be carried out in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 within a period of five years from the date of commencement of these rules.</p> <p>As per the submitted Annual Returns for the year 2022-23, the reserves were still reported under G-2. The entire lease area is yet to be brought under detailed exploration i.e G-1. Thus, there is violation of the rule.</p>

27(2)	<p>Where financial assurance is required to be furnished by the holder of the mining lease under subrule (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 Bureau of Mines:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Total Financial Assurance furnished by you @ Rs. 5 lakh per hect of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities i.e. BG for Rs. 34,36,500/- (Rs Thirty Four Lakhs &amp; Thirty Six Thousand &amp; Five hundred only) was expired on 31/03/2024. In this regard the updated financial assurance @ Rs. 5 lakh per hect of the mining lease area put to use for mining and allied activities in the form of Bank Guarantee shall be submitted.</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 the case of any other mine</p> <p>The updated plans and sections are not submitted.</p>
33	<p>The holder of a mining lease shall, on or before the 30th day of June every year submit to the authorized Officer, as the case may be, and the State Government, a digital copy along with a print copy of the surface geological plans and sections maintained under rule 32.</p> <p>Copies of plans and sections under rule 32 of MCDR-2017 have not been submitted.</p>
34A(2)	<p>(1) Every lessee having - (a) an annual excavation plan of one million tonne or more in a particular year; or (b) leased area of fifty hectare or more, shall carry out a drone survey of the leased area and upto hundred metres outside the lease boundary in the month of April or May every year and submit the processed output [digital elevation model (DEM) and Orthomosaic] images obtained from such survey or any other format as may be specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard to the Controller General on or before 1st day of July every year.</p> <p>(2) Every lessee, other than those covered under sub-rule (1), shall submit soft copy of high resolution Georeferenced Ortho-rectified Multispectral satellite images of the leased area and upto 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.</p> <p>You have not submitted the Satellite Imagery as required under these rules.</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.
2. The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) & 11(4) of MCDR-2017 read with MCDR-2021 (Amendment) is not found satisfactory.
3. You are advised to rectify the violations of abovementioned rules immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (Forty-Five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully

(Robert Simon C)  
Asst. Controller of Mines  
For Regional Controller of Mines

Copy for kind information to:-

01. The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt .of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhavan, 29-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.) for information and further necessary action please.
02. The Controller of Mines (CZ). IBM, Nagpur.

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