



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



To,

Shri Bipin Agarwal, Nominated Owner
M/s Eco Cements Ltd.
72, Jawahar Nagar Extension,
Bhelupur, Varanasi
Uttar Pradesh-221010

Sub.: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, (MCDR,2017) in respect to Amanganj Limestone Mine (1793.59 hectare) Mine Code 38MPR26002 in District Panna of Madhya Pradesh State regarding.

Sir,

Following provision of Mineral conservation and Development Rules 2017 were found violated in respect of your subject mine during the inspection of the said mine by the undersigned on 20.12.2023 in the presence of Shri Deo Nandan Kumar and Shri Manohar Lal Lahoti, QP.

Rule No	Nature of violation observed in detail
Rule 11(1)	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Mining operations are not found carried out in accordance with approved Mining plan vide letter no. MP/Panna/Limestone/MPLN /MOD-04/2021-22 dated 02.07.2021 as below:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was approved to carry out exploration by drilling 32 no. of bore hole with 1000 meterage in the year 2021-22, 150 no. of bore hole with 4720 meterage in the year 2022-23, 224 no. of bore hole with 7060 meterage in the year 2023-24, total 406 n. of bore holes with 12780 meterage in the plan period; against which only 21 bore holes were drilled. 2. It was approved to produce Limestone ore of 50,000 Tonnes, 1,00,000 Tonnes and 37,50,000 Tonnes during the years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 respectively; against which only 725 Tonnes was produced during the year 2023-24.
20	<p>Your submitted Form- C i.e. Notice of opening of mine dated – 05/09/2023 received at this office on 27/09//2023 which has to be submitted in this office within 15 days i.e. on or before 19/11/2023.</p> <p>As per Mineral Conservation and Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021 any contravention to Rule 20 of MCDR,2017 shall be punishable with fine for an amount as specified in Schedule III (Rs.</p>

	<p>5,00,000/-) as per Rule 62(2) of Mineral Conservation and Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021.</p> <p>Therefore, you are requested to furnish a fine of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rs. Five Lakhs Only) in the form of Bharatkosh under head for 'Notice of certain appointments – Rule 46 of MCDR,2017' at the earliest for 8 days of late submission Notice of appointment of Geologist.</p>
46	<p>Your submitted Form- H i.e. Notice of appointment of Mining Engineer dated – 01/09/2023 received at this office on 27/09//2023 which has to be submitted in this office within 15 days i.e. on or before 15/09/2023.</p> <p>As per Mineral Conservation and Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021 any contravention to Rule 46 of MCDR,2017 shall be punishable with fine for an amount as specified in Schedule III (Rs. 2,000/- per day, subject to maximum 1,00,000/-) as per Rule 62(2) of Mineral Conservation and Development (Amendment) Rules, 2021.</p> <p>Therefore, you are requested to furnish a fine of Rs. 22,000/- (Rs. Twenty Two thousand Only) in the form of Bharatkosh under head for 'Notice of certain appointments – Rule 46 of MCDR,2017' at the earliest for 11 days of late submission Notice of appointment of Geologist.</p> <p>You are directed to submit the above said amount within 15 days of issue of this letter. If the late fine is not deposited within stipulated time period of 15 days will be liable to prosecuted under rule 62 of MCDR 2017.</p>
45(7)	<p><i>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,–</i></p> <p><i>(a) in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines may advise the State Government to, -</i></p> <p><i>(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;</i></p> <p>Following discrepancies are observed in the monthly returns submitted from September 2023 to December 2023</p> <p>(i) <u>September 2023</u>:- Production of Graded ore is reported without any ROM ore production, which contradictory. Further Ex mine price is on higher side (ii) <u>December 2023</u> :- Opening Stock of ROM ore is reported as 245 tonnes</p>

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	whereas Closing stock of ROM ore for the previous month of November 2023 was Nil. Further Ex mine price is reported as Rs.1741/- which is on higher than the average sale price published by IBM.
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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. Non-compliance of the rule 11(1) & 45(7) of MCDR,2017 may lead to suspension of Mining operations under the provisions of rule 11(2) & 45(7)(a) of MCDR,2017.
04. 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

(Ibrahim Sharif)
Dy. Controller of Mines,
For Regional Controller of Mines

Copy to:

- 1) The Controller of Mines (CZ), Nagpur, IBM
- 2) The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Khanij Bhavan, Arera Hills, Bhopal (MP).

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