

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



To,

Shri Nitish Chaturvedi, Nominated Owner M/s Khajraho Stones (india) Pvt. Ltd. Ward no.30, Jawahar Marg, Toria House, Chatrapur Madhya Pradesh-471001

Sub.: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, (MCDR,2017) in respect to Luhani Rock Phosphate Mine (13.20 hectare) Mine Code 46MPR07002 in District Chatrapur 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 21.12.2023 in the presence of Shri Rajesh Kumar, Mines Manager, Shri Sanjay Singh, Mine Surveyor, Shri Sushil Kumar Bajpai, QP.

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| Rule No | Nature of violation observed in detail |
| Rule 11(1) | 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 subsection (2) of section 5. Mining operations are not found carried out in accordance with approved Mining plan vide letter no. MP/Chatrapur/R.Ph/PMP- |
| | It was approved to carry out exploration by drilling 08 no. of bore hole with 240 meterage in the year 2020-21, 09 no. of bore hole with 270 meterage in the year 2021-22, against which 13 bore holes were drilled. Further analysis of samples of bore holes drilled is not carried as per procedures. It was approved to carry out mining operation by maintain bench height of 5 to 6 meters; against which mining operations are being carried out with bench height of about 10 to 12 meters. Area put to use is on higher side as against financial assurance submitted for the area put to use. Backfilling is carried out in between BP 6 to BP 9 without having any approved proposals. |

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14(1), (2) & (3)

Separate stacking of non-saleable minerals.- (1) All the non-saleable or un-usable minerals or ores above the threshold value of the mineral, as may be notified by Indian Bureau of Mines from time to time, or otherwise shall be stacked separately on the ground earmarked for the purpose:

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(2) The mineral or ore stock above the limit specified in the threshold values of

minerals or otherwise, shall be properly maintained indicating the quantity and quality of all such material stacked, and the month-wise inventory of such materials shall be updated:

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(3) The overburden and waste material obtained during mining operations shall not be allowed to be mixed with the materials as specified in sub-rule (1)

During inspection it was observed that low grade mineral is dumped over waste material and is not being stacked separately. Records of low grade ore so generated is also not found maintained.

The dumps shall be properly secured to prevent escape of material therefrom in harmful quantities which may cause degradation of environment and to prevent causation of floods.

Dump is not secured by retaining wall and garland drain to prevent escape of dump material

45(7)

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,—

(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) 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;

Following discrepancies are observed in the Annual returns submitted for the year 2022-23

(i) Part-I, item 12: Entire area of lease 13.20 Ha area is stated as exploited and abandoned, whereas area put to use for FA is for less area i.e. Ha (ii) Part V, (a) item 1: Exploration: Total no. of bore holes drilled at the beginning of the year is stated as 200 whereas including this year total no. of bore holes were drilled in the lease area is 17 only. (b) Reserves and resources shall be furnished in Tonnage only and details furnished is not matching with approved mining plan.(iii) Difference in Sale price of ore with grade upto 20% P2O5 and 20% to 25% P2O5 is Rs.10 to Rs.30 only, please justify.

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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). Mining operations are found to have been carried out beyond lease area in between lease boundary pillars BP-6 to BP-9. you are requested to initiate action as per statute.

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