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

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To,

Shri Mordhwaj Mishra (Owner of Mines),
M/s Gavinath Mines & Minerals Ltd. J.R.Birla Road,
Behind Kolgawan Power House,
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Subject: - Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Aber Limestone Mine, Mine code 38MPR35329 over an extent of 21.794 ha in Satna District of Madhya Pradesh.

Sir,

Following provisions of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection by the Undersigned on 24/08/2023 in your presence and Shri Anil Singh,(Mines Head) & Vikas Singh (Geologist) and 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 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/Satna/Limestone/ RMP-18/2019-20 dated 24/10/2019 incorporating proposal of working from 2019-20 to 2023-24. During the inspection it was found that following activities have been carried out with violating the approved proposals :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 32570 Tonnes of limestone is produced against the proposal of 191400 Tonnes of limestone for the year 2022-23. • Only 12280 m3 of OB is generated against the proposal of 30840 m3 of OB for the year 2022-23. • The advancement of benches towards southwestern portion of the lease between the pillars BP1-BP2 is lagging behind the approved proposals. <p>Thus, the mining operations in the mine were not being not carried out in accordance with the approved document Mining Plan document.</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 office records, the lease area is yet to be explored in G-1 level. Thus, there is violation of the rule.</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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Copies of plans and sections under rule 32 of MCDR-2017 have not been submitted.</p>

34A(2)	<p>Digital aerial images of mining lease area.— (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>
45(7)	<p>The holder of a mining lease shall submit online returns in respect of each mine to the Regional Controller or any other authorised official of the Indian Bureau of Mines in the following manner.</p> <p>An annual return which shall be submitted before the 1st day of July each year for the preceding financial year in electronic form, along with a signed print copy of the same if it is not digitally signed, in the respective Form.</p> <p>The following discrepancies found in your submitted annual return for the year 2022-23:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PART-1 S.No.12. The details wrt to Lease area (surface area) utilisation as at the end of year in respect of Reclaimed-rehabilitated is incorrectly furnished. 2. PART-V (General Geology & Mining): The Reserves and Resources estimated (in tonnes) (LIMESTONE) Table is not updated despite carrying out exploration.
55	<p>The supporting documents in respect of the appointment of Mining Engineers and Geologists was not provided.</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) 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.
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.
03. The Mining & Mineral Statistics Division, IBM, Nagpur for kind information & further necessary action.

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