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

File No.: MP/ Katni / Lst-65

Jabalpur, Dated: .04.2024

To,

**Shri. Ranjan Grover**  
**Civil Lines, Katni**  
**District – Katni (M.P.) – 483 501**  
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**Subject: - Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Amehta Limestone Mine over an area of 18.33 hect. Mine code-38MPR47026 situated in district Katni of Madhya Pradesh.**

Sir,

Following provisions of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection by the Undersigned on 26/09/2023 in the presence Shri Manoj Kumar Roy(Mines Head) and Mine officials:

<b>Rule No</b>	<b>Nature of violation observed in detail</b>
<b>11(I)</b>	<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 Modification of Mining Plan of above mentioned mine was approved vide letter No.-MP/Katni/limestone/ MPLN/MOD-36/ 2019-20 dated 29/06/2020 incorporating proposal of working from 2020-21 to 2024-25. During the inspection it was found that following activities have been carried out with violating the approved proposals :-</p> <p>(a) Refer Para-2A (II) of Chapter No.2, during the year 2022-23 development &amp; production was proposed towards north and west of quarry between the coordinates N2655400 -N2655700 &amp; E452790- E453085 from 362 mRL to 335 mRL. But during the year, development &amp; production was not carried out as per the approved resulting in depthwards as well as lateral deviations as against the approved proposals.</p> <p>(b) Also as per Para-2A II of Chapter No.2, during the year 2022-23, a total of 38836 m3 of overburden/ waste generation was proposed. But, against this proposal, 49250 m3 of overburden/ waste generation reported during the aforementioned year as per online Annual return which is on higher side and are in contradiction with approved proposals.</p> <p>(c) Also in the southern portion of the quarry, depth wise and lateral development &amp; excavation between the coordinates N2655400 -N2655450 &amp; E452740- E452900 were carried out without approved proposals for the year 2022-23.</p> <p>(d) During the inspection, excavation of Quarry No-1, 2 &amp;3 were found extended within 7.5m statutory barrier zone and beyond mining lease area between the ML boundary pillars nos. BP-27 to BP-20 &amp; BP-17 to BP-12. Further, dumping of overburden material found beyond mining lease near BP-15 to BP-12 &amp; BP-32 to BP-29 which attract the violation of approved proposals.</p>

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31(4)	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  The updated plans and sections are not submitted.
33	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. Copies of plans and sections under rule 32 of MCDR-2017 have not been submitted.
45(7)	The following discrepancies found in your submitted annual return for the year 2022-23: 1. PART-V (Overburden and Waste (in m3): The detail of Mining Engineer in charge was not furnished. 2. PART-1 S.No 5, Lease area (surface area) utilisation as at the end of year (hectares) was incorrectly furnished.

1. In response to violation letter dated 09/01/24, your reply has been received wherein violation of Rule 31(4), 33 & 45(7) MCDR-17 are considered as complied but the reply for violations under Rule 11(1) of MCDR -2017 are not supported with chemical analysis reports or photographs. Hence, violation of Rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 still exists in above mentioned mine.
2. The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 read with MCDR-2021 (Amendment) is not found satisfactory.
3. You are, therefore, directed to show cause within a period of 30 days from the date of issue of this letter as to why you should not be prosecuted for the above offences.
4. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

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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