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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Mines**  
**Indian Bureau of Mines**  
**Office of the Regional Controller of Mines, Jabalpur**  
Mine Code: - 38MPR18065

To,

**Smt Neetu Grover,**  
**Legal Heir and Nominated Owner**  
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Sub. : Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect to Salaiya Paharhai Limestone **Mine** over an extent of **26.57hect.** in **Katni District** (M.P.)

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection on 14/09/2024 by the undersigned, accompanied by Shri Karan Grover, Sone of lessee and Shri Dipak Sinde, Foreman of the mine.

नियम	पाए गए उल्लंघन की विस्तृत प्रकृति
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),2021notified 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.- <b>E 5308</b> MCDR-MPC0LST/11/2023-JBP-IBM_RO_JBP dated 09/05/2023 incorporating proposal of working from 2023-24 to 2027-28. During the inspection it was found that following activities have been carried out with violating the approved proposals: -</p> <p>In the year 2023-24 it was proposed to produce 843030 tone limestone with removal of 272059cum Over Burden/Sub burden /inter Burden/ Burden/ Burden/ Burden/ Mine waste. It was observed from AR,2023-24 that only 369620 tone limestone minerals reportedly achieved with removal of 1048240cum Over Burden/Sub burden /inter Burden/ Burden/ Burden/ Burden/ mine waste. Thus, there is 57% less production than the envisaged one.</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 case of any other mine</p> <p>The plans &amp; sections were not found updated on quarterly basis as required under this rule and not maintained at mines site office.</p>
35	<p>(1) Every holder of a mining lease shall take all possible precautions for undertaking sustainable mining while conducting prospecting, mining, beneficiation or metallurgical operations in the area.</p> <p>(2) Every holder of a mining lease shall monitor his mining and allied activities as per the notified template of star rating in the format prescribed in this behalf by the Indian Bureau of Mines from time to time, and shall submit online its self-assessment report before the 1st day of July every year for the previous financial year, alongwith digital images of mining lease area under rule 34A, to the Regional Controller or the authorised officer of the Indian Bureau of Mines.</p> <p><b>(4A) The Regional Controller or the authorised officer of the Indian Bureau of Mines may suspend the mining operations in those mines where, -</b></p> <p><b>(a) at least three star rating has not been achieved within a period of four years with effect from the 27th February, 2017 or four years from the date of</b></p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>commencement of mining operations, as the case may be, or</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(b) At least three-star rating has not been maintained on-year-on basis, or</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(c) Where the lessee has failed to submit the star rating template</b></p> <p>(4B) in case of non-filing of templet as stated above the holder of mining lease shall be liable to pay an amount of ten thousand rupees per day for such delay to the authorised officer of the Indian Bureau of Mines.</p> <p>It is observed that you have not submitted the Self-assessed Online Template of Star Rating for the Assessment year 2023-24.</p> <p>Therefore, there is violation of rule 35(2) of MCDR-2017 and non-compliance of rule 35(2) of MCDR-2017 may lead to suspension of Mining operations under the provisions of rule 35(4A) of MCDR-2017.</p>
45(7)	<p>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,—</p> <p>in the case of mining of minerals by the holder of a mining lease, the Regional Controller of Mines,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and to revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance;</li> <li>ii. take action to initiate prosecution under these rules;</li> <li>iii. recommend termination of the mining lease, in case such suppression or misrepresentation of information indicates abetment or connivance of illegal mining;</li> </ol> <p>On examination of Annual Return for the year 2023-24 it is observed that data of annual return are incomplete &amp; having following deficiencies: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Part 1 General Uploaded documents- KML file and PMCP report found not attached with the AR.</li> <li>2. Part III, item No 2-Royalty and Rents Payment against royalty and dead rent have been shown on the return. Royalty and Dead Rent both cannot be charged at a time. So, information furnished in this regard needs correction. Further, indicated payments made towards NMET is incorrect (Rs,.1/-).</li> <li>3. Part V (Reserves and Resources) Status of updated reserve as on 01/04/2024 is not correct. It need be corrected with proper depletion.</li> <li>4.Part - VI (Production, dispatch and stock ) and Sales/Dispatches effected for Domestic Consumption and for exports: - As per return 369620tone ROM limestone produced from the mine during the year 2023-24 out of such 339236tone has categorized under cement grade and accordingly taken as a cement grade production. Thus rest of ROM production i.e. 30384tone plus opening stock of of ROM i.e. 800tone total 31184tone became closing stock of ROM. In AR it is indicated as 5200tone only.</li> <li>5. Part – VII Cost of production: -       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In calculation of cost of production royalty, DMF, NMET amounts have not been taken into account properly . Further, along with royalty dead rent also has taken into account which is not correct. Necessary changes need be incorporated.</li> <li>ii. Exploration cost has not been taken into account whereas additional exploration reportedly carried out during the year</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

2. 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.
3. 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.

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4. 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,

(Raghubir Sharan Garg)  
Assistant Controller of Mines  
For Regional Controller of Mines

Copy to:

- 1- The Director of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Khanij Bhavan, 29-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.)
- 2- The District Collector, Katni (M.P.) for information & appropriate action.

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For Regional Controller of Mines

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- 1- Controller of Mines (CZ) for kind information.
- 2- Director, Mining & Mineral Statistics Division, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur for refer back of Annual Return for the year 2023-24 to rectification as pointed out above under rule 45(7).

Assistant Controller of Mines  
For Regional Controller of Mines