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सेवामें,

Sri Dillip Oommen, Nominated Owner Thakurani Iron Ore Mine M/s. Arcelor Mittal India Private Limited Regus Business Centre, Office No. 317, 2nd and 3rd Floor Privillion, Block B - 202, 203, 204, East Wing, Sarkhej -Gandhinagar Highway Ahmedabad City

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Subject: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017, in respect of your Thakurani Iron Ore Mine (30ORI08121) over an area of 228.744 Ha. in Thakurani village, Barbil Tahsil of Keonjhar District of Odisha State - reg.

महोदय.

The following provision of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection carried out on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 by the undersigned in presence of the mine officials Sri Sharanappa Kambalii (Mines Agent), Sri Indrakant Saha (Mines Manager), Sri Sushanta Kumar Mohanta (Geologist).

#### Rule Number & Nature of violations observed

**Rule 11(1):** Mining operations in the mining lease are not being carried out in accordance with the proposal given in the approved mining plan, approved vide dated 17.08.2023 to the extent given below;

- i) It has been observed during the mine inspection that, a total of 5500000 tons ROM of iron ore proposed for production during FY 2023-24 and as per annual return submitted, about 5426295 tons ROM of iron ore was produced during FY 2023-24, which is about 98.66 % only of the annual proposal. But proposals of exploitation ore from benches in the South –eastern corner i.e. between MLB-65 & MLB-10 of the lease area and western side of the lease area i.e. between MLB-51 & MLB-52 were remained untouched.
- ii) It has been observed during the mine inspection that, there was a proposal of new west dump i.e. Dump No-6 in the extreme northern part of the lease area. Whereas, no dumping was carried out on the proposed location during FY 2023-24 and also for the FY 2024-25 till the date of inspection.

**Rule 12(1):** It has been observed during the mine inspection that, bench sliding in some part of both Quarry-1 & Quarry-2, which may lead slope failure in monsoon season and defeats the purpose of systematic development of mineral deposits, conservation of minerals and protection of the environment. No adequate precautionary measures have been taken care off for safety of man and material till the date of inspection.

- 02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017.
- 03. The mining operations can be suspended under rule 11(2), if compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory and as per rule 24 (3) i.e. non-submission of final mine closure plan within the period specified under sub-rule (1) will attract the forfeiture of financial assurance.
- 04. You are advised to rectify the violation immediately and intimate the position to this office within a period of 45 (Forty-five) days from the date of issue of this letter.

भवदीय.

(संजीब कुमार महापात्र) वरिष्ठ खनन भूविज्ञानी

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