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MCDR-MiFLOFE/1/2024-GOA-IBM_RO_GOA

Mine Code:30GOA551001

सेवा में/ To,

Shri Dhirajkumar Jagdish,
Nominated Owner,
M/s. Vedanta Limited,
Sesa Ghor, EDC Complex,
Patto - Panaji,
Goa - 403001
E-Mail : dhirajkumar.jagdish@vedanta.co.in

विषय/Subject: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Block I Bicholim Mineral Block over an Area of 478.5206 Ha., situated in Lamgao Village, Bicholim Taluka, North Goa District of Goa State. (Mine Code:30GOA551001)

महोदय/Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection carried out by Sri. V.J.K.Babu, Controller of Mines (South Zone) alongwith Sri. H.M.Shivakumar, Assistant Controller of Mines on 20.11.2024 in presence of S/Shri Dhirajkumar Jagdish, Nominated Owner & Dy. CEO, Suraj Dhawaskar, Head-Survey & Mine Planning & Ravi Naik, Head-maintenance.

Rules	Nature of Violations observed
Rule 11(1)	The Mining operations are required to be carried out in accordance with the approved Mining Plan document approved vide letter No. MCDR-MPC/1/2023-GOA-IBM_RO_GOA dt. 26.05.2023 . However, during the inspection deviations were observed in mining operation vis-à-vis approved document and are as follows: (i) For the year 2023-2024, it was proposed to produce 2000000 metric tonnes of Iron Ore (ROM) with 370000 metric tonnes of mineral reject & 5202548 m3 OB & waste generation. However, it is reported to have produced 557920

	<p>metric tonnes of Iron Ore (ROM) with '0' Mineral rejects and 27727.27 m³ waste generation only (as per submitted AR-2023-2024) thereby not achieving the proposed stripping ratio which is against the systematic and scientific mining.</p> <p>(ii) For the year 2023-2024, it was proposed to carry out exploration by 2 core boreholes over 200m. However, no exploration is carried out.</p> <p>(iii) For the year 2023-2024, It was proposed to back fill 3 pits as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Pit ID</th> <th>Area (m²)</th> <th>Top RL</th> <th>Bottom RL</th> <th>Achieved</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5top</td> <td>78702</td> <td>45</td> <td>-5</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5top</td> <td>178343</td> <td>80</td> <td>20</td> <td>64RL (2668m²)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1top</td> <td>127758</td> <td>20</td> <td>-14</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>However, only a small portion of the proposed quantities are achieved</p> <p>(iv) For the year 2023-2024, it was proposed to do fencing over a length of 650m. However, no fencing is done.</p> <p>(v) For the year 2023-2024, it was proposed to construct garland drain of 1600m length. However, no garland drain is constructed.</p> <p>(vi) For the year 2023-2024, it was proposed to develop a children park over 0.10Ha (recreational facility). However, the same is not developed.</p> <p>(vii) For the year 2023-2024, it was proposed to Geotextile laying & green belt proposal over and extent of 4.0432 Ha with an expenditure outlay of Rs.41,23,958/-. However, this is not carried out.</p>	Pit ID	Area (m ²)	Top RL	Bottom RL	Achieved	5top	78702	45	-5	Nil	5top	178343	80	20	64RL (2668m ²)	1top	127758	20	-14	Nil
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Rule 26(2)	The holder of mining lease shall submit to the competent authority a yearly report as per the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines, before 1 st day of July report every year setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan, and if there is any deviation, reasons thereof. However, the same is not submitted.																				
Rule 35(1)	All the activities proposed under Sustainable Mining & SDF implementations for the reporting year 2023-2024 are not carried out.																				

02. It is brought to your notice that violation of the above Rules constitutes an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.

03. The mining operations can be suspended under rule 11(2), if compliance of rule 11(1) is not found satisfactory.

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.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

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