

**Show-cause notice
By e-mail and Speed-Post**



**भारत सरकार/Government of India
खान मंत्रालय/Ministry of Mines
भारतीय खान ब्यूरो/Indian Bureau of Mines
क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक, गोवा का कार्यालय/Office of the RCOM, Goa**



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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: Show cause for 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 Taluk, 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 45(7)	<p>Annual Return submitted for the year 2023-2024:</p> <p>(i) As Part-I General: Para 12. Lease area (surface area) utilization as at the end of year (hectares): All the details submitted in this section are incorrect. It should be in line with the details submitted in the approved Mining Plan at the start of the Year-1 plus additional area utilized under particular activities during the reporting year.</p> <p>(ii) PART-II A (Capital Structure):</p>

	<p>2. (i) Number of days the mine worked: It is reported for only 6 days of working after opening of the mine on 26.3.2024. Therefore, 25 days of work stoppage in the mine during the year reported is incorrect.</p> <p>3. Interest and Rent (₹): During the year 2023-2024, Rs.134,21,15,084/- is accounted for payment towards interest. However, under 2. Source of Finance (at the end of the year) & iv. Long term Loans outstanding is reported '0". Both the statements are contradictory.</p> <p>(iii) PART-V (General Geology & Mining):</p> <p>2. Reserves and Resources estimated (in tonnes) (IRON ORE): For the year 2023-2024 it is reported for 557920 Tonnes of ROM production. However, it is reported for depletion of 101987.68 Tonnes of Reserves which is incorrect.</p> <p>3. Subgrade-Mineral Reject (in tonnes) (IRON ORE): In the approved Mining Plan recovery during the reporting year (Year-I) from ROM is stated to be 80 & 86% only. Further it is reported for a production of a total processed ore of lumps & fines of total 12420 Tonnes from 557920 tonnes of ROM and 'nil' Mineral Rejects which is incorrect.</p> <p>4. Overburden and Waste (in m3): At the beginning of the year available quantity mentioned as '0' is incorrect. It should be equal to the Total dump quantity as given in the Approved Mining Plan. Accordingly, total quantity at the end of the year should be corrected.</p> <p>(iv) As per Part - VII: Cost of Production (per tonne of ore-mineral produced): The interest paid during the year is reported in the other section of the returns which is not computed for arriving at the cost of production.</p> <p>All the above comments may be attended and accordingly Cost of Production per tonne be corrected. Further Production proposal for financial year 2023 - 2024 is stated as nil resulting in incorrect difference in production which needs to be addressed.</p>
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02. It is brought to your notice that violation of the above rule constitutes an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
03. Action according to rule 45(7) can be initiated if compliance of rule 45 is not found satisfactory.
04. You are therefore directed to **show cause within a period of thirty (30) days** from the date of issue of this letter as to why you should not be

prosecuted for the above offence/or why your mining operations shall not be suspended in accordance with rule 45(7) (a) of MCDR,2017.

05. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

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