

**Violation Notice Letter**

**By e-mail**

**भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
खान मंत्रालय / MINISTRY OF MINES  
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BHUBANESHWAR**

**File**

Date : 22/10/2025

**No.:** MCDR-MiFL0CR/6/2023-BBS-IBM\_RO\_BBS

To: Shri/M/s. Mr Pankaj  
Kumar Sharma, Nominated  
Owner, Ferro Alloys  
Corporation Limited,  
D.P.Nagar, Randia ,Bhadrak,  
Bhadrak, Gurujanga Village &  
Mandal, Jajapur district,  
Odisha,- 756135

**Subject :** Violation of provision of Mineral Conservation and Development Riles, 2017 in respect of your Ostapal Chromite Mine (11ORI19005) over an extent of 136.843 ha in Gurujanga in , Jajapur, Odisha

Sir, The following provision of MCDR 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection carried out on 12th October 2025 by the undersigned in presence of the mine officials S/Shri M. Muthumari, Head (Mining), Sushant Biswal Qualified Person and other Mine Officials.

**Summary of Violations :**

Items for Reporting	As Per Plan	Actual	Deviati on	Rule	Reason
Exploration: Number of Core Boreholes	59	54	5.000	Rule 11(1),	
Development - Opencast: Quantity of overburden generation in m3	500000	445001	54999.000	Rule 11(1),	
Development - Opencast: Stripping ratio : ore to OB ratio	1:2.08	1:1.78	There is a deviation in the proposed and actual stripping ratio	Rule 11(1),	
Development - Method of Underground: (i)Shaft	3559.9309999999999	0	The proposed target could not be achieved.	Rule 11(1),	
Development - Method of Underground: (vi)Cross-Cut	Waste Quantity : 162130.7299999998, Mineral (ROM) Quantity : 9331.28(t)	None	The proposed target could not be achieved	Rule 11(1),	
Development - Method of Underground: (vi)	149032.93000000002,	0	The proposed quantity	Rule 11(1),	

i)Ore-Drive/Levels			could not be achieved		
Development - Method of Underground: Number of stopes under development during the year	84	0	The proposed number of stopes were not achieved.	Rule 11(1),	
Development - Method of Underground: Number of Levels	Number of Levels : 84, ( Level Id : -105, Level Count : 11) ,( Level Id : -130, Level Count : 3) ,( Level Id : -30, Level Count : 14) ,( Level Id : -5, Level Count : 10) ,( Level Id : -55, Level Count : 12) ,( Level Id : -80,	0	The proposed levels could not be achieved	Rule 11(1),	

	Level Count : 11) ,( Level Id : 20, Level Count : 9) ,( Level Id : 45, Level Count : 6) ,( Level Id : 70, Level Count : 7) ,( Level Id : 95, Level Count : 1)				
Development - Method of Underground: Level Interval (in Meter)	25	0	The pro posed levels could not be a chievie d	Rule 11(1),	
Development - Method of Underground: Quantum of Ore Generated while Development during the year (inT)	101332. 06	0	THE pr oposed quantu m of ore could not be a chievie d.	Rule 11(1),	
Development - Method of Underground:	230653. 36	0	The pro posed waste g	Rule 11(1),	

Quantity of waste generation in m3			eneration could not be achieved.		
Exploitation - Opencast Mine: Quantity of ROM mineral production proposed (in T)	300000.00	249708	50292.00	Rule 11(1),	
Exploitation - Opencast Mine: Recovery of salable/usable mineral quantity from ROM production in T)	300000.00	249708	The proposed saleable quantity could not be achieved	Rule 11(1),	
Exploitation - Opencast Mine: Whether height of benches in Overburden & mineral suitable for method of mining proposed in mining plan	Ore: 7-8 meter Waste: 8-9 meter	Broadly as per proposal	0	Rule 11(1),	
Exploitation - Opencast Mine: Any analysis or beneficiation study proposed & carried out for sub-grade mineral and reject	Yes	Chromite Ore Beneficiation Plant	0	Rule 11(1),	
Exploitation - Underground Mine: Number of levels for production	Number of Levels : 4 (-30, 1) , (-5, 1) , (20,	0	None of the levels could be achieved	Rule 11(1),	

	1) , (45, 1)				
Exploitation - Underground Mine: Number of stopes for production	Number of Stopes : 4 (-30 W12D AF,-30 W02LHO,-30E03LHO,-30W01LHO,-30E04LHO, 1) , (-5W15 DAF,-5 W17D AF,-5 W14D AF,-5 W16D AF,-5 W13D AF,-5 W12D AF, 1) , (20E07 LHO,20E09LHO,20E11LHO,20E14LHO,20E10LHO, 1) , (45E12LHO,45E14LHO, 1)	0	None of the proposed stopes were made.	Rule 11(1),	
Exploitation - Underground	224336	0	No targeted	Rule 11(1),	

Mine: Quantity of ROM mineral production from stopes			mineral production could be achieved.		
Exploitation - Underground Mine: Recovery of salable/usable mineral quantity from ROM production in T)	325668	0	The of the sale able/usable quantity could be recovered.	Rule 11(1),	
Exploitation - Underground Mine: Overall recovery in %	90	0	None could be achieved.	Rule 11(1),	
Exploitation - Underground Mine: Grade of salable/usable mineral quantity	24.4%	0	None Could not be achieved	Rule 11(1),	
Annual Return: Whether incomplete or false or wrong returns submitted (Rule 45(7))	Complete and Correct information to be submitted.	Not Submitted	1. At 3. Employment and salary-wages paid no information for below ground working has been furnished. At Vii the production proposa	Rule 45(7),	

			l has not been furnished according to the approved figures.		
Plans and Sections	To be maintained Quarterly	None	The Surface Plan, Surface Geological and Section were not maintained updated on the day of inspection	Rule 31(4),	

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. 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.

Yours faithfully,

(VIKRAM DESHPANDE, BHUBANESHWAR)  
ACOM

Esigned by: MKRAM  
Date: 23/10/2025 10:54:22 PM