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File No.:MCDR-MiFLOFE/1/2023-BBS-IBM_RO_BBS**Dated-30/06/2025**

To,
 Shri T.V. Narendran, Nominated Owner,
 Katamati Iron Mine,
 M/s. TATA Steel Limited,
 AT & PO: Jamshedpur,
 Dist- East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-7510010

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Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 read with MCDR (Amendment), 2021 in respect of your Katamati Iron Ore Mine (Mine Code: 30ORI08035) of M/s. TATA Steel Limited over an area of 403.323 ha in Katamati Village, Barbil Tahsil, Kendujhar District of Odisha State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 read with MCDR (Amendment), 2021 were found violated in respect of the above said mine during inspection on 09.06.2025 by the undersigned, in presence of Sh. Ajay Kumar Goyal, Mines Manager, Shri Mithun Mukherjee, Geologist and other mining officials.

Review of the Mining Plan was approved vide letter no. No. BBS/KJR/IRON/2185/RMP/2022-23 dated 03/01/2023 for the period 2023-24 to 2027-28. The mining operations are not being carried out in accordance with the approved mining plan. The deviations observed in mining operations vis-à-vis the approved document are given below.	
Rule No.	Observations
11(1)	<p>For the Year 2024-25, It is observed that the actual ROM production of 11277556.5 tonnes including Mineral Reject (+45 to -58% Fe- 548922.8tonnes) has been carried out against the proposal of 13422359tonnes of ROM production including Mineral Reject (+45 to -58% Fe-922359tonnes). Hence, it is observed that there is a major variation in grade of Iron Ore (Mineral Reject, +45 to -58% Fe) produced in the mine with respect to the approved proposal.</p> <p>Also it is observed that only 84% of ROM production quantity has been achieved against the proposed quantity.</p> <p>(ii) During the year 2024-25, the topsoil of 28m³ has been generated against the proposal of 65227m³. It is observed that the actual generation of topsoil is only 0.042% of the proposed topsoil.</p> <p>(iii) It was proposed maximum depth of working to be carried out up to 564mRL during the year 2024-25, between section N10600 to N10875 in pit-1, but during the site inspection it was observed that mining has been carried out only up to 589mRL for which vertical extensions of the proposed pit has been deviated.</p>

(iv) During the year 2024-25, it was proposed to backfill 5.373ha. area, during the site inspection it is observed that only 4.995ha area has been backfilled.

(v) It was proposed during the year 2024-25 to stabilized 5 no's of terraces of the backfilling area dump with 469m of toe wall, 469m of garland drains and with 2 no's of check dam, which has not been carried out.

(vi) It was proposed during the year 2024-25 to stabilized 2 no's of terraces of the mineral reject dump with 258m of toe wall, 258m of garland drains and with 1 number of check dam, which has not been carried out.

02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.

03. The violation of Rule 11(1) may also attract provisions of Rule 11(2) of MCDR, 2017 regarding suspension of mining operations till the compliance of violations.

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 issuance of this letter.

Yours faithfully,
**Digitally signed by
Rohita Sethi
Date: 30-06-2025
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(Rohita Sethi)
Assistant Controller of Mines**

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