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Violation Letter

To,

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Sub: Violation of provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 in respect of your Surda Copper mine over an area of 388.68 Ha, (Mine Code – 14BHR27005) in East Singhbhum District of Jharkhand State.

Sir,

The following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated during the inspection of your above mine carried out on 28/11/2025 by the undersigned in the presence of Shri. Amrendra Kumar (Mine Manager).

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Rule No.	Nature of violation observed
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Rule-11(1):	No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operation in any area except in accordance with the mining plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Bureau of Mines.
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In your case, mining operations are not carried out in accordance with approved Review of mining plan along with Progressive mine closure plan, vide letter no. RAN/ESB/Cu/MP-34/2021-22, dated 27/04/2022 and RAN/EASTSINGHBHUM/CU/ROMP-3/2025-26 dated 12/04/2025 to the extent indicated below:

- a. 2.2.5.4 Underground exploratory Drilling was not carried out as per the proposal approved and hence not implemented as per approved Review of Mining Plan during the year 2024-25 wherein 36 boreholes were proposed to drill.
- b. 4.2.2.5 Year wise underground development: Shaft sinking proposed for 120 Meters, Raises proposed was 175 Meters; crosscut of 321 meters, stopes proposed for development were 9 Nos against which Nil stopes developed till date. Hence the development done was not as per the approved ROMP mentioned above.
- c. Production from development was proposed for 25367 Tonnes during the year 2024-25 against which 51037 was achieved. Hence variation in location as proposed in approved ROMP.

- d. Production from stopes was proposed for 425000 Tonnes against which 62591 Tonnes was achieved with shortfall of 362409 Tonnes. Similarly, number of stopes under production varied considerably against as proposed in approved ROMP.
- e. Variation in overall stope recovery in percentage, quantity of mineral reject generation and solid waste management backfilling underground was not achieved and hence deviation in proposed parameters in approved ROMP.

Rule 55: You have not appointed Geologist as required under rule 55 of MDR' 2017. As per Schedule III of MCDR, 2017 (as amended upto 21/01/2024), violation of Rule 55 in your case is punishable with fine of 5,00,000/-.

Rule 31 and 32 of MCDR 2017: Plans and sections were not maintained as per the requirements under these rules. Barrier left between two consecutive stopes i.e. stopes under extraction and stope under development were not shown in any statutory plans.

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02. It is to intimate you that Rule 55 will be considered as complied only after appointment of Geologist as required under Rule 55 and payment of fine in Bharatkosh portal.
 03. In this connection it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule-62 of MCDR-2017 (as amended upto 21/01/2024).
 04. You are, therefore, 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.

Yours faithfully

(Vikrant Murlidhar Khedikar)

Senior Assistant Controller of mines)

Copy forwarded for kind information to:

1. The Controller of Mines (EZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Block-CP, Plot no.-13, Salt Lake, Sector-V, Kolkata-700091.
2. The Director (Mines), Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Bihar, 1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Patna – 800015

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