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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES

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Date: 10.10.2018

To

**Sh. Raman (Nominated Owner)
Director (Technical) &
Addl. Charge of Director (RM&L)
Steel Authority of India limited
Ispat Bhawan, Lodhi Road
New Delhi-110003**

Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR 2017 in respect of your Kuteshwar Limestone mine over an extent of 944.89 hect in district Katni of Madhya Pradesh.

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found violated in your above mine during the inspection by the undersigned along with Sh. Deepak Sharma (Senior Mining Geologist) on 01.10.2018 in presence of Shri S.K Singh(Mines Manager), Sh. Deepak Pandey (Deputy Manager), Sh Hemant Sahu (Deputy Manager).

Rule No.	Nature of violation observed
11(1)	<p>No holder of a mining lease shall commence or carry out mining operations in any area except in accordance with the mining plan approved, modified or reviewed by the Indian Indian Bureau of Mines or prepared and certified in accordance with the system established by the State Government pursuant to the proviso to clause (b) of sub section (2) of section 5 or approved by the competent authority of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research, in respect of minerals specified in Part B of the First Schedule to the Act where the grade of such atomic minerals is equal to or above the threshold value limits declared under schedule-A of the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016.</p> <p><i>The Scheme of mining of Kuteshwar limestone mining lease was approved on 4.4.2016 vide letter number MP/Katni/Limestone/MPLN/MOD-18/15-16 having proposal period from the year 2016-17 to 2020-21. During the inspection it was observed that the development of the overburden bench 343/337 in the Marwa pit has not been done as per the approved proposals for the year 2017-18 & 2018-19 which are leading to blocking of development in limestone mineral benches 337/333 Ito 319/313.</i></p>
14(2)	<p>The mineral or ore stock above the limit specified in the threshold values of minerals or Otherwise, shall be properly maintained indicating the quantity and quality of all such material stacked, and the month-wise inventory of such material shall be updated:</p> <p><i>During the inspection large quantity of stock of limestone fines & Chips (generated after the crushing of ROM) was observed in the lease area. As informed during the inspection the said limestone fines & chips stocks have grade above the threshold limit prescribed vide gazette notification dated 25.4.2018. The month wise inventory of such material indicating the quantity and quality is not being maintained.</i></p>
26(2)	<p>The holder of a mining lease shall submit to the competent authority a yearly report as per the format specified by the Indian Bureau of Mines, before 1st day of July 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 reason thereof:</p> <p><i>The yearly report for the year 2017-18 have not been submitted to the competent authority by the holder the lease at this office till date.</i></p>

- 45(5) (b)** The holder of a mining lease shall submit online returns in respect of each Mine to the Regional Controller of Mines or any other authorized official of the Indian Bureau of Mines in the following manner, namely:-
(b) an monthly return which shall be submitted before the tenth day of every month in Respect of the preceding month in electronic form along with a signed print copy of the Same if it is not digitally signed, in the prescribed form.

It was observed during the scrutiny of monthly returns that stocks (opening and closing stock) of fines and chips (generated after crushing of ROM) which are above the threshold limit prescribed vide Gazette notification dated 25.4.2018 are not been shown in the submitted monthly MCDR returns.

- 45(5) (c)** The holder of a mining lease shall submit online returns in respect of each Mine to the Regional Controller of Mines or any other authorized official of the Indian Bureau of Mines in the following manner, namely:-
(c) an annual return which shall be submitted before the 1st day of July each year for the Preceding financial year in electronic form, along with a signed print copy of the same if it is not digitally signed, in the prescribed form.

The annual return for the financial year 2017-18 has not been submitted till date in the prescribed format in electronic mode.

01. It is brought to your notice that the above said violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule-62 of MCDR, 2017.
02. 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.
03. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

(Mithelesh Purohit)
Assistant Controller of Mines

Copy for kind information to: -

1. The Controller of Mines (CZ), IBM, Indira Bhawan, Civil Lines Nagpur for kind information.
2. The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Khanij Bhavan, Arera Hills, Bhopal. (M.P).
3. Sh S.K Singh(DGM), Kuteshwar Limestone Mine, P.O Barhi, District-Katni(M.P)

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