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**Date: 02.11.2021**

To,

M/s Gahra Minerals,  
Behind Milan Mall, Habib Nagar,  
Teka Naka,  
**District:-NAGPUR-4400017 (Maharashtra)**

Sub:- Violation of provision of Mineral Conservation and Development Rule 2017 in respect of your Gunjewahi Iron Ore Mine (15.07 Hect) of M/s Gahra Minerals, Sindhewahi Tehsil, Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State- reg.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rule, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) were found violated in respect of the above said mine during inspection on 20.09.2021 by Shri. R. M. Khadse, Assistant Mining Engineer.

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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 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>In this connection following deficiencies are observed during the inspection of your above referred mine:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>As per the proposals given in the Review of Mining plan approved on 21-05-2018, the production as proposed has not been achieved. The proposed production vs actual production is furnished below:-</li></ol> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Sr. no.</th><th>Year</th><th>Proposed production (T)</th><th>Actual production as reported in Annual Return (T)</th><th>Achievement (%)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1)</td><td>2018-19</td><td>97200</td><td>7405</td><td>7.61%</td></tr><tr><td>2)</td><td>2019-20</td><td>97200</td><td>NIL</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>3)</td><td>2020-21</td><td>97200</td><td>27551</td><td>28.34%</td></tr></tbody></table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Further during inspection it is observed that "No environmental monitoring" is being carried out and no records in this regard are made available at your mines as per condition no. 15 of approval letter of Review of Mining Plan. Hence, there is deviation from the approved mining plan.</li></ol>	Sr. no.	Year	Proposed production (T)	Actual production as reported in Annual Return (T)	Achievement (%)	1)	2018-19	97200	7405	7.61%	2)	2019-20	97200	NIL	0%	3)	2020-21	97200	27551	28.34%
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55(1)(c)	<p>For the purpose of carrying out reconnaissance, prospecting or mining operations in accordance with these rules,–</p> <p>(c) every holder of a mining lease shall employ, in case of–</p> <p>(i) category 'A' mines, a whole-time mining engineer and a geologist;</p> <p>(ii) category 'B' mines, a part-time mining engineer and a part-time geologist:</p> <p>(a) During inspection of your mine on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 Shri. Shirish Barai, Mining Engineer was present at mine site, but from office records it is observed that notice of his appointment was not submitted to this office in Form-H under MCDR-2017.</p> <p>(b) Further it is observed that, no Geologist has been appointed at your above referred mine.</p> <p>In view of above, it is appeared that, the mining operations are being carried out without Geologist.</p> <p>This attracts the violation of provisions of Rule 55(1)(c) of Mineral Conservation Development Rules, 2017.</p>
	<p>Further you have submitted discontinuance notice of mining operation to this office vide letter no. Nil dated 18-08-2021. During Inspection of your mine it is observed that mine is not working, however production is reported in the monthly returns which needs clarification in the matter.</p> <p>You are requested to provide latest status of mine. Whether it is working or non-working?</p>

03. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violation constitutes an offence, punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.
04. The mining operations can be suspended under Rule 11(2), if compliance of MCD Rules 2017 is not found satisfactory, or prosecution can be made, or both can be done.
05. You are advised to rectify the above violation immediately and intimate the position to this office within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

  
(R. R. Dongre)

Regional Controller of Mines



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