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DEHRADUN**

File

Date : 11/03/2026

No.: MCDR-MiFL0LST/6/2022-DDN-IBM_RO_DDN

To: Shri/M/s. Mr MANOJ
GUPTA, Nominated Owner,
Gupta Associates, MAIN
BAZAR ,V.P.O. DADHAU,
DADHAU, Mandoli (149)
Village & Mandal, Sirmaur
district, Himachal Pradesh,-
173022

Subject : Violation of provision of Mineral Conservation and Development Riles, 2017
in respect of your HIMALAYA(38HPR10019) over an extent of 15.55 ha in Mandoli
(149) in , Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh

Sir, The above mine was inspected on 17.12.2025 by the undersigned in the presence of Shri Ravi Bhusan Singh, Mine Manager and during the inspection, the following provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 were found to be violated. The reply submitted by the lessee in response to the violation letter has been examined. However, the compliance furnished against the violations pointed out under the relevant rules has been found unsatisfactory and not acceptable. The explanation provided by the lessee is either incomplete or not supported with adequate documentary evidence. It is observed that the lessee has failed to satisfactorily comply with the provisions of the relevant rules as pointed out in the violation letter. Therefore, the lessee is advised to submit a proper and detailed compliance report along with supporting documents and photographic evidence

Summary of Violations :

Items for Reporting	As Per Plan	Actual	Deviati on	Rule	Reason	Status
Exploration: Number of Core Boreholes	7 boreholes have been proposed for the reporting year	4 boreholes have been done	3	Rule 11(1),	As per the approved Mining Plan, a proposal was made for drilling 7 boreholes during the reporting year. However, only 3 boreholes were actually drilled during the said period. Thus, the exploration work has not been carried out as per the approved proposals. Accordingly, a violation of Rule 11(1) is being pointed out for non-compliance with the approved Mining Plan. The lessee is required to complete the	Not Complied

					remaining boreholes and submit updated exploration details to ensure compliance.	
Development - Opencast: Location of development w.r.t. lease area	Pit : Pit-I & Direction : SW-NE, Pit : Pit-I & Direction : SW-NE, Pit : Pit-I & Direction : E-W, Pit : Pit-II & Direction : SW-NE, Pit : Pit-II & Direction : N-E	development has not been done as per the proposal	yes	Rule 11(1),	As per the approved Mining Plan, development work was proposed to be carried out in two pits during the reporting year. However, during the inspection the development work has been seen in one pit. Accordingly, a violation of Rule 11(1) is being pointed out for non-compliance with the approved Mining Plan.	Not Complied
Progressive Mine Closure Plan: Compliance on reclamation and rehabilitation by backfilling/Other means Total area and numbers of plantation proposed.	Plantation : Location : Safety Barrier Zone, Area : 0.20, No. of Plant : 200 Plantation : Location	new plantation has not been seen over the backfilled area as proposed	yes	Rule 11(1),	200 plantation have been proposed in the approved mining plan however zero plantation has been seen during the inspection therefore violation of rule 11(1) is being pointed out for not carrying out PMCP work.	Not Complied

	:Safety Barrier Zone, Area : 0.20, No. of Plant : 200 Pit ID : Along Boundary Pillar ED, Area : 398.00					
Annual Return: Whether incomplete or false or wrong returns submitted (Rule 45(7))	proposal for not given in complete or wrong information in annual return	Backfilling for the reporting year was proposed, and backfilling activity was observed during the inspection; however, details of the backfilling have not been mentioned in the annual return.	yes	Rule 45(7),	violation is being pointed out for not carrying out PMCP work as per the proposal given for the year 2024-25	Not Complied

1) In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of Mineral Conservations and Development Rules, 2017. 2) The mining operations can be suspended under the rule 11(2) of MCDR-2017, if compliance of rule 11(1) of MCDR-2017 is not found satisfactory. 3) You are advised to rectify the above violations immediately and intimate the position to this office within 30 days from the date of issue of this SCN.

Yours faithfully,

(NITIN SINGH, DEHRADUN)
JMG

Esigned by: NITIN Date: 13/03/2026 11:44:27 AM
