

Show Cause Notice Letter

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GANDHINAGAR**

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Date : 02/04/2026

No.: MCDR-MiFL0LST/69/2022-GNR-IBM_RO_GNR

To: Shri/M/s. Mr RAMAN
CHOPRA, Nominated Owner,
GHCL Limited, GHCL Ltd.,
,Sutrapada, Sutrapada,
Harnasa Village & Mandal,
Gir Somnath district, Gujarat,-
362275

Subject : Violation of provision of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017, in respect of your Harnasa Limestone Mine (38GUJ08155) over an extent of 141.8538 ha in Harnasa in GANDHINAGAR, Gir Somnath, Gujarat

महोदय, आपकी उपरोक्त खान का स्टार रेटिंग नरीक्षण अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा दिनांक 09.12.2025 को Mr Devanand Roy (खनन प्रबंधक) और Miss Nayan Patil (Mining Geologist) की उपस्थिति में किया गया तथा उक्त नरीक्षण के समय खनजि संरक्षण एवं विकास नियमावली, 2017 के नमिनलखित नियमों का उल्लंघन पाया गया-

Summary of Violations :

Items for Reporting	As Per Plan	Actual	Deviation	Rule	Reason	Status
In the PMCP report, approximately 7.95 hectares of area have been recorded as utilized for backfilling during 2024-25.	Proposal of backfilling was: 0.57 Ha.	Pit ID: HA2, Actual Area: 0.600 Ha	In the PMCP report, approximately 7.95 hectares were recorded as utilized for backfilling during 2024-25; however, in reality, only 0.6 hectares were used.	Rule 26(2),	In the PMCP report, approximately 7.95 hectares were recorded as utilized for backfilling during 2024-25; however, in reality, only 0.6 hectares were used.	Not Complied
Annual Return: Scrutiny of Annual return on sale value, Ex. Mine price & production cost	sale value: 605.18 rupees/tonnes. Ex. Mine price: 605.18 rupees/tonnes. production cost: 605.18 rupees/tonnes.	sale value: 605.174 rupees/tonnes. Ex. Mine price: 605.18 rupees/tonnes. production cost: 605.18 rupees/tonnes.	sale value: 605.174.	Rule 45(7),	In AR 2024-25, the sale value for captive purposes was reported differently from the Ex-Mine price and production cost, and this violation has been pointed out.	Complied
Annual Return: Whether	Incomplete or	The lease	Deviation Rep	Rule 45(7),	The lease area was entire explored in	Not Complied

incomplete or false or wrong returns submitted (Rule 45(7))	false or wrong returns submitted (Rule 45(7))	area was entire explored in G1 level of exploration still resources in the AR 2024-25, reported as 332 categories. In AR 2024-25, Part III of Table 2, the royalty, DMF, and NMET values reported from dispatch data are incorrect.	orted		G1 level of exploration still resources in the AR 2024-25, reported as 332 categories. In AR 2024-25, Part III of Table 2, the royalty, DMF, and NMET values reported from dispatch data are incorrect.	
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2. The applicant's reply has been received; however, the responses provided regarding the violation of Rule 45(7) (Resource Classification) and Rule 26(2) (Area Utilised for Back-filling) were found to be unsatisfactory; therefore, a Show Cause Notice has been issued. 3. In this connection, it is brought to your kind notice that:- a) the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR 2017 and/or; b) Mining operations can be suspended as per rule 11(2) of MCDR 2017 in case of noncompliance of above rules as these violations also affects provisions of Rule 11(1) of MCDR 2017 and/or; c) You are advised to rectify the above violations immediately and intimate the compliance position to this office within 30 days from date of issue of this letter. 3. In case of violation of Rule 45, a) You are also liable to pay such amount as prescribed under MCDR 2017 for delay of each day as per Schedule-II, read with Rule 45(7A) in case of non-compliance of various provisions of Rule 45. b) As per provision of Rule 45(7) and/or 45(7A)(ii) the Regional Controller of Mines may take appropriate action including order of suspension of all mining operations and dispatches on noncompliance of various provisions of Rule 45. 4. In context to the violations of Rule 45, this letter has been considered as show cause notice where you are advised to rectify above violation immediately. You are therefore directed to show cause within a period of 30 days for violations of Rule 45 from the date of issue of this letter as to why the action under Rules 45(7) and/or 45(7A) shall not be taken against you. No further notice will be given to you in this regard. 5. In case of violation of Rule 26(2), you are advised to rectify the above violations immediately and upload data online along with the Annual Return in the Return portal within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of this letter. 6. You are therefore directed to show cause within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of issue of this letter, as to why you should not be prosecuted and/or why the mining operation should not be suspended under relevant statutory provisions and/or why not any other appropriate action can be initiated in accordance with rules and/or any competent orders/directives. 7. This Show Cause Notice is being issued with the approval of the Regional Controller of Mines. Please note that no further notice will be given to you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

(Debajyoti Nayak, GANDHINAGAR)
Junior Mining Geologist

Esigned by: Debajyoti
Date: 07/04/2026 11:23:39 AM