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Directorate of Mines & Geology,
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PERMIT CANCELLATION ORDER

Read: 1) Application No. Vedanta/PID/RM/2016-17/14 dated 15/07/2016
2) Import Permit No. IMP DMG 000001004/2016 dated 25/07/2016
3) Import Permit No. IMP DMG 000001005/2016 dated 25/07/2016
4) Bulk Permit No. EA25020333 dated 14/07/2016

Whereas, the transportation of ore during monsoon is stopped. However transportation of ore during monsoon is allowed for domestic consumption.

And whereas, M/s. Vedanta Ltd, has procured quantity of 12,000 MT lumps in e-auction conducted by department of Mines & Geology, Government of Karnataka, in its auction and obtained bulk permit dated 14/07/2016.

And whereas, upon Applications of M/s. Vedanta Ltd, dated 16/07/2016, import and transit permits were issued by this Office upon a specific condition that the entry tickets for trucks shall be issued at the check post at Mollem from where the vehicle movement in the State of Goa shall be monitored by the staff of DMG and with help of ICT devices.

And whereas, the representatives of the Company were specifically informed by the Office of DMG to inform about arrival of such ore laden vehicles at border checkpost at Mollem, so that their transport activities within the State can be monitored. Also after weighment at their plant, the ore could be stacked in a stockyard and could be utilized for consumption after its weighment etc, so as to ensure that the ore is used only for domestic consumption and not misused for any other purpose etc.

And whereas, on 26/07/2016, the Staff of DMG was deputed at Mollem checkpost could not find M/s Vedantas ore laden such vehicles at the checkpost as informed. And upon inquiry with Staff of the Company, this office was informed that the trucks have entered Goa without regulations/monitoring by DMG and were at PIB plant, Amona.

And whereas, the import and transit permits issued to M/s Vedanta were suspended by this office till further orders and the Staff of department was deputed to the plant to see what could be done to sort out this issue which could have occurred because of communication gap etc.

And whereas, the inspecting team found that nearly all trucks have already unloaded the material at the plant site even without waiting for DMG officials in clear violations of the conditions mentioned in permit etc so also specific instructions given to Officials of M/s Vedanta Ltd who have approached this office for issuance of permits etc.

Now therefore, in view of above violations and the facts narrated hereinabove, I hereby cancel import and transit permits issued in respect of quantity of 12,000 MT procured from Karnataka.

No fresh import permit shall be issued in respect of the above mentioned quantity till this office does detail inventory of the ore unloaded by measuring the same on weighbridge, securing a distinct stack/stacks for such imported quantity having satisfactory mechanism in place for removal of material for daily consumption from storage stacks and storing the same in distinct stacks apart from the storage stacks so that proper accounting of ore takes place. Similarly fines if generated in the process are treated as wastage such material also needs to be stacked separately.

It is hereby mentioned that since the instructions for monitoring the ore transport were deliberately violated by the M/s Vedanta Ltd, till their full proof system is put in place any undue influence attempted by the Company in the name of shutting down of plant operations or jeopardizing the employment of Goans employed in PIB plant etc shall be treated as direct interference by the Company in the day to day administration and functioning of this department which is entrusted with mineral administration in the State of Goa.

For strict compliance.




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