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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES, BHUBANESHWAR**

No. MPM- 2414/2025-26/ IBM_RO_BBS

Dt : 11/12/2025

Shri/M/s. KORP RESOURCES PRIVATE LIMITED ,
161 RABINDRA SARANI BURRABAZAR

Sub Approval of the Modification of Review of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan (PMCP) in respect of Tantra Iron Ore Mine (30ORI13025) over an area of 72.560 ha of M/s KORP RESOURCES PRIVATE LIMITED, situated in Village -Tantra , Tahsil- Koida, District- Sundargarh of Odisha State.

Sir,

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and clause (3) of Rule 17 of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 read with Government of India Order No. S.O. 1857(E) dated 18th May, 2016; I hereby **Approve** the Modification of Review of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan (PMCP) in respect Tantra Iron Ore Mine (30ORI13025) over an area of 72.560 ha of M/s KORP RESOURCES PRIVATE LIMITED, situated in Village-Tantra, Tahsil- Koida, District- Sundargarh of Odisha State. This approval is subject to the following conditions:-

- (1). The Modification of Review of Mining Plan is approved without prejudice to any other law applicable to the mine area from time to time whether made by the Central Government, State Government or any other authority and without prejudice to any order or direction from any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (2). That this approval of aforesaid Modification of Review of Mining Plan does not in any way imply the approval of the Government in terms of any other provision of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, or the Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 and any other laws including Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or the rules made there under and other relevant statutes, order and guidelines as may be applicable to the lease area from time to time.
- (3). The provisions of the Mines Act, 1952 and Rules and Regulations made thereunder including submission of notices of opening, appointment of manager and other statutory officials as required by the Mines Act, 1952 shall be complied with.
- (4). The execution of Modification of Review of Mining Plan shall be subjected to vacations of prohibitory orders / notices, if any.
- (5). If anything is found to be concealed as required by the Mines Act in the contents of the mining plan and the proposal for rectification has not been made, the approval shall be deemed to have been withdrawn with immediate effect.
- (6). This approval for proposed mining operations and associated activities is restricted to the mining lease area only from this date. The mining lease area is as shown on the statutory plans by the Lessee/QP/Applicant and Indian Bureau of Mines has not undertaken any survey verification of mining lease boundary on the ground.
- (7). Your attention is invited to the Supreme Court interim order in W.P. (C) No. 202 dated 12.12.1996 for compliance. The approval of above said Mining Plan is therefore, issued without prejudice to and is subject to the said directions of the Supreme Court as applicable.
- (8). This department does not undertake any responsibility regarding correctness of the boundaries of the lease area shown on the ground.
- (9). At any stage, if it is observed that the information furnished in the document are incorrect or misrepresent facts, the approval of the document shall be revoked with immediate effect.
- (10). If this approval conflicts with any other law or court order/ Direction under any statute, it shall be revoked immediately.
- (11). It shall be mandatory for the project proponent, abstracting ground water, to obtain "No Objection Certificate" from Central Ground Water Authority or, the concerned State/Union Territory Ground Water Authority, as the case may be.

(12). Lessee shall ensure grassing/re-grassing of worked out mining lease area in accordance with Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 8/1/2020.

(13). The next Review of Mining Plan for the subsequent period of five years shall become due 180 days before expiry of this document proposal period.

(14). The validity period of the financial assurance shall be renewed before the expiry of the same and should be submitted to this office on or before 01.04.2028.

(15). The feasibility report considered for reserve/resource estimation as per UNFC is submitted by the preferred bidder / lessee which is prepared based on the current data as reported and it may not establish the future economic viability of mining project, which may be affected by the market dynamics and other related factors.

(16). Disposal of OB/Waste as minor mineral shall be carried out only after obtaining permission under Rule 12(1)(k) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.

(17). Chemical analysis shall be conducted comprehensively for all radicals, including associated minerals, trace elements, and minor metals, through NABL accredited laboratories as per the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and read with Chief Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur circular no.1/2025 issued vide his letter No-M-11022(MP)/2/2022-CCOM-MDR-IBM_HQ dated 28.08.2025. Further, if any processing or beneficiation of ROM or mineral reject is proposed, complete chemical analysis of the resulting tailings shall also be undertaken and the report thereon shall be submitted within three months to this office as per the undertaking furnished.

(18). This approval is granted for the mining proposal for the period 2025–26 to 2027–28 and is subject to the validity of the lease period as well as the revocation of Section 22 of the MMR 1961 imposed by the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS). A copy of the revocation order shall be submitted to the Regional Controller of Mines, IBM, Bhubaneswar, for record.

(19). The necessary permissions and clearances must be obtained from the Competent Authority prior to undertaking the proposed common-boundary mining for the period 2025–26 to 2027–28. This information should also be communicated to this office.

Yours Faithfully

(ARUN KUMAR)

Regional Controller of Mines,

Indian Bureau of Mines, Bhubaneswar

Copy for information to :-

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