

Inspection Notes of C.D.Kumar, CEO-KSPCB

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| Name of The HCE visited | M/s Kanchipura Lime Stone Mine, owned by M/s Ramco Cements Ltd, ML No.2643, Kanchipura, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District |
| Date of Visit | 05.03.2020 |
| Officers Accompanied | Muralidhar-SEO, E. Prakash – RO, Lohit Kumar-DEO |
| Person Contacted | Victor, Jr Mines Manager |

It is a lime stone mine (122.67 Hectares) visited in view of the instructions issued through Head Office Memo No.6275 dated 02.03.2020 under random inspection of organization identified based on computerized risk assessment. The consent granted by the Board under Water Act 1974, Air Act 1981 with conditions is valid up to 31.03.2022. The Mine was not in operation during visit and to a query the Mines Manager informed that it is a captive lime stones mine of M/s Ramco Cements (located at distance of about 5 Kms) and there is no mining activity since last two years. Following are the observations.

- Two mining pits exist in mining area and no mining activity noticed in both the pits. During discussions the Mines Manager informed that one pit having dimension of about 450X100X20 Mts is closed during 2010 and in another pit of about 350X150X20 Mts closed during 2018. Stagnation of water noticed.
- The occupier has not taken up afforestation along the boundary of the mine area besides for stabilization of dumps to prevent soil erosion.
- The overburden is dumped haphazardly instead of scientific deposition as per IBM approved plan besides not constructed adequate retaining wall along the dumps. Also not provided with storm water drains/trenches to prevent runoff.
- The occupier has not fenced the mining pits to prevent unauthorized entry.
- Rain water harvesting and ground water recharge measures viz check dams, gully plugs etc are not provided.

During discussions the Mines Manager informed that they are carrying out monitoring of AAQM, GW, Noise and submitting reports regularly to RO on quarterly basis.

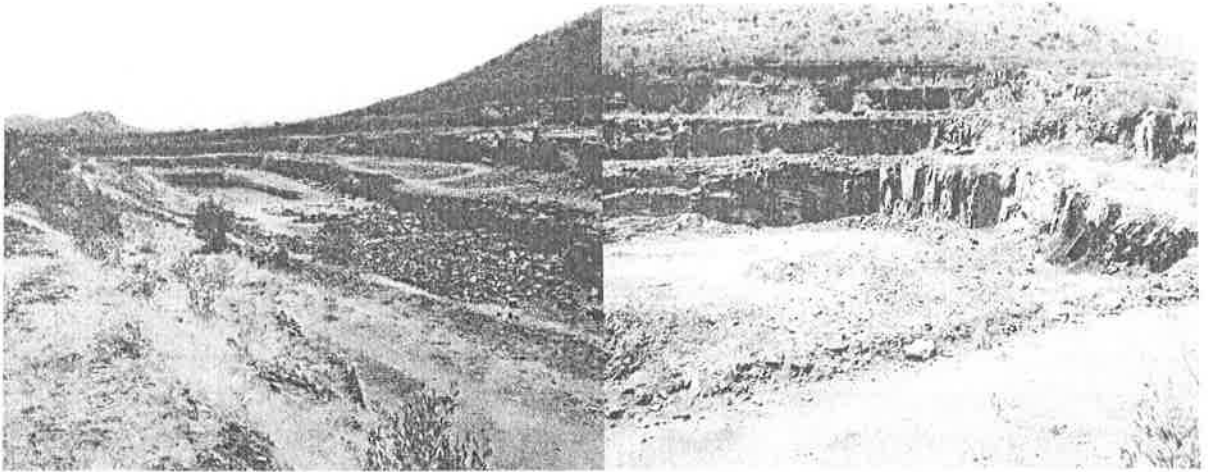
The observations made during visit indicate that the occupier has not taken measures as stipulated in the consent and also to prevent air pollution. The Regional officer was instructed to issue notice immediately based on the observations and to take necessary follow up action as contemplated under law. Besides to secure production details from Local Mines & Geology Department to ensure closure of the mine and also to cross verify the monitoring activity. The photographs taken during visit are enclosed.

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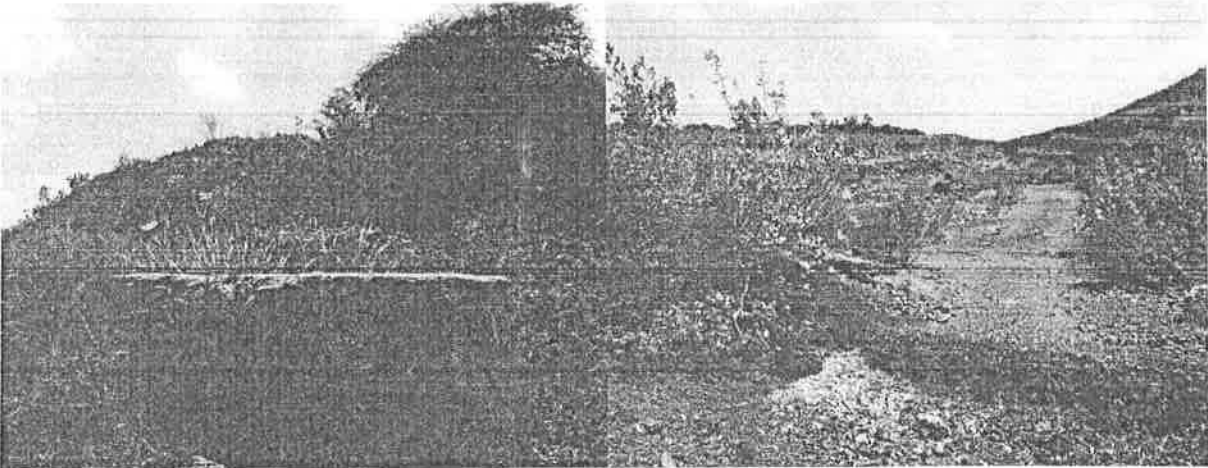

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2. Regional Office, Chitradurga
3. E-Governance Section



Mining Pit



Retaining wall

Overburden Dump