

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

Name of The HCE visited	M/s Mathod Lime Stone Mine, owned by M/s Ramco Cements Ltd, ML No.2342, Mathod Village, 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 (111 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 31.03.2021. 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 0.75Km) and there was no mining activity since last one and half years. Following are the observations.

- No mining activity noticed in mining pit. During discussions the Mines Manager informed that pit having dimension of about 280X140X20 Mts is closed during October 2018. Stagnation of water in the pit 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 along road side 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.

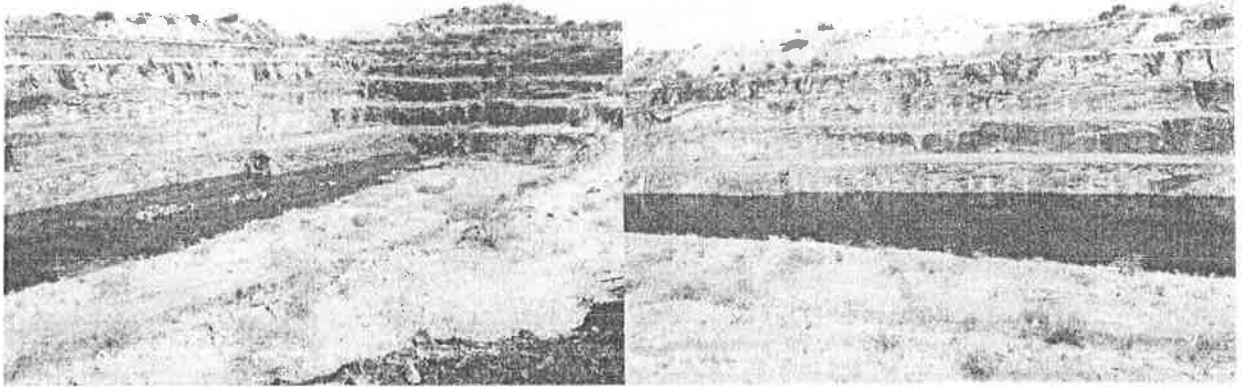
The observations made during visit indicate that the occupier has not taken pollution control measures as stipulated in the consent and also to prevent air pollution. The Regional officer was instructed to issue notice immediately based on the observations and to take necessary follow up action as contemplated 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.

Encl. as above

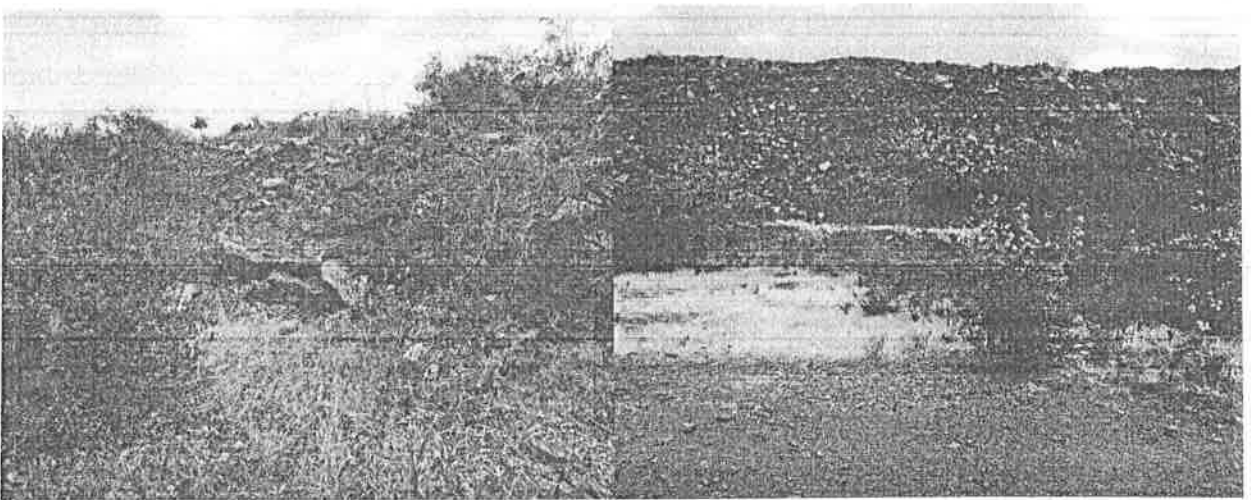

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2. Regional Office, Chitradurga
3. E-Governance Section



Mining Pit



Overburden Dump