

Renewal of Forest Clearance for Gadigi Mineral Mining Co., Bellary

Justification of locating the project in Forest Land:

Gadigi Mineral Mining Co., Bellary, is holding a mining lease no. 2489 to mine manganese ore over an extent of 39.63 ha (38.94 ha as per CEC) in Jigenhalli village, SM block, Sandur Range, Bellary division, Karnataka.

The Mining lease is due for renewal by 24.03.2015 and FC granted earlier was co-terminus with this lease period, hence this application is made for renewal of FC granted for the mining lease.

However, after CEC survey and joint survey of the lease area after ban of mining in Karnataka, ICFRE has prepared an R&R report for this lease and it was approved by CEC. Based on this R&R report, the feasible production limit was fixed at 14,000 TPA of manganese ore for this lease and DMG has asked to submit the relevant documents (Annexure-5).

Total forest area sought for diversion is **50.29 ha** (mining lease area: 38.94 ha + Approach road: 7.09 and Stock yard: 4.26 ha)

As the area sought for diversion is already an existing mining area and approach road along with stock yard, it is justified to locate the project in the same area.

for **Gadigi Mineral Mining Co.,**

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