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Dated the 2nd April, 2024

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject :Diversion of 3.862 ha. of forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near
Ranjithpura Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for approach road to Mining Lease No.
2245 (e-auctioned 'C' Category Mine) in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries
Ltd, Pune -**reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 15 FFM 2024
(e) dated 22/03/2024 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under
Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the
above project.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, in-
principle approval /Stage-I clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted
for diversion of 3.862 ha. of forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near
Ranjithpura Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for approach road to Mining Lease No.
2245 (e-auctioned 'C' Category Mine) in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries
Ltd, Pune, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. **Compensatory Afforestation:**
 - a. The Government of Karnataka has proposed Compensatory Afforestation in
non- forest land identified in Sy. No. 45/B4A of Metri (0.5 ha) village,
Hospete Taluk, Vijayanagar District and in Sy.No.67/1(3.5 ha) of Bailgudda
Village, Maski Taluk,Raichur District which was already transferred, mutated
and notified as Protected Forest *in lieu* of proposal for diversion of 11.178
ha. of forest land (7.57 ha. for mining and 3.608 ha. for approach road) in
Sy.No. 109, Lakkihalli village, Sy.No. 64, Kenkere village and S.No. 70, 87
and 71, Madadakere village, Madadakere Hobli, Hosadurga Taluk,
Chitradurga District for ML.No. 2566 (an auctioned "C" Category mine,
erstwhile lessee Channakeshava Reddy (M/s Sri Lakshminarasimha Mining
Company) in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Ltd,Pune (LOI

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Holder), for which now State Government vide its letter No.FEE33FFM2020 (e) dated 18/03/2024 has proposed for withdrawal/ cancellation of Stage-I approval. The request of the State Government is under consideration. **Therefore, acceptance of the proposed CA land is subject to acceptance of Cancellation/ withdrawal of the in-principle approval/ Stage-I accorded for the proposal related to diversion of 11.178 ha by the competent authority in the Ministry of Environment, and Climate Change, New Delhi.**

- b. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over the equal extent of non forest land identified in Sy.No. 45/BA of Metri village, Hospete Taluk, Vijayanagar District and in Sy. No. 67/1 of Bailgudda Village, Maski Taluk, Raichur District **within two years from the date of Stage –II Clearance** and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. If the identified non forest land is not fit for raising Compensatory Afforestation of specified density, then additional compensatory afforestation shall be raised on a degraded forest land which is twice in size of such shortfall in the given compensatory afforestation land and the user agency shall also bear the additional cost on such account. The details of such degraded forest land if any may be furnished.
 - c. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme shall include demarcation of CA area using concrete pillars of suitable size, provision for planting, SMC works and appropriate provision for anticipated cost escalation for the works scheduled for subsequent years. The CA will be maintained for 10 years
 - d. Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be carried out as per the time line provided under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023
3. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022 and **as per the provision of Chapter 3 of the consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued vide MoEF&CC order dated 29.12.2023.**
 4. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
 5. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
 6. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report including GPS ids.
 7. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
 8. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
 9. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.

10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
11. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
12. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
13. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 3.862 ha. **The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.**
14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
15. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
16. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
17. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
18. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
19. The State Government, after receiving the 'Final' approval of the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Adhiniyam, and after fulfillment and compliance of the provisions of all other Acts and rules made there under, as applicable including ensuring settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), shall issue order for diversion;
20. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
21. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
22. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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