ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ **GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ Office of the **Deputy Conservator of Forests** Ballari Division, Ballari



ರೇಡಿಯೋ ಪಾರ್ಕ್, ಐಟಿಐ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಎದುರುಗಡೆ, ಕಿರು ಮೃಗಾಲಯ ಆವರಣ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ-583102 Radio Park, Opp. ITI College, Mini Zoo Compound, Ballari Telephone: 08392-240797 Email: dcfbellaryt@gmail.com

Dated: 03.12.2024

No.M1/MNG/JSW/M.L.No.008(995)/Approach Road/2019-20

Demand notice

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.8148 ha (Revised from 1.4406 ha) of forest land for approach road to and from Ubbalagandi Iron ore Mine M.L.No.008 in Ubbalagandi Extn RF of Ubbalagandi Village, Ballari Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu-Reg., [Online Proposal No. FP/KA/39765/2019 (Form-A)]

Ref:1) Online Application No. FP/KA/39765/2019 (Form-A)

2) The Government of India letter No. 4-KRB1386/2022-BAN/364 Dated: 16.10.2024.

3) the Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 70 FLL 2022(e)

Dated: 08.11.2024 4) Letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-4(GFL)/48/2019-FC dated: 20.11.2024 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) & Nodal officer, Bangalore

With reference to the above subject, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Bangalore has accorded In-principle / Stage-I clearance approval for diversion of 0.8148 ha (Revised from 1.4406 ha) of forest land for approach road to and from Ubbalagandi Iron ore Mine M.L.No.008 in Ubbalagandi Extn RF of Übbalagandi Village, Ballari Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu imposing certain conditions vide letter under Ref(2). In this regard, the Government of Karnataka has also directed to submit compliance report to conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval vide letter under Ref(3).

In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) & Nodal officer, Bangalore has directed the User Agency to make all statutory payments (Net Present Value, Compensatory and other stipulated charges) mentioned in Stage-I approval through Government of India web portal and also directed the undersigned to issue the Demand Notice to User Agency as per conditions stipulated by Government of India vide letter under Ref(4).

Further, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Bangalore has imposed one of the important condition regarding Compensatory Afforestation charges in Condition No.4 is as follows;

"Cost of raising planting of 100 trees shall be realized from the user agency towards Compensatory Afforestation"

Apart from the above condition, there are no conditions imposed regarding providing of CA land and payment of CA charges in Stage-I approval.

Therefore, while issuing Stage-I approval to the above proposal, the Government of India may have considered as per Rule-13(5)(b) [diversion of forest land up to one hectare; and] issued under Van (Sankrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and mentioned the condition No.4 i.e. "Cost of raising planting of 100 trees shall be realized from the user agency towards Compensatory Afforestation"

Further to this, it is brought to the kind notice that, as per Guidelines No. 7.8 [General guidelines for mining proposals] issued under Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, states that;

f). Approach road/conveyor belt and other ancillary activities related to mining shall be considered as part of the mining project and should therefore be processed accordingly.

It is pertinent to mention here that, initially the User Agency has applied 1.4406 ha of Forest land, later on, the proposal extent reduced to 0.8148 ha. As observed in Form-A, M/s. JSW Steel Limited has identified CA land in Sy.No. 142/1 of Halabhavi Village, Raichur District over an extent of 1.76 ha which was already transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. In this regard, M/s. JSW Steel Limited has given undertaking regarding providing of CA land and payment of CA charges for the provided CA land of 1.76 hectares. They have also given undertaking that, the given CA land will not claimed back and will not be adjusted to other projects. (Undertaking copy enclosed as **Annexure-A**).

As per the above mentioned guidelines and undertaking submitted by the User Agency, demand notice is being issued for CA charges over an extent of 1.76 ha which was already transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department against this instant proposal.

Hence, the details of amount to be remitted as per the applicable rates at present for the above referred proposal are calculated as here under;

Sl. No	Specific activities	Extent in ha		urrent CA charges plicable (Rate / ha)	Total amount payable (In Rs.)
1	Net Present Value (Condition No.1)	0.8148	12,28,590/-		10,01,055.00
2	Compensatory Afforestation**	1.76	18,36,000/-		32,31,360.00
3	Total project cost as m of Proposal No. FP/KA Forest area involved in [Total area involved in Ha, out of this 0.8148 and 1.1027 Ha is non-Project cost for 0.8148	d in this project 1.9175 148 Ha of Forest land on-Forest land] 148 Ha of Forest area 0 / 1.9175 Ha = Rs. 0.8148 Ha =		Rs.4,00,00,000.00 0.8148 Ha 1,69,97,132.00	3,39,943.00*

	Cost of Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan		
4	Total project cost as mentioned in Form-A of Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/39765/2019.	Rs.4,00,00,000.00	84,986.00*
	Forest area involved in extent. [Total area involved in this project 1.9175 Ha, out of this 0.8148 Ha of Forest land and 1.1027 Ha is non-Forest land]	0.8148 Ha	
	Project cost for 0.8148 Ha of Forest area [Rs. 4,00,00,000.00 / 1.9175 Ha = Rs. 2,08,60,495/- X 0.8148 Ha = 1,69,97,132.00	1,69,97,132.00	
	Cost of Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan @0.5%	84,986.00	
	Total	46,57,344.00	

(Rs. Forty-six Lakhs fifty-seven thousand three hundred and forty-four only).

Note for '*' you have not submitted Wildlife Management Plan and Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan. Therefore, it is directed to submit the plan for Soil and Moisture Conservation and obtain approval from Competent Authority.

Procedure for payment: This Demand Notice is to be uploaded on FC web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) for acceptance by the Nodal Officer. After acceptance by the Nodal Officer, a Challan should be generated from the web portal for payment to the account mentioned in the Challan and submit the original remittance challan to this office for further action.

Further, it is directed to submit the compliance report (ink-signed hard copies) in 8 sets along with documents through Range Forest Officer, Sandur North Range, Sandur & Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari for field verification and further processing.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

To,

M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Mining Lease No.008(995) P.O. Vidyanagar Ballari District – 583 275