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Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 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,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE15 FFM 2024 (e) dated 22/03/2024 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024. The State Government vide its letter No. FEE 15FFM 2024 (e) dated 10/06/2024 has reported the compliance to the condition stipulated by the Central Government. Further, State Government vide its letter dated 1/08/2024 has submitted the addition details sought by the Regional Office on 03/07/2024.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 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. Out of 4 ha of non forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation which is transferred, mutated, and notified as Protected Forest, Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up in 0.5 ha of Sy.No. 45/BA of Metri village, Kampli Taluk, Ballari District and to an extent of 3.5 ha in Sy. No. 67/1 of Bailgudda Village, Maski Taluk, Raichur District within two

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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 land is not fit for raising Compensatory Afforestation of specified density, then additional Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised on a degraded forest land identified over an extent of 7 ha in Sy. No. 70 and 158 of Guntagol Reserved Forest, Guntgol Village, Lingasur Taluk, Raichur District.

3. 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.
4. The State Government shall ensure that 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
8. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
9. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
10. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 3.862 ha.
11. 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;
12. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
13. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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;
18. 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.

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19. 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.

Yours faithfully,

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(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Ltd, Laxmanrao Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune, Maharashtra -411 003.
5. Guard file.

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