



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST  
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The proposed area for diversion of 32.49 Ha of forest land (30.09 Ha for mining lease and 2.40 Ha for Approach Road) In Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML No 2563; erstwhile e-auctioned C-category mine), in favor of M/s. MSPL Limited, the Preferred Bidder (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/50114/2020 [FORM-A]) was inspected personally by me on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

The proposed unit of land measuring 32.49 Ha of forest land (30.09 Ha for mining lease and 2.40 Ha for Approach Road) falls in Ramanamalai Block of Sandur North Range Sandur Taluk, Ballari District. The area falls under Eco class-III with Southern Dry Deciduous type of Forests with spars vegetation consisting of trees like *Albizzia lebbeck*, *Pterocarpus marsupium*, *Choroxylon swietenia*, *Grewia tilliaefolia*, *Lagerstromia paviflora*, etc.

The proposed forest land is not part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 8.31 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 6.02 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 36.22 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 32.10 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

It is observed from the records that the Forest Clearance in favour of the erstwhile lessee was granted for 33.76 Ha. However, as per the joint survey by the CEC and their digitization sketch, the extent of lease area was concluded to be 30.09 hectares. The Commissioner, Department of Mines & Geology, Bangalore has issued a Letter of Acknowledgment to M/s. MSPL Limited, Hospet as Successful Bidder (vide Letter No. DMG-17012/6/2018/2019-20/5835 Dt. 25.12.2019) for an extent of 30.09 Ha and thus the request/proposal for renewal of lease for 30.09 ha.

Of the 30.09 Ha Forest Area requested, there is an overlap to an extent of 0.0074 Ha with M/s. Lakshmi Minerals (ML No.2545), the mine for which the FC is in currency. Hence the same (extent of 0.0074 Ha) can be excluded from the proposal. Further, 0.0003 Ha is overlapping with M/s. A. M. Minerals (ML No. 2278) for which the Forest Clearance has expired and thus the said (0.0003 Ha) area may be include in this instance proposal. Thus, after accounting for the overlapping areas as proposed the area that can be accrued for the proposed mining is 30.0826 Ha (30.09 ha – 0.0074 ha).

The UA has sought FC for the Approach Road (2.40 Ha) whose total extent is 4.25 Ha. About 1.30 Ha of this approach road falls in the Forest Area leased to of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals (ML No. 2545). The UA proposes to have an MoU or Consent. Further, an area of 0.22 Ha of Forest Area has been requested for diversion in favour of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals (ML No. 2545) vide online application No. FP/KA/ROAD/39507/2019(which is under consideration) and an area of 0.73 Ha falls in Non-Forest land. The rest 2.40 Ha of the proposed approach road falls in Forest Area (Ramanamalai Block Forest) and hence M/s MSPL, Hospet has proposed for diversion of 2.40 Ha as Approach Road in their favour.

**The Forest Clearance in the current instant may be proposed over an extent 32.4826 Ha (30.0826 Ha for mining and 2.40 Ha for Approach Road). Hence, proposal for 32.4826 hectares (30.0826 Ha for mining and 2.40 hectares for Approach Road) in Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML No 2563; e-auctioned, erstwhile C-category mine) in favor of M/s. MSPL Limited (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/50114/2020 [FORM-A]) under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may be considered.**

  
Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
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Dated: 27.04.2021  
Place: Ballari