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Date 14-05-2025

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment  
M. S. Building, Bengaluru

Sir,

**Sub:** Diversion of 48.20 hectare of forest land (37.45 ha for mining and allied activities in the mining lease area and 10.75 ha for approach road outside the mining lease area of erstwhile lessee of Sri. Sarangapani Mudaliar) in Section-4 of Janeeru Block and Thirtharampura Reserved Forest in Sy No. 11 (Part) and 12 (Part) Gollarahalli Village for Mining and allied activities and in Sy No. 11, 12, 10 and 08 Gollarahalli Village, Sy No. 64 Hosahalli Village, Sy No. 49 and 48 Kodihalli Village, Sy No. 34 and 33 Tonalapura Village and Sy No. 55 Lakmenahalli Village for Approach Road to the mining lease area in favour of M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, Bengaluru

**Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022 [FORM-A]**

- Ref:** 1. Online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 03-06-2022 (resubmitted) of M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, Bengaluru r/w uploading of Acknowledgement on 29-06-2022 for having delivered hard copies of proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests and Deputy Commissioner r/w EDS reply 29-01-2025
2. This office's online communication dated 30-06-2022 to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division for processing of proposal r/w EDS query raised on 20-01-2025
3. Online submission of PART-II on 12-12-2024 by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division [letter No.

*A5/Land/Survey/CR-205/2023-24 dated 13-12-2024]* r/w EDS  
reply 05-02-2025

4. Online submission of PART-III on 30-12-2024 by Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle [*letter No. A8/Land/FC/KSHIP/CR- /2023-24 dated 30-12-2024]* r/w EDS reply 06-02-2025
5. The Project Screening Committee Meeting Scheduled on 18-01-2025 [*EDS query*] and 14-02-2025 [*recommendations to send the proposal to GoK*]

1. M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, Bengaluru [**USER AGENCY**] vide Ref (1) has now (re)submitted an online proposal [**FORM-A PART-I**] seeking approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 48.20 hectare of forest land (*37.45 ha for mining and allied activities in the mining lease area and 10.75 ha for approach road outside the mining lease area of erstwhile lessee of Sri. Sarangapani Mudaliar*) in Section-4 of Janeeru Block and Thirtharapura Reserved Forest in Sy No. 11 (Part) and 12 (Part) Gollarahalli Village for Mining and allied activities and in Sy No. 11, 12, 10 and 08 Gollarahalli Village, Sy No. 64 Hosahalli Village, Sy No. 49 and 48 Kodihalli Village, Sy No. 34 and 33 Tonalapura Village and Sy No. 55 Lakmenahalli Village for Approach Road to the mining lease area. The same was accepted by Nodal Officer (FCA) on 15-06-2022 for further processing. After receiving the Acknowledgement from the User Agency on 29-06-2022 through FC web portal for having delivered the hard copies to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division and Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, the web portal link was forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur on 30-06-2022 for field verification and further processing under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Further, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle vide Ref (3) and (4) submitted the online proposal to this office.
2. **Project Screening Committee:** After receiving the Part-II & III from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests and Chief Conservator of Forests, the said proposal has been placed in the PSC on 14-02-2025 by the Member Secretary and has been decided to send to the Government of Karnataka with submission of Part-IV. The details of the said proposal are as under.
3. **Important events/facts connected with the instant FC proposal and its Mining Lease:**
  - a) The present application seeking permission is being sought because the land in question was originally granted to Sri. Sarangapani Mudaliyar in 1950's for Iron Ore mining lease (ML No.1234) over an extent of 2427 acres (i.e., 982.19 hectares),

which was a Revenue land initially and was not treated as a Forest Land and the same was under operation for a substantial period of time.

- b) Thereafter, in 1999 on account of prior termination / surrender of the said mining Lease, the Government of Karnataka on 15-06-1999 offered for re-grant a **portion of the original leased area** (*i.e., measuring 1275 acres (515.98 Ha)*) to various parties through a public advertisement on 15-09-1999. This was also done **on the basis that the said land was Revenue Land** and not Forest Land. For which, M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, Bengaluru was also one of the applicants for grant of lease.
- c) Few aggrieved parties approached the Hon'ble High Court and based on the decision of the Hon'ble High Court the above area was re-granted by the Government of Karnataka on 23-01-2003 to the following;

Sl No.	Mining Lease
1	Sri Praveen Chandra
2	<b>M/s. Mineral Enterprises Pvt Ltd</b>
3	M/s. Milan Minerals Enterprises (P) Ltd
4	Sri R.N.Ashok
5	M/s. Banashankari Mining Corporation
6	Sri M Babanna

- d) The Government of Karnataka issued notification bearing No. DMG/MLS/ADV/04-05 dated 20-07-2004 for an area of 466.21 Hectares (1152 Acres) for re-grant of remaining portion of surrendered area of mining lease No.1234 comprising land in Hombalghatta, Hosahalli, Katarikahalli Villages and Yerakatte Village of Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur District on 20-07-2004. This was done on the basis that the said land / Portion of the said land was notified Forest Land i.e., Thirthrampura Reserve Forest.
- e) Pursuant to above notification, the Government of Karnataka recommended the grant of mining lease over an area of 466.21 Hectares (1152 Acres) as below;

Sl.No.	Applicants
1	M/s. Goa Minerals
2	Smt. Prema Chanappa
3	M/s. Kudremukh Iron Ore Co.
4	M/s. Dhruvadesh Metasteels (P) Ltd.,

- f) The Central Government accorded its approval for grant of mining lease vide its letter No. 5/184/2007-M.IV dated 17-03-2008 in favor of M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited for an extent of 178.30 Acres (72.16 hectares).
- g) The Government of Karnataka issued notification bearing No. CI.37:MMM.2001 granting the mining lease in favor of M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited for Iron Ore and Manganese Ore over an area of 178.30 Acres in Sy No. 11 and 12 and

other survey No's of Gollarhalli Village of Chikkanayakanhalli Taluk, Tumkur District on 19-03-2009.

- h) M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, Bengaluru filed representation requesting early execution of lease deed with respect to area granted as it has obtained all statutory clearances i.e., IBM Mining Plan, Environment Clearance and Consent for establishment issued by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on 23-06-2011.
- i) **Janeru Block Reserve Forest:** - On 04-08-1994, the Forest Department issued a notification bearing AHFF 205 FAF 88 under Section-4 of the Karnataka Forest Act 1963, Notifying an extent of **323.88 Ha** in Sy Nos. 41, 42 & 43 of Janeruru Village of Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk, Tumkur District. Since, there was a typographical error in the said notification, the State Government represented before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (C)No.562/2009 that the State Government would take proper steps to rectify the said error. Accordingly, a corrigendum to the said Notification was issued over an extent of **1545.04 Ha** vide Karnataka Gazette NO. FEE 188 FAF 2014 dated 14-09-2014.
- Being aggrieved by the said corrigendum, some Farmers / Villagers filed several Writ Petitions before the Hon'ble High Court. As directed by the Hon'ble High Court in the said cases, the then Additional Chief Secretary (Forest, Environment and Ecology), after hearing all parties concerned, set aside the aforementioned Section 4 **Notification (1994)** and also its **corrigendum (2014)** on 21-12-2015. The said order was published in the Gazette of Karnataka No.1768 Part IV-A on 30-12-2015. *(This matter is continued in Para k & o)*
- j) In view of the amendments to the Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act in 2015, M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, Bengaluru filed Writ Petition No.43690/2016 before the Hon'ble High Court seeking execution of lease for a period of 50 Years. In response, the Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 21-11-2016 has directed for execution of the lease on or before 31/12/2016.
- k) As per the requests of the PCCF (HOFF) and the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change, the Additional Chief Secretary, (Forest, Environment & Ecology), Karnataka has reconsidered / reviewed the above-mentioned ACS's order dated 21-12-2015 and set aside the said order on 29-06-2018.
- l) Since, the State has not executed mining lease as per the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble High Court in Writ Petition No. 43690/2016, M/s MEPL filed contempt petition CCC (Civil) 1829-2017 before the Hon'ble High Court on 20-08-2018. The Government took contention for the first time in the said contempt that **this area is forest as per 1994 notification and 2014 corrigendum**. Therefore, M/s MEPL filed an undertaking before the Hon'ble High Court on 20-08-2018 wherein it

undertook that even if a lease deed were to be executed in its favor, it would not operate the mine in any manner, whatsoever, till such time the issue whether the land is a forest land or not, is decided by the Courts. M/s MEPL further undertook that in case the Courts were to opine that the land in question is, indeed, a forest land, it shall seek the necessary prior approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and shall comply with such conditions as are currently applicable before operating the mine.

- m) **The State Government, filed the SLP Diary No. 1663/2019 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court** challenging the Hon'ble High Court order dated 21-11-2016 in WP No. 43690/2016 during 2019 for execution of lease in favour of M/s MEL.
- n) M/s MEPL Placed the undertaking furnished before the Hon'ble High Court to the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the above mentioned SLP Diary No.1663/2019. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has stated that "the said undertaking be kept on record for consideration at a subsequent time".
- o) The above the then ACS's order dated 29-06-2018 was again challenged by the villagers/farmers before the Hon'ble High Court and thereafter before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in a proceeding initiated by the third parties, finally held that the area notified under Section-4 in 1994 and corrigendum of 2014 (Janeeru Block) is '**forest**' land *(the sanctioned re-grant leased area of MEPL is also part of the said Sec-4 Janeeru notification and Corrigendum)* on 16-11-2021.
- p) Since the land in question is held as forest land and as per the undertaking of M/s MEPL before the courts (High Court & Supreme Court), M/s MEPL filed an application for Forest clearance under Section 2 (ii) of the FC Act 1980 on 22-04-2022 for diversion of forest land, over an extent 37.45 Hectares (as per Joint Survey and demarcation during 2017) for mining and 16.07 Hectares for road, total 53.52 hectares on 22-04-2022.
- q) M/s MEPL filed an affidavit before the Hon'ble Supreme Court bringing the fact on record that M/s MEPL has applied for FC with a prayer for execution of the lease on 05-05-2022.

4. **Location and component-wise details of the project:** The location and the component details of the forest land proposed for FC renewal are given below.

District, Taluk, Hobli	Village	Sy No. (Part)	Project component	Forest extent proposed for FC renewal (ha)	Legal status of land
Tumkur District, Chikkanayaka	Gollarahalli	11	Mining and Allied Activities	09.63	*Section - 4 Notified
		12		27.82	
		12		0.362	

nahalli Taluk, Kasaba Hobli		11	Approach Road	1.30	
		10		0.211	
		8		0.128	
	Hosahalli	64		2.483	
	Kodihalli	49		1.632	**Thirtharamapura Reserve Forest
		48		1.606	
	Thonalapura	34		0.670	
		33		02.00	
	Lakmenahalli	55		0.354	Deemed Forest
Total (ha)				48.20	

\*Government of Karnataka Corrigendum Notification No. FEE-188-FAF-2014 dated 04-09-2014 under Section 4 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 (Janeeru Block) and Corrigendum dated 14-09-2014

\*\*Mysore Government Notification No. G. 552-3-3004-5 dated 25-02-1902 (Thirtharamapura Reserve Forest).

5. **DCF, Tumkur Division Report:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division has inspected the site on 03-11-2023 personally and vide Ref (3) has submitted the Site Inspection Report dated 10-12-2024 along with other details and recommendation in PART-II to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle. Main features of the proposal as reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division r/w the report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle and also that of the ICT Centre of Forest Department are as follows.

- a. The forest land proposed for diversion is prone to accelerated soil erosion and formation of gullies. The User Agency is required to take up Soil and Moisture Conservation works.
- b. The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape under Eco-class-III (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests) with Open Forest (Canopy density <0.4).
- c. As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there are 17206 trees in various girth classes in the forest land proposed for FC renewal. Main species include *Wrightia tinctoria*, *Terminalia chebula*, *Calophyllum inophyllum*, *Dalbergia sissoo*, *Tacoma stans*, *Acacia nilotica*, *Acacia auriculiformis*, *Butea monosperma*, *Pongamia pinnata*, *Syzygium cumini*, *Tectona grandis*, *Gmelina arborea*, *Semecarpus anacardium*, *Azadirachta indica*, *Albizia labbeck*, *Tamarindus indica*, *Terminalia bellarica*, *Cassia siamea*, *Holoptelea integrifolia*, *Ficus religiosa*, *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Ficus racemosa* among others.
- d. Major wild animals found in and around the area include the Leopard, Sloth bear, Wild pig and Peafowl etc.
- e. There are no other rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna reported in the area. [Note: The entry made in Item 8(v) of PART-II of the proposal may be read accordingly.]

- f. The forest land proposed for diversion does not form part of any National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor/ Wildlife Migration Corridor, etc.
  - g. There is no National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor/ Wildlife Migration Corridor within one kilometer from the boundary of the forest land proposed for FC renewal. The proposed mining area is 7.53 km and approach road is 7.70 km away from the Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary.
  - h. The forest land proposed for diversion is located within Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary (*by default 10 km as per Honourable Supreme court Order*). Which is notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
  - i. There are no Protected/ Archaeological/ Heritage Sites/ Defence/ establishments located in the area.
  - j. The forest area proposed for FC renewal is the bare minimum and unavoidable for the project.
  - k. There is no violation reported under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
6. **CCF, Hassan Circle Report:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle has inspected the site on 18-12-2024 [*Note: The SIR date mentioned in Item 15 may be read accordingly*] and agreeing with the recommendation made by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle has also recommended the proposal. Specific comments of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle are mentioned in Item 15 & 16 of PART-II/III of the proposal cited at Ref (4) above.
7. **Justification for seeking forest land which is rich in wildlife for mining:** The user agency has submitted clarification vide letter dated 18-10-2024 (*uploaded in the additional information column of Parivesh web-portal*), stating that "*the area sought for diversion under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is not a virgin forest area held under mining lease No.1234 by Mr. Sarangapani Mudaliyar (Since 1950's) and has been worked earlier. Further, the signs of old mine working can still be evidenced, the drone photo exhibits depicting the old approach road to the mine workings and other open pits*".
8. **Justification for seeking forest land even there is alternate revenue road which was being used before:** The user agency has submitted clarification vide letter dated 18-10-2024 (*uploaded in the additional information column of Parivesh web-portal*), stating that "*the alternate revenue road available has been examined for transportation of mined material and the local Gram Panchayat was interacted.*"

- a. *The Local Honnebagi Gram Panchayat has issued a declaration letter stating the revenue road connecting Gollarahalli village via Jogihalli to NH 150A is a village interconnecting small road not suitable or meant for heavy vehicles and dense traffic.*
  - b. *The road from Jogihalli to NH 150A has to pass through narrow and densely populated road of Chikkanayakanahalli Town.*
  - c. *As per, the Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Circulars (page-247) it is a statutory requirement that "all roads in and from the opencast workings shall be arranged to provide one-way traffic. Where this is not practicable, no road shall be of a width less than three times the width of the largest vehicle plying on that road unless definite turnouts and waiting points are designated". The revenue road is having a width of 3.5 mts which is not suitable nor confirming to the above circular for movement of vehicles (Width 3 mts).*
  - d. *As the above-mentioned revenue road is not suitable for evacuation of mined mineral, the present road is proposed for forest diversion considering already existing roads within the forest area. The drone photo exhibits depicting the already existing roads from mining lease area to NH 150A."*
9. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The User Agency is required to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land proposed for diversion as per Para 3.1 to 3.4 of the latest Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide order dated 29-12-2023. **The User Agency will be required to pay the applicable charges as per the order issued vide the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi letter F.No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06-01-2022 (guidelines regarding revised rates of NPV), dated 19-01-2022 (regarding proposals applicable for revised rate of NPV) and dated 22-03-2022 (regarding proposals applicable for revised rate of NPV). The User Agency has submitted an undertaking agreeing to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.**
10. **Safety Zone area and charges:** The user agency has uploaded the map depicting 7.5-meter Safety Zone Area inside the mining lease area with an extent of 2.05 hectares. As per, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, the new User Agency is liable to take up fencing and also the regeneration of safety zone area at its own cost. **The User Agency has submitted an undertaking dated 01-06-2022 agreeing to pay the cost of fencing of the safety zone area and the charges for regeneration of safety zone area.**

**11. Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** The User Agency is required to provide an equivalent extent of suitable non-forest land for raising Compensatory Afforestation in accordance with FC guidelines. Further, such land should be a private land in accordance with the Government of Karnataka Order No. FEE 88 FLL 2016 dated 31-08-2016 which mandates the User Agencies in Private Party FC proposals to propose CA land either as a Forest Enclosure or adjoining to a forest area in man-animal conflict zone.

Accordingly, the instant User Agency has identified the following non-forest lands of extent 43.10 hectares in Ponnachi Village of Ramapura Hobli, Hanur Taluk, 3.20 hectares in Gowdahalli Village and 1.95 hectares in Maddhur Village of Agara Hobli, Yalandur Taluk, Chamrajanagara District (Total 48.25 hectares) for raising Compensatory Afforestation details are as follows: -

District / Hobli / Taluk [Forest Division]	Village	Sl No.	Sy No.	Extent proposed for CA	
				Acre	Hectare
Chamrajanagara / Ramapura / Hanur  <i>[MM Hills Wildlife, Kollegal, Division]</i>	Ponnachi	1	96/A3	80.30	32.50
		2	96/AP2	5.90	2.39
		3	436/2	4.97	2.01
		4	437/2B	5.00	2.02
		5	439	4.46	1.80
		6	440	4.84	1.96
		7	441/3	1.03	0.42
Chamrajanagara / Agra / Yalandur  <i>[BRT Wildlife, Chamrajanagara, Division]</i>	Gowdahalli	8	53	4.62	1.87
		9	59/1	0.69	0.28
		10	59/2	0.35	0.14
		11	59/5	0.37	0.15
		12	59/5	0.12	0.05
		13	59/6A	1.75	0.71
	Agara	14	957	1.09	0.44
		15	960	2.32	0.94
		16	961	1.41	0.57
Total				119.23	48.25

The User Agency has uploaded the CA land details in the form of Topo Map, Geo-referenced Map along with the GPS readings of all corners and KML file in PART-I. Further, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Malai Mahadeswara Wildlife, Kollegal Division has issued the Suitability Certificate dated 13-11-2024, stating that the proposed 43.10 ha of non-forest land for CA purpose is suitable for raising Compensatory afforestation and the Deputy Conservator of Forests, BRT Tiger Reserve, Chamrajanagar Division has issued the Suitability Certificate dated 06-12-2024, stating that the proposed 5.15 ha of non-forest land for CA purpose is sharing boundary with the BRT Extn Block-1 (section-4 notified area) and not

suitable for planting seedlings, as it is having wild animals movement and survival of planted seedlings are doubtful. In this regard, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division has identified 11.00 hectare (*i.e., twice the size of non-plantable area as per Rule 13(1) of VSES Rule 2023*) of degraded forest land in Kenglapura Village, Handanakere Hobli, Chikkanayakanhalli Taluk, Tumakuru District for raising Compensatory Afforestation. The CA suitability certificates are uploaded in the additional information detail's columns of Form-A, Part-I.

In addition to providing the CA land, the User Agency is also required to pay the CA charges. Accordingly, **the User Agency has submitted the Undertaking in this regard.**

**12. Status of RoFR compliance:** With regard to compliance of the provisions of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act 2006 and Rules 2008, the User Agency is required to obtain and furnish the attested/authentic copy of the RoFR Certificate in FORM-II (for Non-linear/Hybrid projects) issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per Annexure IV, Condition No. XXV of the latest Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide order dated 29-12-2023. Accordingly, **the User Agency is being informed again to obtain the said certificate in prescribed format and submit a copy.**

**13. Wildlife Clearance:** As the forest land proposed for diversion is located within Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary (by default 10 km as per Honourable Supreme court Order). Which is a Protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the User Agency will have to obtain the wildlife clearance for the proposal from the National Board for Wildlife. **The User Agency is being informed once again to obtain such wildlife clearance for the project. However, the User Agency has submitted the undertaking dated 23-01-2025 for obtaining necessary clearance from Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (NFWL) if required.**

However, the draft proposal of declaration of Eco Sensitive Zone of Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary has got in-principal approval from Cabinet Sub Committee, Government of Karnataka. The proposed width of eco sensitive zone from the Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary varies from 1 km to 3.80 km in the draft eco sensitive zone notification and thus the proposed forest land for diversion is outside from the draft ESZ Boundary of Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary.

In light of the facts stated above and agreeing with the recommendations of the field officers, **it is requested to move the proposal with Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 48.20 hectare of forest**

**land (37.45 ha for mining and allied activities in the mining lease area and 10.75 ha for approach road outside the mining lease area of erstwhile lessee of Sri. Sarangapani Mudaliar) in Section-4 of Janeeru Block and Thirtharapura Reserved Forest in Sy No. 11 (Part) and 12 (Part) Gollarahalli Village for Mining and allied activities and in Sy No. 11, 12, 10 and 08 Gollarahalli Village, Sy No. 64 Hosahalli Village, Sy No. 49 and 48 Kodihalli Village, Sy No. 34 and 33 Tonalapura Village and Sy No. 55 Lakmenahalli Village for Approach Road to the mining lease area in favour of M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, Bengaluru subject to their getting a valid lease from the Director of mines and Geology and subject to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP Diary No. 1663/2019 and production of the RoFR Certificate in FORM-II (for Non-linear/ Hybrid projects) and further subject to the conditions specified in Annexure 'A'.**

The hard copy of the proposal along with the relevant documents in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful. The present status (Timeline) of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,  
Digitally signed by  
MEENAKSHI NEGI  
Date: 14-05-2025  
10:15:39


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

**Copy to the:**

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle, Hassan for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumkur Division, Tumkur for information.
3. M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, #2 Berlie Street, Langford Town, Bengaluru-560 025 information and **with request to obtain and furnish the attested/authentic copy of the RoFR Certificate in FORM-II (for Non-linear/ Hybrid projects) issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per Annexure II of the FC Guidelines communicated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide dated 29-12-2023 and to obtain such wildlife clearance for the project.**

### ANNEXURE - 'A'

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land.
2. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory Afforestation, Plantation cost of extraction of trees, Land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
3. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
4. The mining operation and transportation of mined ore shall be under taken between sunrise and sunset only.
5. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage and hypothecate the forest area.
6. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
7. No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980.
8. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
9. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
10. No labour camp shall be allowed on forest land and all waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
11. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests.
12. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
13. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 & Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
14. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
15. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.

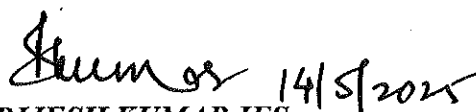
  
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**PART – IV**

*(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)*

<p>Detailed opinion &amp; specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks</p> <p><i>(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon.)</i></p>	<p>Recommended for moving the proposal with Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 48.20 hectare of forest land (37.45 ha for mining and allied activities in the mining lease area and 10.75 ha for approach road outside the mining lease area of erstwhile lessee of Sri. Sarangapani Mudaliar) in Section-4 of Janeeru Block and Thirthampura Reserved Forest in Sy No. 11 (Part) and 12 (Part) Gollarahalli Village for Mining and allied activities and in Sy No. 11, 12, 10 and 08 Gollarahalli Village, Sy No. 64 Hosahalli Village, Sy No. 49 and 48 Kodihalli Village, Sy No. 34 and 33 Tonalapura Village and Sy No. 55 Lakmenahalli Village for Approach Road to the mining lease area in favour of M/s Mineral Enterprises Private Limited, Bengaluru subject to their getting a valid lease from the Director of mines and Geology and subject to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP Diary No. 1663/2019 and production of the RoFR Certificate in FORM-II (for Non-linear/ Hybrid projects) and further subject to the conditions specified in Annexure 'A'.</p> <p>Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/154749/2022 [FORM-A]</p>
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Signature:

  
14/5/2025

Name:

**BRIJESH KUMAR IFS**

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation) AND Nodal Officer (FCA)

Countersigned by:



Name:

**MEENAKSHI NEGI, IFS**

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