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Field Inspection notes of Sri S. Ravi Shankar SFS., Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor on Mining lease area applied by M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites Hyderabad on 04.06.2021.

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Inspected the proposed mining area applied by M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites, Hyderabad for mining operations in compt. No.227 of Basavapalli RF, Chittapara beat on 04.06.2021 along with the Forest Range Officer, Chittoor west Range, Chittoor, Dy. Range Officer, Chittoor and Beat staff. During the inspection the followings points are observed.

- 1) Forest area proposed for diversion for quarrying of Black granite lease in favour of **M/s. Sri Vaishnavi Granites, Hyderabad** is located in

Compt.No.	:	227
Reserved Forest	:	Basavapalli
Beat	:	Chittapara
Section	:	Chittoor

Utility of Forest area proposed for diversion is as follows:

a) Mining including dumping area :	3.70 Ha
b) Safety Zone :	0.80 Ha
c) For Road formation :	0.32 Ha
Total	: 4.82 Ha

Observations:

The mining area is mainly confined to hillock top having both North-East & South-West aspect (slope) with hill tops in the middle. The Eastern most station of mining area is at 770 Mtrs distance to the Chittoor-Vellore Road.

The following are the tree, shrub, herb species and thorny bushes observed during inspection.

S.No.	Species name (local)	Botanical name (scientific)
1	Chigara	Albizia amara
2	Veluthuru	Dischrostachys cinerea
3	Vepa	Azadirachta indica
4	Pachari	Dalbergia paniculata
5	Musti	Strychnos nux vomica
6	Tapasi	Holoptelea inegrifolia
7	Maddi	Morinda tomentosa
8	Chilla	Excoecaria agallocha L.
9	Rela	Cassia fistula
10	Reppala	Wrightia tinctoria
11	Thellathumma	Acacia leucophoka

Among all, Chigara is dominant species associated with above tree, shrub & herb species. The **proposed mining site is rectangular in shape** with bend on eastern side and surrounded by scrub forest with same species mentioned above all around. There are no water bodies in the vicinity. There are no historical, religious, archeological, or recreational sites etc., in or close to the proposed mining area. The area does not fall in any wildlife sanctuary and National Park.

Measurable diameter class species are Chigara, Musti, Taniki, etc., Due to the underlying rocky strata the growth of the trees is stunted, and stagnant. The density of vegetation is more than 0.5. No Wild fauna was seen in the area. RF border is dug with continuous peripheral trench.

- 1) The proposed area does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor & Eco-Sensitive Zone. There are no rare, endangered/unique species of flora & fauna in the proposed area. There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument in the proposed area.
- 2) There are no works carried out in violation of FC Act in the proposed area.
- 3) The requirement of Forest land as proposed by the user agency is barest minimum for the project.
- 4) The applied mine area falls under Eco-class II Open Forests.
- 5) Photos of inspection are enclosed.


Divisional Forest Officer,
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To,
The Forest Range Officer, Chittoor West.

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