

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub : Renewal of Mining lease M.L.No.2365 of C-Category mines, recently allocated to M/s. JSW Steel Ltd, Toranagallu over an extent of 130.53ha & approach road 3.05 ha Total 133.58 hectares in Donimalai Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.

Ref: 1) Letter No. DMG/MLS/CCA/12/2365/2016-17 Dated: 26.10.2016 of the Commissioner and Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Bengaluru.

- 2) The Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated: 30.07.2015
- 3) Online Application No. FP/KA/MIN/25219/2017
Dated: 06.04.2017
- 4) M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu letter dated: 20.07.2017.
- 5) This office even number dated: 27.05.2017.
- 6) Letter No. ACF/TA/RFO(S)/TML-2365/JS/17-18 dated: 02.08.17 of The Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari.
- 7) This office even number dated: 27.09.2017
- 8) Your office letter No. M1/MNG/TML/TRF/M.L.No.2365/CR-3/17-18
Dated : 04.10.2017

With reference to the above subject, as per the clarification for objections raised by your office vide letter cited above reference (8), I am submitting clarification for the proposal No.. FP/KA/MIN/25219/2017 Dated: 06.04.2017 for Renewal of Mining lease M.L.No.2365 of C-Category mines recently allocated to M/s. JSW Steel Ltd, Toranagallu over an extent of 130.53ha & approach road 3.05 ha Total 133.58 hectares in Donimalai Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Information.
1	It is reported that the currency of Forest clearance period has expired long back i.e. on 08.06.2009 and simultaneously the mining lease period has also expired on 29.07.2008. Hence, please clarify whether this lease can be treated as a renewal or a fresh case.	In case of M.L.No.2365 i.e. C-Category mine Forest Clearance is granted by Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi vide its letter No. 8-46/1996-FC, dated : 24.04.1999 and also by Government of Karnataka in its order No. FEE-38 FFM-98, dated: 09.06.1999 for a period of 10 years with effect from the date of issue of this order (i.e.09.06.1999) over an extent of 125.58 hectares imposing certain conditions. The M/s JSW Steel Ltd has been declared as successful bidder of M.L.No.2365 (C-category mine) through e-auction over an extent of 130.53 ha (as per CEC sketch) further, the Commissioner, Department of Mines & Geology, Bangalore and has issued a Letter of Intent over an extent of 130.53 hectares for a period of 50 years lease period. The said proposal has been submitted by the User Agency (UA) in Form-B under Rule 6 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and, it is in order as per the said rules. It may please be noted that Form-B is "Form seeking prior approval under Section-2 of the proposals by the State Governments and other authorities in respect of renewal of leases, which have been earlier granted clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980".