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Ref:DNM/KIOM/159.01/2024/ 2653

Date:11.03.24

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Division,  
Ballari.

**Sub:** Diversion of 159.01 Ha of remaining Forest area within Mining Lease of Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine (ML No.1111) in favour of NMDC Limited, Donimalai, Sandur Taluk, Ballari Dist. (Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/6858/2014).

**Ref:** 1) Government of Karnataka Letter No.FEE.01.FFM.2020(E) Dated 05.7.2023  
2) PCCF office vide letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1(MNG)/57/2019-FC dt.27.09.2023  
3) DCF, Ballari's letter no: M1/MNG/NMDC/ML No: 1111/2018-19 dt.03/11/2023  
4) Our letter no. DNM/KIOM/159.01/2023/2634 dated 13.11.23

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above subject, NMDC Ltd., Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine (M.L.No.1111, M.L. area: 639.80 Ha) has applied vide online proposal number FP/KA/MIN/6858/2014 for diversion of remaining 159.01Ha forest land (which has been retained under section 2(iii) of F.C. Act, 1980 within the mining lease) under section 2(ii) of Forest conservation Act, 1980 for non-forest purpose such as Mining, waste dumping, etc.

While processing and scrutiny of this proposal, the Nodal Officer vide letter referred at Sl.No.(2) and DCF, Ballari vide letter referred at Sl.No.(3) sought additional point wise information. The point wise reply was submitted to your kind office vide letter referred at Sl.no. (4).

In this regard, we wish to inform you that after detailed discussion with technical team and mining, we have further modified the land use plan of 159.01 Ha.

Now, the proposed revised area for diversion is 101.52Ha and remaining 57.49Ha will be retaining under section 2(iii) of the FC Act, 1980.

The earlier land use plan submitted by NMDC has been reviewed and revised to 101.52 Ha, the details are given below. The above proposed revised land use plan is enclosed as **Plate-I**.

Break up of Land use		
Sl.No	Head	Area in Ha.
A	Area required for diversion under Section 2 (ii) of FC Act 1980	101.52
B	Area already retained within lease under Section 2 (iii) of FC Act 1980	57.49

The breakup of 101.52Ha which is required for Mining, dumps, approach road and mine infrastructure within the ML is given below:

Land Break-up (Area applied for diversion under Section 2(ii) of FC Act 1980)		
Sl.No	Head	Area in Ha.
1	Mining	66.00
2	Approach road and mine infrastructure	18.29
3	Dumps	17.23
	<b>Total</b>	<b>101.52</b>

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Out of total 159.01Ha original area proposed for diversion, the revised area of 101.52Ha forest land is required for processing under the section 2(ii) of the FC Act, 1980 and remaining 57.49 Ha will be kept as un-diverted and retained within ML under section 2(iii) of FC Act, 1980 as NPV charges have already been paid in the past. Further, by reducing the area required for diversion from 159.01 ha to 101.52 Ha, around 8,000 trees will be reduced from felling. The tree felling in the area of 101.52 Ha will be carried out in phased manner after obtaining tree cutting permission and as per future mining requirement.

IBM, Bangalore vide letter no.279/290/91/BNG-1120 dt. 29.10.2021 has communicated approval of Review and Updation of Mining Plan in respect of Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine (ML No.1111) over an area of 639.80 Ha (as per CEC sketch) for Iron Ore production capacity of 10.00 million tonnes. The copy of IBM approval letter is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

Submitted for kind information and necessary action for forwarding of the proposal to process under section 2(ii) of the FC Act, 1980.

Yours Sincerely,

  
11/03/24  
Chief General Manager  
Donimalai Complex

**Encl:** As above.







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सं/No.: 279/290/91/BNG -1180

दिनांक/Date: 29/10/2021

✓ सेवा में/ To,

M/s. Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine,  
NMDC, Limited, Post-Donimalai Township, Ballari District,  
Karnataka-583 118.  
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**Sub : Approval of " Review and Updation of Mining Plan" including Progressive Mine Closure Plan in respect of your Kumaraswamy Iron ore Mine ( ML No. 1111) over an area of 639.80 Ha (as per CEC Sketch) in Kammathuru village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka state, submitted for approval under rule 17(1) of MCR, 2016- Public sector / Forest / Non Captive/ 'A' Category Fully Mechanized.**

**संदर्भ /Ref:** (1) Your e-mail dated 06/09/2021 submitting therewith soft copy of "draft Review and Updation of Mining Plan including Progressive Mine Closure Plan"  
(2) This office letter of even no. Dated 07/10/2021.  
(3) Your letter No. KIOM/REVIEW & UPDATION MP/2021 dated 26/10/2021 submitting therewith final bound copies of Review and Updation of Mining Plan including Progressive Mine Closure Plan.

महोदय/Sirs,

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 read with Govt. of India order No.S.O.445 (E) dated 28.04.1987 and S.O.1857 (E) dtd.18/05/2016. I hereby **approve the "Review and Updation of Mining Plan" including Progressive Mine Closure Plan** in respect of your **Kumaraswamy Iron ore Mine ( ML No. 1111)** over an area of **639.80 Ha** (as per CEC Sketch) in Kammathuru village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka state. This approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is approved without prejudice to any other laws applicable to the mine from time to time whether made by the Central Government, State Government or any other authority and without prejudice to any order or direction from any court of competent jurisdiction.
2. The proposals shown on the plates and /or given in the document is based on the lease map/Sketch submitted by the applicant /lessee and is applicable from the date of approval.
3. It is clarified that the approval of your aforesaid Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan does not in any way imply the approval of the Government in terms of any other provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 or the Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydro-Carbon Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 and any other laws including Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or the rules made there under Mines Act, 1952 and Rules & Regulations made there under.



4. Indian Bureau of Mines has not undertaken verification of the mining lease boundary on the ground and does not undertake any responsibility regarding correctness of the boundaries of the leasehold shown on the ground with reference to lease map & other plans furnished by the applicant/ lessee.
5. At any stage, if it is observed that the information furnished, data incorporated in the document are incorrect or misrepresent facts, the approval of the document shall be revoked with immediate effect.
6. The execution of Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan shall be subjected to vacation of prohibitory orders / notices, if any.
7. The Approval of Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is strictly confined to the proposals contained within the mining leasehold demarcated as per lease sketch given by the joint survey team constituted by the CEC and duly authenticated by the State DMG. It does not convey approval to the proposals falling outside the Mining Lease boundary.
8. The Approval of Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is without prejudice to the final order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dtd.18/04/2013 in W.P. No. 562/2009 and interim orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time in the said W.P. Nos. 25910/2009 and 26083/2009.
9. A copy of Environment Impact Assessment and Environment Management Plan as approved by the MOEF, New Delhi shall be submitted to this office along with a copy of their approval letter, within one month of the date of such approval.
10. The Environmental Monitoring Cell of the company shall continue monitoring ambient air quality, dust fall rate, water quality, soil sample analysis and noise level measurements on various stations established for the purpose both in the core zone and buffer zone as per MOEF guidelines and keeping in view IBM's circular No.3/92, season wise every year or by engaging the services of an Environment Laboratory approved by MOEF/CPCB. The data so generated shall be maintained in a bound paged register kept for the purpose and the same shall be made available to the inspecting officer on demand.
11. In case the mining lease falls within a radius of 10 kms of National Park/ sanctuary, recommendations of NBWL have to be obtained as per the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court in I A No. 460/2004.
12. An yearly report shall be submitted to this office before 1<sup>st</sup> July of every year setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan.
13. The Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is approved for proposals contained therein and as applicable from the date of approval of the document for the mining activities to be carried out within the mining lease hold. The earlier instances of irregular mining/illegal mining, if any, shall not be regularized with this approval.
14. If anything is found to be concealed as required by the Mines Act in the contents of this document and the proposal for rectification has not been made, the approval shall be deemed to have been withdrawn with immediate effect.
15. You shall maintain the boundary pillars as required under Rule 12 of Minerals (Other than Atomic & Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.



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16. As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition No.114/2014 dated 08.01.2020, the mining Lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc
17. The Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is approved for the period from 2022-23 to 2026-2027 for total Mineral Reserves of **208.231** Million Tonnes of Iron ore (as on 01/04/2021) with Annual Production Capacity proposals valid for the following period with respective production capacity.

Year	Production Capacity in Tonnes (Iron Ore)
2022-2023	10000000
2023-2024	10000000
2024-2025	10000000
2025-2026	10000000
2026-2027	10000000

18. The approval for enhanced production of Iron Ore from **7 Million tonnes to 10 Million tonnes** for the period from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 is subject to Environmental Clearances from MOEF, Government of India and all the regulatory Authorities on or before 31/03/2022. If the Lessee fails to obtain the required statutory clearances, the approval for Iron ore Production from the year 2022-2023 shall be restricted to the existing EC limit / CEC capping of 7 Million Tonnes and the document needs to be modified accordingly.
19. The approval for the period from 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 is subject to extension of Mining Lease period beyond 17/10/2022 by Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Karnataka.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

संलग्नक : अनुलग्नक/ One copy of the Approved Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan.

(वी. जयाकृष्णा बाबू / V.Jayakrishna Babu)  
क्षेत्रीय खान नियंत्रक/Regional Controller of Mines  
भारतीय खान ब्यूरो/Indian Bureau of Mines

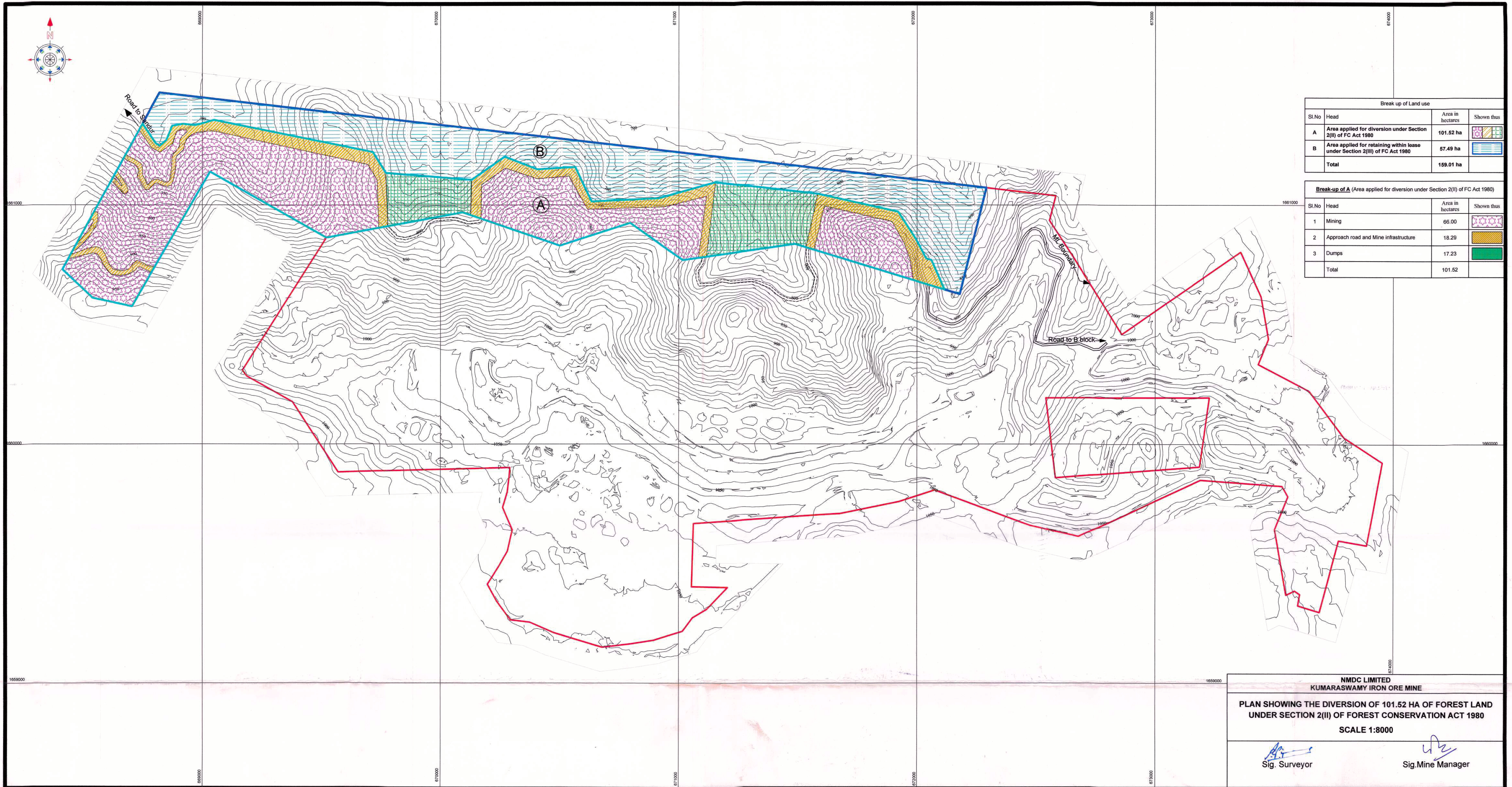
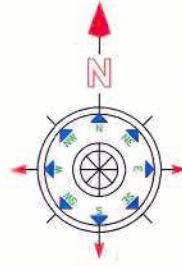
प्रतिलिपि सूचनार्थ/ Copy for kind information to:

1. The Director of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore, along with a copy of the approved Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan.
2. The Director of Mines Safety, Directorate General of Mines Safety, Bellary Sub- Region, 31, Infantry Road, Cantonment, Bellary - 584104.
3. The Controller of Mines (SZ), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore along with soft copy of the approved Review and Updation of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan in CD form.
4. Shri. Dhiren Bhushan, QP & DGM Kumarswamy Iron Ore Mine, NMDC, Post: Donimalai Township, Ballari District, Karnataka-583 118.
5. Mine file / Guard file

Encl: As above.

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NMDC LIMITED  
KUMARASWAMY IRON ORE MINE

PLAN SHOWING THE DIVERSION OF 101.52 HA OF FOREST LAND  
UNDER SECTION 2(II) OF FOREST CONSERVATION ACT 1980

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Sig. Surveyor

Sig. Mine Manager