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Date: 27.11.2025

To,

- 1. Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Chitradurga Division,
Chitradurga
- 2. Range Forest Officer,
Holalkere Range,
Holalkere

Dear Sir,

Sub : Diversion of 3.331Ha. under Section 2 of FCA 1980 for approach road to ML no 2677 through Gate 3 project of Vedanta Ltd in Megalahalli Village, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District.

Ref : 1. Our Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/144881/2021
2. Your office letter No: A6/FC/Vedanta/144881/CR-16/2023-24/2901 dated:15.11.2025

With reference to the above subject, we had submitted a proposal through the web portal for *ex-post facto* approval of the approach road to ML No. 2677 through Gate-3, covering 3.331 Ha of forest land in Sy. No. 20 of Megalahalli, Sy. No. 9 of Marijogihalli, and Sy. No. 6 of Bedarabommenahalli village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Hireguntanur Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga District, under Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

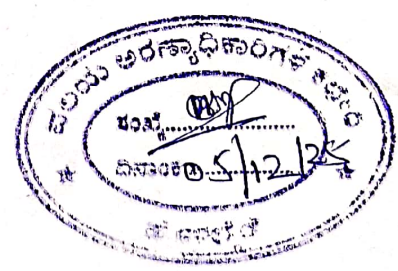
As per the letter dated 15.11.2025, from Deputy Conservator of Forest, Chitradurga, has requested to submit the latest compliance report in six copies to the Range Forest Officer, Holalkere Range, Holalkere.

We would like to inform you that we have already submitted the latest compliance report to your good office on 18.06.2025. Copy of the letter enclosed for your reference.

However, we are hereby re-submitting the compliance report in six copies once again for your reference. Kindly request you to process the FC proposal at the earliest.

Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,

(Narayan M P)
Head- Corporate Affairs, Iron Ore Karnataka



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CIN: L13209MH1965PLC291394

Sensitivity: Public (CA)

Date: 20.05.2025

To,
The Deputy Conservator of Forests
Chitradurga division,
Chitradurga

Respected Sir,

Subject: Annual Self Compliance report for the year 2024-25 towards condition stipulated under Forest Agreement between Deputy Conservator of Forests & Vedanta Limited Iron Ore Mine (ML: 2677)

References:

- 1. Forest Agreement between Deputy Conservator of Forests & Vedanta Limited Certificate No: IN-KA99270063749769N dated 22.01.2015.**
- 2. Letter No: A6/SESA/CR-89/2013-14/1291 received from your good office to resubmit the compliance towards Forest Agreement dated 22.01.2015 by attesting all the relevant documents**

With reference to the above subject we are herewith submitting Annual Self Compliance Report of Forest Agreement between Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division & Vedanta Limited along with the necessary annexures for the year 2024-25.

We would request your good office to kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Thanking You.

Yours Faithfully
For Vedanta Limited

Authorized Signatory



Copy To: The Assistant Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga division, Chitradurga

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Annual Self Compliance Report to condition of Forest Clearance issued by

**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Divisions),
Government of India for Vedanta Limited, Chitradurga (Mining Lease: 2677)**

Letter No: F. No. 8-81/1992-FC(Pt) Dated 30/12/2014

Period: April 2024- March 2025

S No	Clearance Condition	Compliance Status
1	Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged	Legal status of the diverted forest land is in the name of Forest Department.
2	All conditions- imposed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C)No.562/2009 (Samaj Parivartana- & others vs. State of Karnataka and others)- including R&R Plan prepared by ICFRE, Safety Zone Plan, other conditions imposed for re-opening of the mine, etc. shall be complied with.	<p>In adherence to the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 28.09.2012 for resumption of B category mines we have undertaken the following :</p> <p>We have paid the compensatory payment for the area outside lease area. Same was confirmed CEC in its letter Dated 13th Dec 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We have given under taking to CEC for payment of additional payment if held liable. ➤ Based on our authorization CEC had withheld an amount of 15 cr as guarantee money for R&R implementation. We had authorized CEC for deducting 15% of sale proceedings for SPV. Copy of the letter submitted to CEC has been submitted to your good office in the previous compliance report. <p>The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its final judgement dated 18.03.2013 has directed that SPV be collected at 10% of sale value and we are remitting the same.</p> <p>We have satisfactorily implemented the R&R plan prepared by ICFRE, Same was mentioned in CEC and Monitoring Committee report dated 15th Feb 2013. Monitoring Committee letter to APCCF dated 12.06.2014 have also mentioned satisfactory R&R implementation. Copy of the letter attached as Annexure-1.</p> <p>Monitoring Committee during their inspection on 30.08.2017 has also given a report stating satisfactory implementation of R&R. Report of inspection was submitted in the previous compliance reports. We have been refunded with an amount of 11.07 Crores of the guarantee money , pursuant to the directions of Hon'ble SC.</p>
3	User agency shall- pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	We undertake to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Already furnished in the proposal.
4	Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake by involving local community, the afforestation measures in the blanks within .the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted	We are already carrying afforestation measures by involving local community. We undertake to carry out the afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval by involving local community and in consultation with State forest department. During the said period we have carried

	under this-approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.	out total 10,140 no's plantation on finalized dumps, Green Belt and Forest area Details of the plantation carried out in 2024-25 are attached as Annexure-2 .
5	The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval. Shall be for a period Co-terminus with the period of. The mining proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development-&Regulating) Act, 1957 or Rules framed thereunder, subject -to a maximum period of 20 years.	We agreed for the same.
6	User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease.	Gap plantation is carried out every year with fruit bearing native species in nearby forest areas as per schedule of the approved R&R plan prepared by ICFRE under Supreme Court WP(Civil) No. 562/2009 to enhance the forest cover. Details of the plantation carried out in 2024-25 are attached as Annexure-2 .
7	The user agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per. the approved Mining plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the MoEF. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the user agency the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forest (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.	We undertake mining will be carried out in phased manner as approved in IBM Mining Plan.
8	"Following activities shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone: a) User agency ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone(7.5 meter strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) and its protection by erecting adequate number of 4 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the state forest department. b) In case of the mining leases adjoining the habitation stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease	Safety zone development has been undertaken as per the MOEF vide circular no 8-25/2010-FC 12 th July 2012, Which is also in line with R&R plan. The same has been marked on the plan attached in the proposal. The demarcated safety zone has been developed as Green belt all along the lease boundary except for the common boundary with RPC Mines. This green belt have been planted with Native fruit and shed bearing trees which is in line with the species approved under ICFRE Plan.

	<p>adjacent to the habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the user agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/regeneration activities in the safety zone.</p> <p>c) Safety zone shall maintained as green belt around the mining lease and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration shall be taken in this area by the user agency at the project cost under the supervision of State Forest department.</p> <p>d) Afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring, on and half times the area under safety zone shall also be done by the user agency at the project cost under the supervision of State Forest department."</p>	
9	<p>The user agency shall implement the Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy of the State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the state Government/Regional Office of MoEF&CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones.</p>	<p>The project area is already broken open completely as certified in R&R plan and Minutes of FAC, Hence no resettlement and Rehabilitation required.</p>
10	<p>The user agency shall undertake de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within 5Km, from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies whenever required.</p>	<p>We carry out de-silting of the village tank and other water bodies located within 5 Km of the lease. We have carried out de-silting even in the neighboring tanks time to time which were not affected by our mines. This year company has carried out desilting of settling ponds around the mining lease summing to 10,000 m³ of increase in catchment area. This has resulted in a trapping surface runoff and helped in ground water rejuvenation.</p>
11	<p>"Following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency at the project cost:</p> <p>a.Preparation and implementation of a plan containing appropriate mitigate measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams.</p> <p>b.Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion.</p> <p>c. Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls along the contour arrest sliding down of the excavated material.</p> <p>d.Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching so as to ensure that angles of repose/angle of waste dump at any given place is as per</p>	<p>We are taking up these activities as per the R&R Plan prepared by the ICFRE in WP(C) No. 562/2009.</p> <p>De-silting of nearby settling ponds and check dams is carried out periodically before the onset of monsoon to remove silt and increase the water holding capacity of the water bodies. Photos of desilting of the garland drain attached as Annexure-4.</p> <p>Overburden dumps once finalized are covered with Geo-coir mat and broadcasted with Grass seeds along with manure to develop green cover to prevent it from erosion. Inward sloping is done at each bench of the dump and garland drains are constructed. A total of 80,000 m² area of Dump-3 is covered with Geo-coir mat in the year 2024-25. Photo attached as Annexure-5.</p> <p>Details of the plantation carried out in 2024-25 along with the maintenance activity are attached as Annexure-2.</p>

	<p>R&R plan approved by Hon'ble supreme court and its orders in W.P (C) No.562 of 2009 and</p> <p>e.Strict adherence of the prescribed top soil management.</p> <p>f. Ample care shall be taken while reclaiming the mined area by employing suitable top soil management scheme and ensuring plantation of native species of the area.</p> <p>g.Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching so as to ensure the angle of repose at any given place is less than 28 degrees</p> <p>These activities shall be undertaken in consonance with the R&R Plan prepared by ICFRE in W.P.(C) No 562/2009 & approved by CEC by the user agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department."</p>	<p>As a part of the Vanmahotsava and Environment day celebrations we have conducted plantation by employees. Also, fruit bearing saplings were distributed to employees. To increase awareness of employees, we have organized poster making, slogan and poem competition for employees. Photos of the same attached as Annexure-6.</p>
12	<p>The user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the laborers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.</p>	<p>All the labors and staff are staying in surrounding villages. There is no staff and labor colony at mine held lease area. Hence no fuel wood depot is required. For other uses like canteen LPG is provided to canteen.</p>
13	<p>The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars each inscribed with its serial number forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar in consonance with the orders/Judgment passed in W.P.(C) No.562/2009.</p>	<p>We have completed physical demarcation of the lease area sought for renewal as per the Lease Deed Sketch by the Joint Team and approved by CEC. Same is mentioned in the Minutes of FAC held on 10th -11th June 2013 vide Page no. 2, Point no 2.</p>
14	<p>The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.</p>	<p>We undertake that we will not change layout plan without the prior approval.</p>
15	<p>The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.</p>	<p>We undertake that we will not use forest land for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.</p>
16	<p>The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the central Government.</p>	<p>We undertake that diverted forest land will not be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.</p>
17	<p>No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.</p>	<p>Complied. For the reduction of damage to flora and fauna, we undertake initiatives which include plantation inside and outside lease area, construction of check dams, gully plugs. We are providing drinking water to wild animals and birds during the summer season. Copy of letter attached as Annexure-7.</p>
18	<p>Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest</p>	<p>We will follow the same.</p>

	Department.	
19	The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds nests artificially made, out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project	The area is totally broken up hence there is no nesting trees required to be cleared. However, we have installed 200 no's of Artificial Birds nest and Feeders in our mining lease, office and nearby schools.
20	All other conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which the user agency has submitted undertakings shall be complied with.	Complied.
21	The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly	Self-Compliance report will submitted in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly.
22	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bengaluru may stipulate from time to time, in the interest of conservation protection and development of forests and wildlife.	All the conditions imposed by the Regional office, Ministry of Environment and forest, Bengaluru are capture in the agreement made between us and the DCF, Chitradurga. All the conditions will be complied in future as well
23	The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	We have complied and will comply in future as well.
24	Stage-II approval shall be subject to in-principle decision of the authority in the State Government in terms of section 8(3) of MMDR Act-1957 that in the interest of Mineral Development, if is necessary to renew the lease.	Noted.


Authorized Signatory



DD/R&R/

MONITORING COMMITTEE

No: DMG/R&R/2012-13/V-II/4

No.49, Khanija Bhavan, R.C. Road,
Bangalore-560001. Date: 12:06:2014

To,
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bangalore-3.

Sir,

Sub: Implementation status of R&R Plan -reg.

Ref: Your letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2011-12 dated 27.05.2014

With reference to your letter dated 27-05-2014 on the above subject, it is to inform that the mining lease of M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited (ML No.2236) was inspected by the Convener, Monitoring Committee on 27th April, 2013 and the implementation of R&R plan was found to be satisfactory. Subsequently our team have again visited the mine on 06th June 2014 and found the progress of implementation of R & R plans to be satisfactory. Substantial growth has been observed in the plantations grown in various locations suggested by ICFRE. The waste dumps have been stabilized by covering these with geo coir mat, plantations have been raised and construction of retaining wall has been completed to satisfactory level. Works like engineering measures for dump management, surface water management such as construction of retaining wall, check dams, settling tanks and gully checks are found to be satisfactory. As proposed in R&R plan, the lessee has developed Safety zone all along the periphery of the lease boundary except the common boundary workings. On the whole, the lessee has implemented the prescriptions of the R & R plan quite satisfactorily.


The lease holder has complied with the order dated 28.09.2012 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P (C) No.562/2009, by making payments for committing various irregularities such as illegal mining pit and illegal dumping of waste in proportion to the area encroached outside the lease area. Lessee has also given undertakings to pay for any additional compensatory payment if liable.

As per the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court the Monitoring Committee is holding the guarantee money towards R&R implantation and 15% of the sale proceeds towards SPV for the stocks sold prior to resumption of mining operations and 10% of the sale proceeds towards SPV for the fresh stock.

Further, in pursuance of the Order dated 18.04.2013 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, lessee has furnished all the valid statutory clearances along with the Temporary Working Permission issued by the Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore, under rule 24A (6) of MCR, 1960.

This is for your kind information and further needful.

Yours faithfully


5/12/16
Convener

Monitoring Committee

Copy to:

1. Secretary to Government, (Mine, SSI, Textile), Commerce and Industry Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore-560001.
2. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore.

12 JUN 2014

PLANTATION FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025
 VEDANTA LIMITED IRON ORE MINE (ML.No 2677)

Sl.NO	Local Name	Botanical Name	2024-25
1	Aralimara	Ficus religiosa	175
2	Akasha Mallige	Millingtonia hortensis	300
3	Basavanapada	Phanera purpurea	400
4	Biduru	Bambusa vulgaris	400
5	Banni Mara	Prosopis Cineraria	600
6	Booruga	Tabebuia rosea	200
7	Billi Mottimara	Terminalia elliptica	480
8	Gobbra Gidda	Gilicidia	1215
9	Hatti Mara	Ficus Glomerata	750
10	Honge	Pongamia pinnata	1150
11	Honne mara	Pterocarpus marsupium	100
12	Kaadu badam	Terminalia catappa L	350
13	Matti Mara	Terminalia elliptica	1000
14	Maavina Hannu	Magnifera Indica	600
15	Mahagany	Swietenia macrophylla	400
16	Mimusops elengi	Mimusops erythroxyton	200
17	Seema Hunise	Pithecellobium dulce	1680
Total			10,140

DE-SILTING OF VILLAGE PONDS

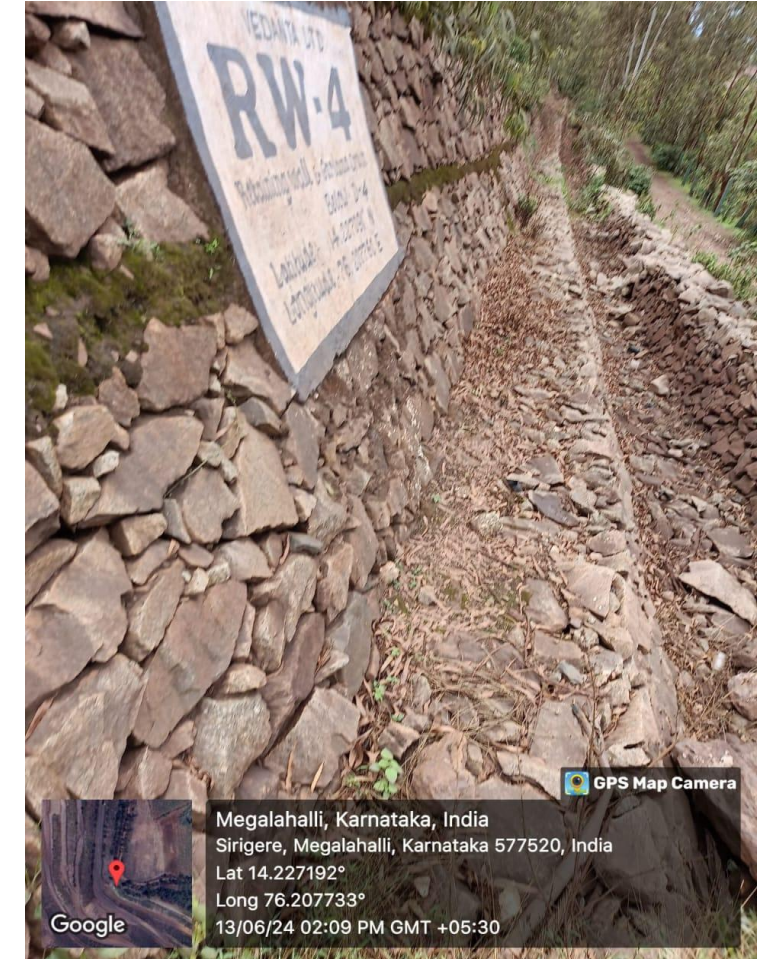


Desilting of Meghalahalli pond

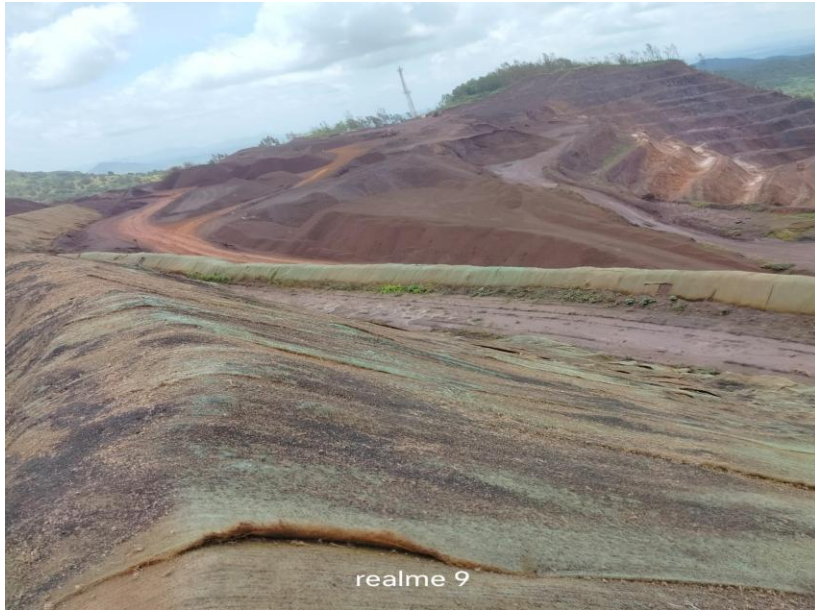
Regular Desilting of Garland Drains



Regular Desilting of Garland Drains



Drains after removal of silt





Day 1 Mass plantation & Env't Pledge in IOK and 2nd Half Rally in Meghalahalli School



Day-2 Medicinal Garden and Rainwater Harvesting at IGRS Kadleguddu



Day 3 Paper Bag Training and Drawing competition



Day-4 Nature Walk in Adumalleshwara zoo



Concluding Day event by distributing prizes in mines for Waste to wealth, painting ,poem and Sapling distribution to workmen and employees



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05th May, 2017

To,
Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Chitradurga Division,
Chitradurga, Karnataka- 577 501

Respected Sir,

Subject- Regarding arrangement of drinking water for wild animals and birds in dry season through water tankers.

Reference:

Letter No. A6/SESA/CR-89 /2013-14/183 received from your good office, dated 12.04.2017.

As a responsible corporate, we understand that wild animals and birds are most vulnerable to dry season because in this period, water resources available in their habitat drastically reduces and they are forced to wander outside their habitat in the search of water resulting in their untimely death and poaching. Thus, it becomes our moral responsibility to provide drinking water to these animals.

We have taken several measures to quench the thirst of wild animals and birds, few of which are-

1. We are providing drinking water to wild animals by keeping water filled barrels all along the road joining mines to railway siding near forest area. A total of 8 barrels are kept which are filled on a daily basis by water tankers. Many animals and birds were observed drinking water from these barrels. Photos of the same are attached as **Annexure 1**.
2. We have also kept water bowls on the pillars along the road side in the forest area to provide drinking water to the birds. A total of 20 bowls are fixed which are filled on daily basis. Photos of the same are attached as **Annexure 2**. Moreover, we are going to install 100 artificial Birds nest and feeders in our mining and forest area to provide shelter and drinking water to the birds.
3. We have taken up the job of desilting small ponds and check dams constructed in the forest area for increasing the water holding capacity of the water bodies which will be helping in harvesting enough rainwater for next dry season. Immediate results of the same were seen after a light rainfall occurred on 27.04.2017 where some of the check dams were filled with rain water. Photos of the same are attached as **Annexure 3**.

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Furthermore, we would request your good office to provide us your valuable support and guidance to carry out similar activities for ensuring the very survival of wild animals and birds.

Thanking You.

Yours Faithfully
For Vedanta Ltd.



P. Madesh
Head (Health, Safety & Environment)

Copy to: Range Forest Officer, Hollalkere Range

Annexures:

1. Photos of water barrels kept in forest area.
2. Photos of Water bowls kept for the birds.
3. Photos of desilting in forest area.

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