## Short narrative of the proposal and project / Scheme for which the forestland is Sought:-

- 1. The present application is for seeking permission in re-grant mining area as a larger area including this area was granted to one Sri. Sarangapani Mudaliyar in 1950's.
- 2. The Govt of Karnataka issued a public advertisement inviting applicants for re-grant of mining lease during 1999.
- 3. We applied for and were granted permission for mining over an area 178.30 Acres (72.15 Ha) on 19.03.2009 vide Gazette notification No.CI.37:MMM.2001(2) issued by the Govt of Karnataka after obtaining prior approval of Central Government through Ministry of Mines which they had granted necessary approval vide letter No.5/184/2007-M.IV, Dated: 17.03.2008.
- 4. Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, in W.P 45745/2015 by order dated: 14.12.2016 directed the state authorities to carry out survey & demarcation of mining areas. The Department of Mines & Geology, along with district authorities carried out the survey and as per the Jt.Survey sketch, an extent of 37.45 Ha (92.54 Acres) was assigned to Mineral Enterprises Private Ltd., Hence our forest proposal now is for 37.45 Ha + 10.75 Ha for road, total = 48.20 Ha (119.20 Acres).
- 5. The company is one of the leading Mining Companies involved in Exploration, Mining and Processing of minerals in Karnataka for more than Five decades. We are technically and financially well equipped to handle Mega mining projects and to implement projects in time.
- 6. The company shall cater to the needs of few domestic steel plants/sponge iron plants and also international commerce as well as the endeavor of set up value addition facilities.
- 7. The mining lease contains mainly iron ore fines, lumpy ore & Manganese ore, this mining project shall produce Medium-grade iron ore analyzing about 45-60.50% Fe content which is located only in the proposed area. It is estimated that about 16.32 million tonne of various grades of iron ore & 0.031 million tonne Manganese ore reserves/resources are available in this area which may considerably increase after stage wise exploration.
- 8. The company proposes to install Cutting edge modern crushing and screening plants in addition to magnetic separation including weighbridges and solar/wind power enabling it to be a green mining project.
- 9. The diversion of forest land for this area is sought for the first time as the Hon'ble Supreme Court only during November 2021 held that the area notified under Sec-4, Janeeru notification is forest & the proposed mining area is part of Sec-4, Janeeru corrigendum notification. The proposal is submitted for diversion of forest land for Mining & other auxiliary activities including the approach road outside the mining lease area.
- 10. This is a new mining lease area ( re-grant of earlier ML) and proposals are being forwarded for diversion of Forest land for mining purpose.

For Mineral Enterprises Private Limited

Authorised Signatory