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Date: 22.05.2020

To,  
THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS  
Ballari Division  
BALLARI

Respected Sir

Sub: Diversion of 28.310 ha of forest land (26.710 ha for mining and 1.60 ha for approach road) for mining purpose in favour the successful bidder M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete, Ballari District(erstwhile "C" Category M.L.No. 2559 of M/s karthikeya manganese & Iron Ore Pvt Ltd) in Subbarayanahalli village, sandur south range, Bellari District-reg

- Ref: 1. Your letter No:M1/MNG/MSPL/2559/2018-19/1987 dated 09.03.2020.  
2. Office of the PCCF HOFF bengalure letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/16/201/-FC dated: 10.02.2020.  
3. MSPL/SIOM/DMG/02/2019-20 , Dated :03.03.20

With reference to the above subject, we are here with submitting point wise document/ clarification in reply to your letter cited no.1.

Point No: (i) CCF ,Bellary in his letter dated 14.03.2019 has reported several Schedule-1 Species Viz, pangolin, bear, leopard, peafowl, wolf, monitor lizard, etc in and around the forest land proposed for non-forestry use. However, comments of chief wildlife warden on possible impact of Mining on fauna and mitigating measures ,if any required to be taken have not been submitted along with the proposal.

**Clarification:** We are in process of preparation of Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Measures/Plan and getting comments from Chief wildlife warden but it is taking time & delaying due to Nation lock down due to NOVEL CORONA VORUS (COVID-19) . The preparation of the same will take minimum of 4 to 5 months in normal situation and it may take further more time due to present situation of lock down. We will assure that we will prepare & furnish plan before Stage-II FC clearance. Hence, request you to process the file and approve Stage-1 clearance with condition to save time.

Point no.II. As per the lease sketch, prepared on the basis of joint verification of Forest, Revenue and Mining Department of the state, the area of the lease is 26.699 while the mining plan has been approved for 26.71 ha. Therefore, discrepancy in the lease area (Forest area) and area approved in the mining plan needs to be rectified by the state government.

**Clarification:** Originally the lease area of M/s karthikeya Manganese ( ML.no.2559 ) Block was of 27.20 Ha and In view of Hon`ble Supreme Court Order , the lease area was surveyed by Central Empowered Committee (CEC) and finalized the lease sketch as 26.71 Ha. On the basis of Findings of CEC, Hon`ble Supreme Court had ordered to cancel the lease and go for auctioning of the area vide order dated 18.04.2013. On the basis of Hon`ble Supreme Court order, Government of Karnataka had proceeded for auctioning of the Lease for an area of 26.71 Ha (Attached GOK Notification as **Annexure-1**)



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We, M/s MSPL Limited became preferred Bidder by participating in the auction Process. The Government of Karnataka issued a Letter of Intent for an area of 26.71 Ha (Erstwhile lease area of M/ karthikeya Manganese ML.no.2559 Block)( Attached as **Annexure-2**). Accordingly M/S MSPL prepared the Mining plan & got approval from Indian Bureau of Mines for the area of 26.71 Ha.( Attached copy of approval as **Annexure-3**)

During the process of FC application, as per the lease sketch prepared on the basis of Joint verification of Forest, Revenue and Mining department of state, the area of the lease was shown as 26.699 Ha after deleting the Overlapping area of 0.011Ha with neighboring lease. However, the actual lease area grated to us is 26.71 Ha only and not 26.699 Ha. Hence, there is no discrepancy in area of lease and no need to rectify the area in Mining plan.

However, we have requested Director, DMG Bangalore vide cited letter no.3. (Copy Attached **Annexure-4**) to give clarification and advise on this Mining lease area.

**Point no.(iii) :** All parameters , as stipulated in the guidelines dated 01.08.2017, incorporated at Annexure-III of the Handbook of Forest ( Conservation ) Act ,1980 have not been accounted for while estimating the benefits and loss of the project , revised Cost-benefit Analysis needs to be submitted by accounting for all the parameters stipulated in the guidelines.

**Clarifications:** Revised Cost-Benefit analysis has been prepared by considering all parameters , as stipulated in the guidelines Dated 01.08.2017

Here with submitting revised Cost benefit analysis ( **Attached Annexure-5**)

**Point No: (iv)** As the extant mine is a C category mine wherein violation of Forest ( Conservation) Act 1980 have been committed by carrying out mining without obtaining prior approval of the Central Government. Detail of penalties levied on the erstwhile User agency and penal payments made, if any, on account of violation of Forest ( Conservation) Act 1980 has not been mentioned in the proposal.

**Clarifications:** This clarification is connected to erstwhile lessee and Department can give clarification on this . Hence, it is not connected to us.

We also would like to inform you that we have time lines to start of mining Operations & to comply with the conditions as per the tender document and also as per the Hon'ble Supreme court order dtd 30.07.2015 in WP No.562/2009.

In view of consideration of timelines, request you to process our Forest clearance application for an area of **26.71 Ha** of ML area and Approach road area of **1.60 Ha** ( Total area of **28.31 Ha**) as per the **Proposal.No. FP/KA/MIN/31348/2018 (FORM-A)** at the earliest

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

For M/s MSPL LIMITED

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Vice president Mines & CC

