



Karnataka Forest Department

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad.

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No. A1/GFL/B/S.G.M/Jalligeri/CR- 1/2020-21.

Date: - -2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Sub: Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/42366/2019 Diversion of 39.90 Ha (39.70 Ha Mining lease and 0.20 Ha Approach Road) of forest land in Sy. No.45, 49 & 50 of Jalligeri Village, Kasaba Hobli, Shirahatti Taluka, Gadag District for establishing of Sangli Gold Mine in favour of Ramagad Minerals & Mining Limited, Hospet, Bellary District.
- Ref : 1) Letter No: A4/GFL/FC/RMML/Mining /39.899 Ha/ CR-09/2020-21/1834 Dated: 04-12-2020 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadag Division, Gadag.
- 2) Site Inspection & Recommendation letter Dated: 28.01.2017 & Dated: 14-12-2018 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadag Division, Gadag
- 3) Site Inspection Report of this office Dated: 12.01.2020.

Certified that I have inspected the proposed 39.90 Ha forest land in Sy. No.45, 49 & 50 of Jalligeri Village, Kasaba Hobli, Shirahatti Taluka, Gadag District for establishing of Sangli Gold Mine in favour of Ramagad Minerals & Mining Limited, Hospet, Bellary District. It was inspected by me on **22nd December 2020** along with Deputy Conservator of Forests, Territorial Division, Gadag, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Territorial Division, Gadag, Range Forest Officer, Shiratti and other staff.

It is well explained in the ref (3), the existence of flora-fauna and avian species as listed in the report are dependent on micro climate provided by Kappatagudda. These species of the area suggest that this area is ecologically '**rich**', '**valuable**', '**unique**', and '**irreplaceable**'. This proposed project may negatively affect the catchment and watershed of the landscape. Further, by virtue of their biological richness, they are potentially of high value to Human societies, help in maintaining the ecological stability of the area and are significant in conserving biological diversity. The uniqueness of the services they offer to human societies are precious.

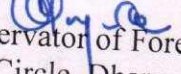
The part of proposed mining project lying in the Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary as notified in FEE57FWL2019 Dated:16.05.2019 may alter/destroy or disturb present ecological setup both in physical and biological levels which may not be possible to restore later at any cost. The perils, consequences and ecological losses as explained in reference letter are genuine and acceptable. The other parts of the project also lie in the ESZ.

This proposed project No. FP/ KA/ MIN/ 42366/ 2019 earlier submitted as FP/KA/MIN/26675/2017 was recommended for **rejection** under reference no. (2) by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Territorial Division, Gadag.

Under the reference no (1), Deputy Conservator of Forests, Territorial Division, Gadag expressed **negative impact** of this project on flora-fauna, groundwater, watershed-landscape, native medicinal plant species, etc., considering all the above elements in order to conserve the natural resources and maintain ecological balance, this proposed project is recommended for **REJECTION**.

The proposed site is ecologically **highly vulnerable** for commercial activities and Once again it is reiterated that such activities/projects should be barred /rejected in the future.

Yours faithfully,


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Dharwad Circle, Dharwad.

12/01/2021