



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The proposed site for diversion of 1.4406 Ha of forest land for approach road to and from Ubbalagandi Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 008) in Ubbalagandi Extn RF of Ubbalagandi Village, Ballari Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu for use as an approach road was inspected personally by me on 31st July, 2020.

The proposed unit of land measuring 1.4406 ha falls in Ubbalagundi Extn RF. The Forest area falls under Eco class-III with Southern Dry Deciduous type of Forests. The proposed area is sparsely vegetated with mostly herbs and trees like *Azadiracta indica*, *Glyrisidia meculata*, *Cassia siamia* etc.

The proposed forest land is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and Elephant Corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 18.98 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 17.62 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary. It is 16.83 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 11.37 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

It is observed that the total land area required for the proposed approach road is 2.353 Ha of which **1.4406 Ha is in Ubbalagundi Extn RF** and the rest 0.9124 ha in adjoining revenue land. Part of the proposed forest area (1.41 Ha) is being used as approach road for transportation of iron ore from the operational mine by M/s. JSW Steel Ltd under authorization of the Government of Karnataka (Temporary permission accorded vide letter No. APAJI-01 FFM-2019 Dt. 06.02.2020).

The proposal for leasing of forest land to an extant of 1.4406 Ha for approach road to and from Ubbalagandi Iron ore mine (ML No. 008) in Ubbalagandi Extn RF in by M/s. JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu can be considered for further approval.

Dated: 10.08.2020
Place: Ballari

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari