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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The proposed site for diversion of 22.2887 hectares (Revised from 23.863 hectares) of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine ML No.2629 in favour of M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd) was inspected personally by me on 13th April, 2022.

The M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited [erstwhile M/s. Mysore Minerals Limited] has submitted online application for diversion of 22.2887 hectares (Revised from 23.863 hectares) of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine ML No.2629 in favour of M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd) vide online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020 [FORM-A]) under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980.

The proposed unit of land measuring 22.2887 ha falls in Swamymalai (SM) Block. The Forest is of Eco class-III with Southern Dry Deciduous type of Forests. The proposed area is sparsely vegetated with trees like, Anogeissus latifolia, Terminalia tomentosa, Choloroxylon swetania, Dalbergia paniculata etc Area has been demarcated on ground by means of boundary pillars. Situated on a ridge to the proposed area is having steep slope. Hence, Soil erosion could be an issue. User Agency may be suggested to take necessary steps to prevent soil erosion and relate impact on the proposed site. Enumeration of the trees that need to be felled has been done.

The proposed area was situated on a ridge and is having steep slope. Hence, Soil erosion could be an issue. In this regard, office of the undersigned has suggested the user Agency to prepare Catchment Area Treatment Plan(CATP) to take necessary steps to prevent soil erosion and relate impact on the proposed site. Further to this, the User Agency has prepared and submitted the Catchment Area Treatment Plan(CATP) with the proposal. The same has been submitted for approval.

The proposed forest land is not part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. Further, the proposed area is 19.82 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 18.81 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary. It is 12.05 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 10.73 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary...

The proposal for diversion of 22.2887 hectare of forest land for pipeline Conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine ML No.2629 in Swamymalai(SM) Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited [erstwhile M/s. Mysore Minerals Limited] is recommended for further approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Dated:01.06.2022 Place: Ballari

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari