



**Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd.**  
[Formerly Known as Mysore Minerals Limited]  
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KSMCL/189/SIOM/Conveyor FC Proposal/2024/744

03.01.2025

The Deputy Conservator of Forest  
Bellary Division  
Bellary.583104

Respected Sir,

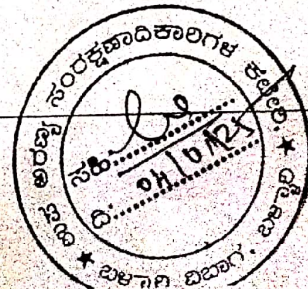
**Sub:** Reply to the queries raised by the Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt of Karnataka - Forests, Environment & Ecology Department, Bangalore regarding diversion of 22.2887ha (revised from 23.863ha) of forest land in Swamimalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for pipeline conveyor belt at Subbaryanahalli Iron Ore Mine in favour of M/s Karanataka State Minerals Corporation Limited.

**Ref:** 1. Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020 dated 24.08.2020.  
2. Letter from the ACS-FEE No. 4-KRC1495/2024-BAN/463 dated 26.11.2024.

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1. With reference to the above subject and cited reference, in connection with the queries raised by the IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore, to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt of Karnataka - Forests, Environment & Ecology Department (ACS-FEE), Bangalore, the compliance to queries from KSMCL based on available information is submitted as below:

Sl. No.	Queries raised	Compliance
1	The State Government has processed this proposal as per FC Rule 2022. However, Ministry in Supersession to Forest (Conservation) Rule, 2022 has notified the VAN (Samrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Rules 2023, as per the said rule and as per the Ministry guidelines dated 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, instant proposal requires recommendation of Project Steering Committee. Therefore, it is	The recommendation of the Project Screening Committee need to be provided by your kind self Office. It is not under the scope of KSMCL.







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	requested to provide the recommendation of Project Steering Committee for this proposal.	*
2	The cost: benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters provided in comprehensive guideline issued under the VAN (Samrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Rules 2023, It is required to furnish the revised C:B ratio under the VAN (Samrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Rules 2023.	The newly calculated cost: benefit ratio as per the parameters provided in comprehensive guideline issued under the VAN (Samrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Rules 2023 is submitted herewith (Annexure - 1). The same may kindly be submitted to the IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore
3	The approved Catchment Area Treatment Plan as suggested by the State Government has not found enclosed with the proposal. Therefore, the same may be provided.	The Catchment Area Treatment plan was submitted to the DCF, Ballari on 23.05.2022 and was approved and forwarded to the CCF, Ballari along with the proposal. The same is attached herewith for your kind perusal (Annexure - 2). The original held at your Department may kindly be submitted to IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore.
4	There is also a discrepancy with regard to total forest area proposed for diversion mentioned in PART-I of the proposal as well as with the corresponding KML file submitted for each component. Therefore, the same may be rectified and also the correct KML file of each component may be provided.	The area in the kml file mentioned during the submission of proposal online has been revised after DGPS survey along with the Joint inspection from the Forest Department. The revised kml file was submitted to the DCF, Ballari after the survey along with the revised plan. The same may kindly be verified and submitted to IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore.

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5	The MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide its letter No. 8-114/1992FC (VOL) dated 15/10/2019 had already accorded in-principle approval for diversion 19.898 ha., for the installation of conveyor belt. Therefore, the State Government is requested to clarify whether the any work has been carried out as per the said approval or otherwise, along with specific comments of State Government for submission of new proposal.	The reason for submission of fresh proposal was due to overlapping of the FC proposal with the FC proposal of BKG mine. Therefore, no work has been carried out in the field. The new FC proposal was submitted as per the directions of the then PCCF-FC & same may kindly be considered and re-submitted to the IRO, MOEF&CC.
6	State Government is also requested to clarify whether proposal has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal in-principle approval for which MoEF&CC has already granted in-principle approval on 15/10/2019, if so the status of the same may be furnished.	The request letter to withdraw the previous FCs pertaining to the installation of conveyor belt at SIOM was submitted to the PCCF-FC on 18.09.2020 and a copy is attached herewith for your kind perusal (Annexure - 3). Also, the withdraw option was selected in the online portal for the same proposal from the user agency's side. Further action may kindly be initiated expeditiously.
7	The State Government is requested to provide the status of the proposal of change of name of the user agency, which is under correspondence with MoEF&CC and State Government.	The approval for name change from the MOEF&CC, New Delhi has been attached (Annexure - 4).

In view of the above stated facts, it is requested to forward the above said proposal.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Mines Manager

Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited

Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mines

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