



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

No. M1/MNG/lakshmi/ML No.2545/Road/2020-21

Dated: 20.07.2021

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.32 ha of Forest land to access existing Approach Road to ML No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur taluk Ballari District in favour of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet. **(Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48654/2020 [FORM-A]) – Reg.**

Ref: 1) Online Application No. FP/KA/MIN/48654/2020 [FORM-A]
2) Proposal received electronically on 31.12.2020 from of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore
3) M/s. Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet letter Dt. 23.12.2020
4) This office even number Dt. 31.12.2020.
5) Letter No.TA&ACF/M/s.lakshmi/2545/Road proposal/2021-22 Dt. 06.07.2021 of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari.

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With reference to the above subject, the M/s. Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet has submitted the online proposal for diversion of 0.32 ha of Forest land to access existing Approach Road to ML No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur taluk Ballari District in favour of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet through Online Application No. FP/KA/MIN/48654/2020 [FORM-A]. The Nodal officer and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru has scrutinized and forwarded the same in the online portal. The User Agency has submitted hard copy of the proposal vide letter under Ref (3).

In this regard, the undersigned has directed the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari and Range Forest officer, Sandur North Range, Sandur to conduct field verification through Joint Survey and submit complete proposal for diversion of 0.32 ha of Forest land to access existing Approach Road to ML No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur taluk Ballari District in favour of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet.

Accordingly, Range Forest officer, Sandur North Range, Sandur and the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari has submitted the report vide letter under (5). A perusal of the records submitted and upon personal visit to the proposed site on 15th July, 2021, it is observed that the user Agency has submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.32 ha of Forest land to access existing Approach Road to ML No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur taluk Ballari District in favour of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet which is having Southern Dry Deciduous Type of Forest (Eco- class III). The proposed area is part of existing Approach Road. No tree cutting is required. Further, elucidated here under are the important facts & details about the Lease and the proposal;

a) **Introduction of mining lease under MMDR:** The Government of Karnataka, Commerce and Industries Department vide Notification No.CI 29 MMM 2005 Dt.30.08.2005 has accorded sanction for mining lease in favour of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals (ML No.2545) for a period of 30 years over an extent of 36.42 hectare. Further, the Government of Karnataka, Department of Commerce and Industries vide letter No.CI 111 MMM 2015 Dt.25.04.2015 has accorded sanctioned for deemed extension of mining lease (ML No.2545) upto 17.04.2057 as per the provisions of MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015. Accordingly, Mining Lease deed under MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 was executed on 02.08.2016 is valid upto 17.04.2057.

b) **Details of Forest Clearance for the said Mining Lease:** Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (vide letter No.4-KRC161/2006-BAN Dt.12.03.2007) and Government of Karnataka (Order No. FEE 152 FFM 2005 Dt.23.03.2007) have accorded Forest Clearance for diversion of 36.42 ha of forest land in Jaisingapura Village of Sandur Taluk for extraction of Iron ore in favour of M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete is for a period of 20 years. Thus, the present FC approval is valid upto 11.03.2027.

c) **Details of this instant proposal for Approach Road;**

(i) **Extent of Approach Road:** M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete has submitted a proposal for use of approach road to this mine over an extent of 0.32 hectares. Details of Approach Road extent is as below;

Points	Length (in meter)	Width (in meter)	Area (In hectares)	Remarks
Segment-1	106.25	10.25	0.109	Forest Area
Segment-2	106.00	10.25	0.109	
Segment-3	98.50	10.25	0.101	
Total of Forest Area			0.319 or 0.32	

Further, the Government of Karnataka has accorded Temporary Permission vide letter No. APAJI 15 FFM 2021(e) Dt.29.05.2021 to use of above (0.32 hectare) said Approach Road.

(ii) **Net Present Value (NPV):** the NPV amount applicable as per existing rates (i.e. Rs. 8,03,000/- per hectares) of Rs. 2,56,960/- may be recovered from M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete over an extent of 0.32 hectares. In this regard, M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete has submitted the undertaking.

(iii) **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** the user agency has identified C & D land in Sy.No.92 of Kallahalli Village, Hospet Taluk, Ballari District over an extent of 1.59 hectares for raising of Compensatory Afforestation. However, same has not been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. In this regard, M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete has submitted the undertaking.

(iv) Certificate in Form-I under Forest Rights Act-2006 from the Deputy Commissioner has not been issued yet. M/s.Lakshmi Minerals, Hospete has requested Deputy Commissioner, Ballari for issuance of the same vide letter Dt. 01.10.2020. Copy of the request letter is enclosed with the proposal.

(v) The proposed forest land is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor, etc. Further, the proposed area is 8.75 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 6.58 kms away

from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 36.70 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 32.30 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

The proposal for diversion of 0.32 ha of Forest land to access existing Approach Road to ML No.2545 in Jaisingapura Village, Ramanamalai Forest Block, Sandur taluk Ballari District in favour of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet is forwarded for further consideration.

This is submitted for your kind information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

- 1) Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru for kind information.
- 2) Copy to M/s. Lakshmi Minerals, Hospet for information.

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