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Ref: AISL / Pipeline / FC / Online / 2019-20 / 01

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2020

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Koppal Forest Division,  
Koppal

Dear Sir,

Sub: Identification of CA land for diversion of 1.84 Ha of Forest land in Kasanakandi village for laying pipeline and transmission line.

- Ref.: 1) Your letter reference No.: Land FC / Guttige / CR / 2018-19 / 876 dated 12.03.2019  
2) Our reply letter reference No.: AISL / Pipeline / FC / Online / 2018-19 / 03 dated 20.03.2019  
3) Your letter reference No.: DCF / KPL / FC / CR-2018-19 / 921 dated 25.03.2019

M/s Aaress Iron & Steel Limited Hosapete is setting up a 3.5 MMTPA integrated Steel Plant at Koppal District for which Govt. of Karnataka had allocated 12.55 MGD of water from TB Reservoir. The pipeline from the reservoir to the Plant will be routed through Kasanakandi Forest Area, Munirabad, Koppal District, which involves 1.84 Ha of forest land. In order to divert this Forest Land, we had applied for Forest Clearance during 2007 seeking prior approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

AISL had identified Compensatory Afforestation land at Sy. No. 131 / BP1 measuring 12.00 acres in the vicinity of Chatnihalli Village at Harapanahalli Taluk, Davanagere District. The same land has been mutated in favour of Forest Department vide Davanagere Dy. Commissioner Order No.: LND / CR / 324 / 11-12 dated 09.03.2012. Accordingly a suitability certificate was also issued by the DCF, Davanagere.

Further, during 2018, we have been directed to file a online Forest Clearance application under "Parivesh" website. Accordingly, the Company has resubmitted the online FC application. During the processing of online application, your good office has that, the Govt. had implemented a new Policy on Compensatory Afforestation Land dated 31.08.2016 and as per this Policy, the user agency need to mutate the private lands adjacent to existing forests. We would like to bring to your kind notice that, we had filed our original application during 2007 itself and mutated C & D land in the name of your good department during 2012. In this regard, we request your good self to consider our proposal as prior to Notification 2016 and process accordingly.

Please note that, the delay in processing the forest clearance application was beyond the limits of user agency. In view of the above, we sincerely request your good self to process our FC application and forward to the PCCF favourably.

Thanking You Sir,

Yours faithfully,

**For AARESS IRON AND STEEL LIMITED**

**Dr. Meda Venkataiah**  
**Authorized Signatory**