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Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA),
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Dear Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 3.253492 hectares of forest land in Deogiri (Swamimalai Forest block) & Ranjitpur Villages, Ballari District for Downhill Conveyor System (DCS) in Mining Lease No.2678 (Old 2580/1179) from Kammathuru Iron Ore Mine to PMBR (BMM) siding towards Mining Related Infrastructure Development under CEPMIZ

Ref: 1. Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 7 December 2017.
2. Our online Proposal: FP/KA/Others/31165/2018 dated 4 January 2018.
3. Your letter No.A5(1).MNG.CR.15/2017-18 dated 16 February 2018.

As advised, we submit our reply for the queries raised / clarifications sought in your letter dated 16 February 2018, as under:

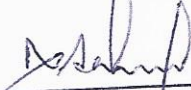
Sl. No.	Reference serial Number and Item title as in Form-A	Reply
	A-1 (Viii) Area of Forest Land proposed for diversion (in ha)	3.253492 Ha.
1	B-2.4 Component wise breakup	Survey was done by using both Total Station and GPS Instruments. Since Total Station method provides more accurate and reliable calculations than the GPS, the area has been calculated based on the readings of Total Station Coordinates only. GPS Coordinates of all the points have been provided only for reference. After re-examination of the extent, and as advised, by providing only the linear components, the DCS is 0.8445 ha, Service Roads is 2.408992 ha and the total extent is 3.253492 ha.
2	B-2.3 Village wise breakup	Deogiri (Swamimalai forest block) 3.253492 Ha Ranjitpur Village (survey number 54) Non-forest Land. 0.717 Ha
3	B-2.4 Component wise breakup	1. Downhill Conveyor System starts in the Mining Lease No.2678 and moves towards the outer boundary between Corner Pillars No. A 191 & A 192 and enters Swamimalai

		<p>forest block at an elevation of + 830 Mean sea level (MSL) and from there it steeply falls about 85 meters to + 745 MSL over a distance of 250 meters at an angle of 24 - 25⁰. An area of 1.927992 Ha of forest land is required in between the proposed conveyor corridor and the existing Kammathuru Cross to Ranjithpura road for making approach cum service roads (SR1) over an elevation difference of every 10 meters, for safe movement of material by Concrete Millers & Cranes and for safe erection of concrete pillars, lifting & fixing of Trestles & commissioning of about 24 meter conveyor gantry structures and maintenance of the same for smooth functioning of Downhill conveyor system.</p> <p>Accordingly, an area of 1.927992 ha is proposed for making approach cum service roads at an interval of every 10 meters over an elevation difference of 85 meters. The average Linear components for SR-1 is 220 meters Length & 87.636 meters width.</p> <p>2. The area applied for widening of Kammathuru Cross to Ranjithpura Main road vide Online proposal No.:FP/KA/ROAD/22294/2016 dated 15 November 2016 is not connected to the present proposal for Down Hill Conveyor System. Though the road is in the vicinity of the present proposal, the area being hilly terrain, there is an elevation difference between the two proposals and accordingly both cannot be clubbed together. Forest land requirement as proposed in the application is bare minimum for successful implementation of Downhill Conveyor System as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.</p>
4	C. Map of forest land proposed to be diverted	<p>1. KML files of proper polygons, duly generated in Online FC Portal by entering the coordinates, have been uploaded.</p> <p>2. The proposed extent has been verified and found to be tallying on the Online FC Portal with the corresponding component in item B-2.4</p>
5	L. Details of land identified for Compensatory Afforestation	A copy of Government Order & Mutation Order is uploaded along with translated copies of the same.
6.	General Observations	<p>1. Undertaking towards payment of Net Present Value (NPV) and Compensatory Afforestation Charges is uploaded.</p> <p>2. A note regarding the intervals (in meter) of service roads as required for maintaining the Conveyor Belt system is uploaded as Annexure - 1.</p> <p>3. Uploaded Copies are signed by competent authority / User Agency.</p> <p>4. Government Order of Compensatory Afforestation land & the Mutation Order of Survey No. 106 D documents are since in Kannada language, translated copies have also been uploaded.</p>

We have uploaded the requisite documents and information in the relevant fields in the online portal and the reply to your above referred letter with attachments are being furnished for your records. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same and we request you to please process our request for grant of FC at the earliest, we have to set up the Downhill Conveyor System (DCS) in a time bound manner in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court by its Order dated 7 December 2017.

Thank You

for The Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Limited



Md. Abdul Saleem

Company Secretary & Vice President (Mines)

Encl:

1. Copy of Government Order and Mutation Order for survey no 106 D of Tumuti Village in Sandur taluk of Ballari District & its English Translation.
2. Undertaking towards payment of Net Present Value (NPV) & Compensatory Afforestation.
3. Note clarifying the intervals (in meter) at which service roads are required for maintaining the Conveyor Belt System as Annexure 1.