

## OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The proposed site for diversion of 7.417 ha (Revised from 8.4641 Ha) of forest land for Infrastructure corridor between M/s. JSW Steel Limited and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt Ltd in Sy. No.74 & 76 of Yarabanahalli Village in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District & Division, Karnataka was inspected personally by me on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

Proposed area is land given for Compensatory Afforestation by M/s. Ballari Steel Alloys Limited, Ballari against their Mining Proposal. The area has been proposed for Notification under Section-04 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Said area is mostly devoid of vegetation and Afforestation under CAMPA is being taken-up during 2020-21 & 2021-22. Proposed component wise details of Area sought for diversion are as following;

Com	ponent-wi	se Are	a Calcul	lation			
	Forest			Non-forest			
Components	L (km)	W (m)	A (Ha.)	L (km)	W (m)	A (Ha.)	
Fencing & Gas Pipeline	2.00459	2.5	0.5011	0.095243	2.5	0.02381	
Green Corridor	2.00459	1.5	0.3007	0.095243	1.5	0.01429	
Drain-1	2.00459	1.5	0.3007	0.095243	1.5	0.01429	
Carriage Way-1	2.00459	7	1.4032	0.095243	7	0.06667	
Avenue Median	2.00459	1	0.2005	0.095243	1	0.00952	
Carriage Way-2	2.00459	7	1.4032	0.095243	7	0.06667	
Drain-2	2.00459	1.5	0.3007	0.095243	1.5	0.01429	
OFC/Tele Cables, UG Water Pipeline, HT Transmission Line	2.00459	15	3.0069	0.095243	15	0.14286	
Total		37	7.417	- 1	37	0.3524	

Village and Survey number wise details of proposed Area for diversion are as following;

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Survey number wise Village wise Area									
Sy. No.	Village	Length	Width	Extent	Total	Remarks /Status			
74	Yarabanahalli	1221.35	37	4.519		Forest Non-			
76	Yarabanahalli	783.24	37	2.898	7.417				
58	Musenayakanahalli	95.243	37	0.3524	0.3524				
	Total	2099.833	-	7.7694	7.7694	forest			

It is felt that the proposed width of the planned corridor (37m) was on higher side and thus clarification was sought from the proponent about the same (Vide letter Dt.17.05.2021). Giving the details of dimensions/width required for various components of the said project, the proponents/User Agency has justified the proposed width of 37 meter (vide letter Dt.25.05.2021). The Proponents have also given reasons/justification for proposing the said

new road against the probability of either using the existing PWD Road or proposing a new road in revenue land.

The proposed forest land is not part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and Elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 10.78 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 9.30 km away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 27.66 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 21.75 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

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Dated: 27.04.2021 Place: Ballari Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari