

## एन एम डी सी लिमिटेड N M D C Limited

( भारत सरकार का उद्यम / A Govt. of India Enterprise)

दोणिमले लौह अयस्क खान / Donimalai Iron Ore Mine

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## DNM/F D-Corr./2018/ 2052

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,

Ballari Division,

Ballari.

Sub:- Violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 by NMDC, KIOM-M L No 1111 reg.

Ref:- Your Letter No. M1/MNG/NMDC/ML No.1111/2017-18/2790 dtd.12.03.2018

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above, a meeting was conducted by NMDC Officials with CCF, Ballari on 08.03.2018 to discuss the issues mentioned in your referred letter. During the discussion, the issue of fixing chain link mesh along the mine lease boundary KIOM (M.L.No.1111) was also discussed. It was informed by the NMDC Officials that the fencing work was carried out as per the order received from Department of Mines & Geology (DMG), Hospet dated 17.10.2014 and it is very much needed to restrict the un-authorized entry of men and wild animals in the highly risky mining operations zones viz. zones of movement of Heavy Earth Machinery, blasting zones etc.

This is further to inform that whatever structures have been constructed in the diverted forest area are temporary only and will be demolished during the closure of the mine. After demolition of all the structures, the area will be rehabilitated as per approved R &R Plan of CEC and the rehabilitated forest area will be handed over to Forest Department at the end of the life of the mine. All these structures have been made in land diverted for non-forest use and life of these structures are co-terminus with that of the mine.

Further, it is also submitted that the Forest Officials have never been restricted or objected for entering in to the forest zone except during exceptional circumstances like conducting of blasting etc. when there is risk to the life of persons entering into such zones.

From inception of the mine, NMDC Ltd., KIOM has followed all the directions issued by the State Forest Department and has not violated any rules & regulations. In view of the above, it is requested that coercive action should not be taken against NMDC Ltd., KIOM.

In view of the above submission, it is requested to take-up the processing of the diversion proposals submitted by NMDC Ltd.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

General Manager (Prodn.)

Dated:17.04.2018