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To,

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer
Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, 18th Cross
Bangalore - 560003

Sub: Diversion of 4.165 hectare of forest land proposed for approach road, Downhill Pipe Conveyor (DPC) and service roads for ML No. 2290 ('C' Category mine of M/s. VS Lad & Sons) in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd.

Ref.:

1. Your office letter no. A5(1).MNG.CR.5/2017-18 dated 11.09.2017
2. Our Proposal No. FP/KA/OTHERS/26566/2017

Respected Sir,

We, M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. had submitted an online proposal on 01.08.2017 against the query raised by your good office letter dated 17.07.2017. After a thorough examination, your good office has raised a few more queries as referred above. (ref. 1) The following are the parawise justification/additional details to the queries raised:

Remarks/shortcomings raised	Justification/replies/additional details
B-2.4 Component wise breakup: Proposed Conveyor Belt (OPC), which is less than 800 m in length, crosses the existing/ proposed approach roads at 3 points already. The reason as to why 4 additional service roads in this small forest patch are required by UA is not clear. This is in total contrast to another F'C proposal(No.F'P/KA/Others/27780/2017) involving more than 2 km DPC by the same User Agency where the UA has not asked for any service road in entire length. Therefore, justification for 4 proposed service roads in such a small DPC length may please be furnished.	A detailed signed justification is attached with this letter and the same is attached in the additional information section of the Form-A of this proposal.

L. Details of land identified for Compensatory Afforestation

On comparison of the revised CA land location with Topo map and Google imagery, it is noticed that the boundary of the proposed CA land is shifted resulting in partial overlap of proposed CA land with existing Reserve Forest. The CA land identified for this project should be contiguous (abutting) and not overlapping with the existing Reserve forest. Hence, it is requested to upload the satellite imagery showing the proposed CA land vis-à-vis adjoining RF land certified/countersigned by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division.

The CA land in question is the land belonging to a number of local people of Gavali village and is in the middle of the Reserve Forest in Gavali Village, Khanapur Taluk. We have entered into agreement with the owners to buy the said land in Sy. 71 & 72 of Gavali village and the copy of the agreement has already been submitted as required under the guidelines of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

However, there are some dispute regarding the ownership of the said land and it is under verification in the office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests & Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi. This may take some time for the verification.

Since, the proposal is under process for Stage-I clearance and the verification of the ownership of the said CA land may take some more time, we request you to kindly consider the proposal and forward the same to the DCF, Ballari for further processing. Further, we write to state that in case of any dispute with the uploaded CA Land, we shall furnish an alternate CA land in case if the said CA land is not at all possible to be considered for CA.

In view of the shortcomings highlighted by your good office, we have given a detailed justification. We request you to kindly consider the proposal and recommend accordingly.

Yours faithfully

Authorized Signatory
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JSW STEEL LIMITED

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For JSW Steel Ltd., Vijayanagar Works,
Toranagallu, Ballari, Karnataka