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Queries raised	Replies by User Agency
<ul> <li>1. C(ii)(b) Kml File of Segments</li> <li>KML file of 8.4939 hectare as against 8.4641 ha is uploaded. The text 'Area in KML increases by -0.4% while exporting from AutoCAD to KML File' is given as the reason for such variation.</li> <li>KML files (Polygons) of the two blocks (M/s JSW Steel Ltd and M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd) which are to be connected through the proposed Corridor are also required for examination of the proposal in a holistic manner.</li> </ul>	
1. Please ensure that the extent of KML Polygon of the forest land proposed for diversion is exactly the same (including decimals) as that given in different relevant Items. [Note: The reason for variation of KML extent from AutoCAD drawing referred to in the remarks is an internal matter of the User Agency.]	1. We have rectified the errors and ensured that the extent of Polygon of the forestland proposed for diversion and non-forest land are exactly same as given in the relevant items i.e. 8.4641 Ha.
2. Please upload the following KML files/sub-files with 'Polygon' feature, inbuilt 'measurement' option and proper identifiable File names. a. KML file/sub-file of outer boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion in one colour [already uploaded] b. KML file/ sub-file of the non-forest segment of the proposed corridor in a different colour [already uploaded] c. KML file/ sub-file of the two non-forest block (M/s JSW Steel Ltd and M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd, that are to be connected to one another) in yet another colours [required]	<ol> <li>A combined KML file with subfiles are uploaded in the respective section of the online form:         <ol> <li>It is ensured that outer boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion is in one colour – Magenta Colour.</li> <li>It is ensured that outer boundary of the non-forest segment is in one colour – Saffron colour.</li> <li>It is ensured that the two polygon sub-files of both the non-forest blocks i.e. M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. &amp; M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd. In different colors i.e. Blue &amp; Purple colors.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
3. Please ensure that the KML polygon extents matches exactly with the extent shown in Item B-2.4, Maps, corresponding GPS readings and also with the existing features on ground seen on satellite imagery.	3. We have ensured that the extent of the KML polygon is matching with the extent shown in Section B-2.4 and maps and respective items
<ul> <li>using GPS or Total Station</li> <li>Only a mosaic Geo-referenced Map consisting of Part Maps of Yarabanahalli and Musenayakanahalli Villages is uploaded. More maps are required for better clarity.</li> <li>Boundaries of the two blocks (M/s JSW Steel Ltd and M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd) which are to be connected through the proposed corridor are also required for examination of the proposal in a holistic manner.</li> </ul>	of the forest land proposed to be diverted prepared by
1. Please upload the following types of Georeferenced Maps (all maps merged into a single PDF File) showing the forest area proposed for diversion, non-forest segment as well as the boundaries of the two blocks (M/s JSW Steel Ltd and M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd) which are to be connected, on the following two scales.  a.MAP-I: Mosaic Map on appropriate scale showing the proposed Corridor as well as the complete boundaries of the two blocks (M/s JSW Steel Ltd and M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd) [required]	1. As per the instructions, after merging all four maps viz. Map-I, II, III, IV, the total size of the file exceeds 20 MB, which is maximum size of the file, the portal accepts. Therefore, we have uploaded Map-II in Section C(ii)(b) and all the maps in Additional Information Section individually.

- b. MAP-II: Mosaic Map on appropriate scale [uploaded, but the boundaries of the two blocks, viz., M/s JSW Steel Ltd and M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd also need to be shown in different colours]
- c. MAP-III: Ordinary Village Map scale (1:7920) showing the entire M/s JSW Steel Ltd Block along with the corridor connectivity in different colours [required]
- d. MAP-IV: Ordinary Village Map scale (1:7920) showing the entire M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd Block along with the corridor connectivity in yet different colours [required]
- 2. Please ensure that each of the above maps:
  - a. Is original (and not a photocopy);
  - b. Has a proper Map Index and Map Title;
  - c. Is duly ink-signed by User Agency;
  - d.Shows all Survey Numbers and boundaries in and around the project area clearly;
  - e. Shows the entire Project area (including the two blocks (M/s JSW Steel Ltd and M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd) with forest and non-forest segments/patches shown in different colours;
  - f. Gives the Length (m) and Width (m) of the corridor proposed within forest land;
  - g. Has a list of GPS readings (Datum: WGS-84; in Degree decimals) of all corner points of forest area proposed for diversion, i.e., the proposed corridor [Note: After Stage-I approval, RCC pillars will have to be provided at all these GPS points. However, temporary stone pillars are sufficient for field verification at present.]
  - h. Has the GPS points (serial numbers) distinctly marked on the corresponding corner of the forest polygon proposed for diversion shown on the map.

2. We have ensured that all the maps are original and ink-signed by the user agency/applicant and have been uploaded after scanning the same. The maps are prepared after ensuring that Map Index, Map Title, Survey Numbers and boundaries in and around the project area are incorporated.

The maps show the entire Project area (including the two blocks M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. (in Blue color) and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd. (in Purple color) with forest (in Magenta color) and non-forest (in Yellow color) segments/patches shown in different colors.

The dimension of the proposed corridor is provided in all the maps and has been ensured that they have the list of GPS readings (Datum: WGS-84, in degree decimal) of all corner points of forest area proposed for diversion, i.e., the proposed corridor. The same GPS readings have been marked in the maps with the Point ID on the respective corner of the forest polygon proposed for diversion shown on the map.

3. D(i) Copy of note containing justification for locating the Project in forest land

(ii) Whether a copy of map indicating location of alternative examine is required to be provided (a) Reason for not providing such map

- Justification Note uploaded in Item D(i) does not clarify on following points:
  - Which route(s) is/are presently available for the designated purpose?
  - o Whether an alternative route through non-forest land nearby (which is possible as per satellite imagery) has been explored? If yes, what are the exact reasons for discarding such a route. [Note: Statement that 'An approach through the revenue patta lands is ruled out, since majority of the land between JSW and Neotrex is utilised by M/s Kariganur Mining Minerals Industry Pvt. Ltd for expansion of its sponge iron plant capacity. ' is not sufficiently valid in absence of supporting information to justify the proposed forest diversion.]
- The 'NO' option is selected in Item D(ii) and the text 'Shortest, feasible & safe access btw 2 industries' is given as the reason for not uploading



the map indicating location of alternative(s) examined before zeroing in on the presently proposed alignment through forest land.

- 1. Please note that the project is primarily non-site specific especially in view of the fact that alternative alignment through non-forest land nearby is theoretically possible.
- 2. Please also note that the shortest distance cannot be accepted as the valid reason for justifying forest diversion. The Government of India specifically seeks the map showing alternatives (non-forest) examined by User Agency in Item D(ii)(a) and also the reasons for discarding such alternatives in favour of forest land in all proposals involving site specific projects.

## 3. It is thus advised to:

- a. Examine at least 1-2 alternatives (non-forest) and <u>upload a map on appropriate scale showing such alternatives as well as the presently proposed location</u> in Item D(ii)(a); and
- b. Provide the detailed valid reasons as a separate Note (merged with the abovementioned Map into a single PDF file) in this Item why each of these alternatives has been discarded in favour of presently proposed location in forest land.

- 1. The alternate alignments(s) were explored by the company before filing the application to the forest dept.
- 2. We had explored all the possible alternatives before filing the application. The context of 'shortest distance' is purely to project that minimum forestland is being diverted. However, the vehicle carrying raw material to NSPL Site covers/travels/traverse approx. 7.5 km before reaching to the start point of proposed corridor, whereas in one of the alternative, extent of the distance is 2.5 km before entering into forest/defence land & utilize 15.48 ha. lands against 8.4641.
  - a. The company has explored three alternatives and evaluated the pros and cons before finalizing the corridor. A map of the same on appropriate scale is uploaded in the respective section.
  - b. We have uploaded a **separate note** (merged with the map) providing the reasons to discard the alternatives in favor of presently proposed location in forestland.

4. K(i)( a) Copy of documentary evidence in support of settlement of rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted

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The 'No' option is selected. Please note that RoFR Compliance Certificate FORM-I (for Linear projects) issued by Deputy Commissioner as per the latest FC Guidelines issued by GOI, MOEF&CC, New Delhi vide F. No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019 (available on FC Web Portal) will have to be submitted before final approval under FC Act.

Since the process for settlement of Rights under the Forest Rights Acts 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted has not been completed for the whole forest area in Ballari district, we the user agency are supposed to application at concerned submit the Commissioner's office, Ballari. We can only submit the application for FRA Form-I, once this initial online application is accepted from your good office. Therefore, we have selected "No" option. However, after submission of the application, the process will be completed within the stipulated time period for compliance of stage-I conditions and we will submit the FRA Form-I certificate to all the concerned forest dept. offices.

## 5. Details of land identified for Compensatory Afforestation

- 1. Please note that only such land which is absolute property of the land owner can be accepted as CA land. Government land enclosed within such land will not count for CA extent. [Note: RTC shows only 20-20 Acre-Gunta (and thus 8.296 ha as against required 8.47 ha or 8.50 ha) land under private ownership.]
- Please also note the proposed CA land needs to be eligible in accordance with Para 2.1 & 2.3 of the FC Guidelines and also the Government of Karnataka Order FEE 88 FLL 2016 dated 31-
- 1. The proposed lands are registered and transferred to the Forest Dept. by the absolute owners only. The said lands stand mutated in the name of Forest Dept. We are providing 0.298 ha i.e. land from Kuruvalli Village, Siruguppa Taluk in Ballari District, for compensatory afforestation to sum up to 8.47 ha.
- 2. The land parcel provided for this project is adjacent to already allotted CA Land parcels for other project of JSW and the same are in the process at various stages. These lands are adjacent to existing forestlands.

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- 3. Please upload an additional Geo-referenced Map (merged with the presently uploaded Geo-referenced Map into a single PDF file) showing the CA land proposed for instant proposal as well as all other CA lands assigned for other FC proposals (each polygon shown in a different colour) of the User Agency in the same Village (entire Village Map) on ordinary Village Map scale (1:7920) ensuring that the Map:
  - a. Is original (and not a photocopy);
  - b. Has a proper Map Index and Map Title;
  - c. Is duly ink-signed by User Agency;
  - d. Shows all Survey numbers and boundaries clearly;
  - e. Shows each CA land parcel in a different colour;
  - f. Has a Table containing the Village name, Survey numbers, Survey number-wise extent (Acre-Gunta & Hectare) of CA land proposed for different FC proposals (Proposal Number and without clubbing) in the village;
  - g. Has a list of GPS readings (Datum: WGS-84; in Degree decimals) of all corners/ turning points of the proposed CA land of the present proposal [Note: After Stage-I approval, proper pillars will have to be provided at all these GPS points. However, temporary stone pillars are sufficient for field verification at present.]
  - h.Has the <u>GPS points (Serial numbers)</u> <u>prominently marked</u> on corresponding points on the Map.
- 4. Please upload an additional KML files/sub-files (while retaining the presently uploaded KML file) with 'Polygon' feature, inbuilt 'measurement' option and proper identifiable File Names for other CA lands assigned for other FC proposals (each polygon shown in a different colour) of the User Agency in the same Village.

3. We have uploaded the sought map as required for entire village map on 1:7920 scale as per the instructions.

4. We have uploaded the sought KML file as per the instructions

## 6. Additional Information Details/ General

- 1. Please upload the following additional information/documents.
  - a. Memorandum of Understanding/ Agreement or a similar document indicating the willingness of both Companies (M/s JSW Steel Ltd and M/s Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd) to have a long term business (that will involve use of the proposed corridor) with each other;
  - b.Clarification (on official letterhead) whether the User Agency has any connection (in terms of common shareholding) with M/s Neotrex

- 1. The following documents are uploaded as per the instruction:
  - Additional information with regard to MoU will be provided separately after obtaining from the Corporate Office/Head Office located in Mumbai, as it is under process.

However, we have uploaded an undertaking to provide the same on receipt, in additional information section. In the meantime, it is vid requested to kindly consider our application for further process.

b. Additional information with regard to the clarification note will be provided separately after obtaining from the Corporate Office/Head Office

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Steel Pvt. Ltd; If yes, please provide the details;

- c. Undertaking (on official letterhead) that the User Agency will provide alternate CA land, if the present CA land is found to be ineligible and will take full responsibility in case of legal complications, if any, in the CA land transfer at a later stage [Note: CA land mutation and transfer is required only after Stage-I approval and not before that. Any such transfer before Stage-I approval is solely at the risk and cost of the User Agency.]
- d.Map on appropriate scale showing the nonforest lands under M/s Kariganur Mining Minerals Industry Pvt Ltd (KMMI) that have been stated to have been utilized by M/s KMMI as per Justification Note in Item D(i) and also the balance non-forest lands available in the area.
- Please provide the following information through email to 'gis3ictc@aranya.gov.in' marking copy to 'rfo5ictc@aranya.gov.in 'and ' apccffc@ gmail.com'.
  - a. A list of GPS readings (Datum: WGS 84; in Degree decimals) of all corners (and at every 20 meter interval along the curves) of forest land proposed for diversion in MS Excel Sheet.
- 3. Please ensure that all documents uploaded in the Application are ink-signed [Note: Some of the uploaded documents are not ink-signed by User Agency.]
- 4. In order to avoid delays in processing, please ensure that:
  - a. Each issue mentioned above is carefully addressed before re-submission of application;
  - b. Other crucial information presently uploaded but not pointed out above does not get altered/ deleted while re-submitting the application online.
  - c. No work is undertaken in forest land without FC clearance.

located in Mumbai, as it is under process.

However, we have uploaded an undertaking to provide the same on receipt, in additional information section. In the meantime, it is requested to kindly consider our application for further process.

c. An undertaking to provide alternate CA land is uploaded as per the instructions, in additional information section.

- d. Map showing the non-forest land under KMMI/Minera is uploaded as per the instructions, in additional information section.
- The email has been sent to the aforementioned email ids consisting of the sought documents (Subject: FP/KA/OTHERS/45297/2020 NEOTREX CORRIDOR)
- 3. We have ensured that all the documents prepared by us are ink-signed and the documents prepared & signed by the Govt. documents are scanned and uploaded as it is.
- 4. Each and every query has been carefully addressed before re-submission of application. The information uploaded are not altered/deleted while re-submitting the application online.

The topo map in C(ii)(b) was erroneously uploaded (in first submission) dated 12.05.2020. The factually correct Topo Map is uploaded in Additional Information Section. Kindly ignore the topo map uploaded in C(ii)(b) and consider map uploaded in Additional Information Section

We will ensure that no work is undertaken in the Horestland without FC clearance.

Signature of Applicant

JSW Steel Ltd.

