



Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd.

[Formerly Known as Mysore Minerals Limited]

(A GOVT. OF KARNATAKA UNDERTAKING)

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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND.

Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (formerly Mysore Minerals Limited), a Government of Karnataka Mining Organisation established in the year 1966 and today it is recognised as one of the progressive mining industry in the State. The Company is holding 42 mining leases including Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine.

The Government of Karnataka has granted mining lease under ML No. 2605 (old ML. No. 2002) for an area of 621.59 ha. At NEB forest, Sandur Range, Bellary Dist. over an area of w.e.f. 27.12.1985 for a period of 20 years. Subsequently, the lease has been renewed further for 20 years w.e.f. 27.12.2005. Thereafter, FCA1980 came into force. Therefore, 136.97 ha. and an area of 10ha. for approach road diverted under Sec.(2) of FCA 1980. The remaining area of 482.09 ha. balance area forest clearance proposals submitted in two phase covering 145 ha. and 336 ha. The Company has already paid NPV charges of Rs. 38,71,18,270/- for an area of 482.09 ha. has been paid to the forest department. As per the new amendment to MMDR Act 1957, the lease period is extended for 50 years w.e.f. 27.12.1985 i.e. the lease is valid upto 26.12.2035.

First phase FC for 78.50 Ha was accorded by the government of India, ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi vide letter F. No. 8-28/2000-FC dated 18.04.2001. This area includes 10 ha of approach road from outside the leased area to Muraripura (Ingress) and Krishna Nagar (Egress) PWD Road. The period will be expiring on 26.09.2020. Second phase FC for additional area of 98.224 ha was accorded by the government of India, ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi vide letter F. No. 8-28/2000-FC(Pt) dated 05.11.2004. The period will be expiring on 26.12.2025.

As the first phase of FC is expiring on 26.09.2020 which includes 10 ha of existing approach road of the mine, it was suggested by the Forest Department, GoK, that FC proposal for renewal of 10 ha approach road has to be submitted online.

There is no other alternative except the forest land required for the purpose and also it is an existing road.

Therefore, the company is submitting proposal for renewal of diversion of forest land to an extent of 10 ha. u/s 2 of FCA 1980 for approach road.

For Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited

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