

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. 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, FCA 1980 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 extendable for 50 years w.e.f. 27.12.1985 i.e. the lease is valid upto 26.12.2035.

As per as the conveyer belt location is started from the area of 136.97 ha. already diverted and join to Sushheelnagar Railway siding.

The average production capacity is 4.00 MTPA of Iron ore and 1.00 MTPA of BHO / BHJ as per the environmental clearance issued by MoEF, CC, Gol. The present MPAP fixed by CEC is 0.65 MPTA as per approved R & R plan.

As per the CEC recommendation, the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order 07.12.2017 at Para 5 ordered to construct the conveyor belt system at their own cost. In this list, our ML No. 2605 is included. In order to obey the Supreme Court Order, the Company has proposed suitable route for erection of pipeline conveyor belt system from mine-head to the Sushheelnagar proposed railway line.

As per the thorough study and investigation, an area of **16.788 Ha.** is passing through the forest land for pipeline conveyor, service road, transmission line and water pipeline belt system only.

There is no other alternative except the forest land required for the purpose.

Therefore, the company is submitting proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of **16.788 Ha.** u/s 2 of FCA 1980 for laying Downhill Pipeline Conveyor.

For Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited,


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