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**Justification for Locating the Approach Road in the Forest Land**

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 10 (B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules 2015 and The Mineral Auction Rules 2015 notified there under, and Supreme Court judgment, Government of Karnataka had identified "C" Category Iron ore mines for electronic auction for grant of mining lease.

Accordingly, The auction of M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company (ML No: 2487-one of the "C" category Mines) was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. In the auction MSPL Limited has been declared as the Successful bidder vide letter no: DMG/MLS/AUC/C-2487/2017-18 dt: 02.01.2018 by the Department of Mines and Geology.

We have already applied for transfer of FC for the said mining lease area of 86.12 Ha from the erstwhile lessee to MSPL Limited, and the approach road to the said lease falls in the NEB Range, Sandur of Forest Department. In this regard, we are now applying for obtaining Forest Clearance for an area of 4.85 Ha for the approach road ( existing Road ) which facilitates the vehicular movement once the mine starts operation.

The existence of the Iron Ore is evidenced in the proposed area and is the only land provided by the Dept. of Mines & Geology, Karnataka (given by the way of mining lease) to exploit the minerals in scientific & environment friendly manner. Therefore, any other Forest or Non-Forest land cannot be identified for the said purpose since the proposal caters the need for transportation of ore from the said lease.

For MSPL Limited,



Authorized Signatory