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To whomsoever it may concern**Justification for locating the transportation road for ML No. 2677 over the forest land**

Our ML no.2677 lies in forest area, the forest patch applied for diversion bearing Sy no. 20 in Megalahalli (1.828Ha.), Sy no. 9 in Marijogihalli (0.174Ha.), Sy No. 6 in Bedarbomenahalli (1.329 Ha.) total area 3.331 Ha. in Division Chitradurga, Holalkere range connects existing public road which is being used for transporting iron ore to the Steel & Sponge iron plants at the buyer's destination from our mines.

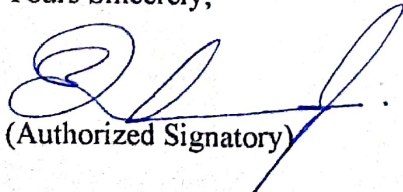
The land under diversion are patches in between the village public road. This public road is a very old road under usage from many years and presently is being utilized to transport the iron ore purchased from our mines to various plants located in Karnataka via NH4 since 2008.

During one inspection of the Forest Department, it was brought to the notice that Sy no. 9 is mentioned as 'Forest' in the RTC & diversion under FCA 1980 to be sought by the user agency. Hence as a responsible corporate organization and for uninterrupted transport we have applied for diversion. Thereafter further inspection on the diversion proposal it was brought to the notice to apply for additional Sy nos. 20, 6 which is also mentioned as Forest in RTC. Referring the same the original proposal was revised from 0.174 to 4.538 to 3.331 Ha.

The proposed land is the only option available which connects the mine to the public road and further to NH 4. Based on the feasibility of transportation of the mineral to the buyer destination, the said patch is applied for diversion under Forest Conservation Act 1980.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,


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