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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,  
ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ

Office of the  
Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Ballari Division, Ballari



ರೇಡಿಯೋ ಪಾರ್ಕ್, ಐಟಿಐ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಎದುರುಗಡೆ,  
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No.M1/MNG/NMDC/Infrastructure/2018-19

Dated :27.10.2024

**Additional Demand Notice**

Sub: Proposal for ex-post facto approval for diversion of 96.868 hectare of forest land outside Mining Lease area (ML No.2396) of Donimalai(DM) Block Forest (Near Narsinghapura Village) in favour of Executive Director, M/s. NMDC Limited, Donimalai, Sandur Taluk, Ballari Karnataka (**Online Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/17464/2016**) – Regarding.,

- Ref : 1) Letter No. F.No. 8-30/2022-FC Dt.21.11.2023 of Government of India, Ministry of Environmental, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi  
2) Government of Karnataka order No. FEE 71 FLL 2022(e) Dt.22.11.2023  
3) Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-4/(MNG)/18/2018-FC Dt. 23.11.2023 & 19.03.2024 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru  
4) This office demand notice Dt.02.12.2023 and letter dated: 30.07.2024  
5) M/s. NMDC Limited, Donimalai letter Dt. 27.02.2024 & 23.05.2024.  
6) Letter No. A3/CA/Suitability/CR-107/2023-24 Dated: 05.08.2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vijayanagara Division, Hospete.  
7) M/s. NMDC Limited, Donimalai letter Dt. 22.10.2024

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With reference to the above subject, as per the 'in principle' (Stage-I) approval accorded by MOEFCC, Government of India and directions received from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru, the undersigned has issued demand notice vide letter under Ref(4).

Accordingly, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru has accepted the demand notice and directed the undersigned to issue an additional demand notice for the differential CA charges and charges for condition No.iv and vi to the User Agency and send for acceptance before generating challan and making payment through the Parivesh web portal vide letter dated : 19.03.2024 under Ref(3).

Subsequently, you have remitted of Rs.281,98,95,103/- [vide UTR No. SBIN424050103808 dated: 20.02.2024] towards payment of NPV, CA & other charges as demand notice issued by the undersigned.

The undersigned has issued Additional demand notice on 25.09.2024 which was rejected by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore as the Protection and Management Plan and Fire Management Plan was not submitted.

In this regard, the undersigned has requested the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vijayanagara Division, Hospet to issue CA suitability & CA Scheme [vide letter dated : 30.07.2024 under Ref(4)] as directed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore.

Subsequently, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vijayanagara Division, Hospet has submitted the Revised CA suitability & CA Scheme [vide letter under Ref(6)] and reported that,

*"Further, it is brought to the notice that, this proposal was accepted by the Nodal officer in the year 2018, therefore as per the FC Guidelines dated 18th July, 2022 as this proposal was accepted before 28.06.2022, Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 will apply. Considering the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003, alternate land for planting /afforestation is proposed to be taken up at equivalent degraded forest area i.e. 96.868 Ha.*

*Therefore, the undersigned has identified equivalent degraded forest area for planting over an extent of 96.868 Ha and submitting revised CA suitability Certificate, CA Scheme along with KML files"*

As per revised CA suitability & CA Scheme received from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vijayanagara Division, Hospet, the difference CA charges does not arise.

Further, the MOEFCC, Government of India has imposed important conditions vide Condition No. iv, v and vi, the same has been reproduced herewith;

- iv. "A protection and management plan shall be prepared w.r.t 138.778 Ha of interlocked forest land and the cost of the implementation of same shall be borne by the User Agency. The protection and management plan duly approved by the State Govt. shall be submitted to this Ministry.*
- v. Considering the fragmented nature of the interlocked forest area (i.e. 138.778 Ha) and vulnerability of the forest from incidence of forest fires, M/s NMDC is to be involved in the fire management in these forest patches during summer season. The protection and management of these*

*interlocked forest patches will primarily be done by the forest department with assistance of M/s. NMDC Limited whenever required. In this regard an undertaking must be submitted by the M/s NMDC;*

*vi. The State Govt. shall prepare an Integrated Wildlife Management plan, in the surrounding of the forest area proposed for diversion and implement the same at the cost of User Agency."*

As per the above conditions and directions received from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru vide letter dated: 19.03.2024, the user agency (M/s. NMDC Limited) has to pay following charges;

- 1) Protection and management Plan for 138.778 Ha of interlocked forest land.
- 2) Fire management Considering the fragmented nature of the interlocked forest area (i.e. 138.778 Ha) and vulnerability of the forest from incidence of forest fires.
- 3) Wildlife Management plan in the surrounding of the forest area proposed for diversion.

In this regard, M/s. NMDC Limited, Donimalai has submitted the Protection and Management Plan, Fire management Plan and Wildlife Management plan, Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan along with compliance report.

Further, it pertinent here to mention, Guidelines No. FC-11/43/2021-FC Dated : 07.06.2022 by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Government of India, states that,

*"(i) 2% of total project cost towards the cost of implementation of the Wildlife Management Plan and/or 0.5% of the project cost towards the cost of implementation of Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan, as the case may be, shall be charged from the user agency and deposited into the account of CAMPA and the same may be intimated to the MoEF&CC for the purpose of obtaining approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980".*

Therefore, the details amount to be remitted as applicable rates at present for the above referred proposal are calculated as here under;

Sl. No	Specific activities	Amount (Rs)
1	Cost of Protection and management Plan for 138.778 Ha of interlocked forest land.	2,00,00,000.00
2	Cost of Fire management considering the fragmented nature of the interlocked forest area (i.e.138.778 Ha) and vulnerability of the forest from incidence of forest fires.	2,00,00,000.00
3	Cost of Wildlife Management Plan @2% of total project cost [Total project cost is Rs.39,131.00 lakhs as mentioned in Form-A of Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/17464/2016]	7,82,62,000.00*

Sl. No	Specific activities	Amount (Rs)
4	Cost of Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan @0.5% of total project cost [Total project cost is Rs.39,131.00 lakhs as mentioned in Form-A of Proposal No. FP/KA/Others/17464/2016]	1,95,65,500.00**
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,78,27,500.00</b>

(Rs. Thirteen Crores Seventy-eight Lakhs and twenty-seven thousand five hundred only).

**Note for \*** you have submitted a Wildlife Management Plan for Rs. 67.18 lakhs for three years only. It has to be revised. Therefore, it is directed to submit the Revised plan for above mentioned amount.

**Note for \*\*** you have not submitted Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan. Therefore, it is directed to submit the plan for Soil and Moisture Conservation for above mentioned amount.

**Procedure for payment:** This Demand Notice is to be uploaded on FC web portal ([www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)) for acceptance by the Nodal Officer. After acceptance by the Nodal Officer, a Challan should be generated from the web portal for payment to the account mentioned in the Challan and submit the original remittance challan to this office for further action.

Further, it is directed to submit the Wildlife Management plan and Soil and Moisture Conservation Plans separately in 5 sets for obtaining approval from the competent authority. And also directed the User Agency (M/s. NMDC Limited), should submit the undertaking for differential charges for above plans, if any changes made by the competent authority.

Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Division, Ballari

To,

M/s. National Minerals Development Corporation Limited,  
Donimalai Iron Ore Mine,  
Donimalai Township – 583 118,  
Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.