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Justification for locating the project in the forestland

Name of the Project: Diversion of 7.417 ha. of forestland for Infrastructure corridor between M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. and M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd. in Sy. No. 74 & 76 of Yarabanahalli Village (Proposed Area under Section-4, KFA 1963) in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District & Division, Karnataka.

The Govt. of India has focused on Infrastructure Development across the nation. M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd. is setting a manufacturing plant to produce "Low Relaxation Pre Stressed Concrete Wires". The final product of M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd. has good potential in the market. In the southern peninsula of India, there are very few companies which are manufacturing such final products. Therefore, there is proven strong potential market open for M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd. in this region.

M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd provides an assured business to M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. by utilizing one of the product namely Wire Rods. The plant being setup by the company is designed to utilize 72,000 tons per annum of wire rods from M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. Thus, M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. is assured of viable business with consumption of its long products, in addition to the existing market.

The premises of both the companies are near enough to transport the final product using the multi-axle long articulated vehicles by Road. However, the existing PWD Road which passes through village(s) has multiple bends and en route connects couple of Sponge Iron Plants and Steel Industries. Thus, with existing traffic load due to these industries, any additional movement of such long vehicle will surge the traffic density and cause inconvenience to the villagers as the road width is inadequate. Further, the space along the road is inadequate to accommodate the infrastructure requirement for functioning of the Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd.

An approach through the revenue patta lands is ruling out, since majority of the land between JSW & Neotrex is utilized by M/s. Karignur Mining Minerals Industry Pvt. Ltd. for expansion of its sponge iron plant capacity. This has constrained us to plan the connectivity between the premises of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. and manufacturing location of M/s. Neotrex Steel Pvt. Ltd. through the forestland. The said corridor will include underground Water Pipeline, Overhead Pole Mounted Bare Conductor 33 kV High-tension Line, Overhead Gas Pipeline, Underground Data Communication Cable (OFC & Tele Cables) for establishment of real time monitoring & controlling of manufacturing processes and an Approach Road to transport the raw & finished goods.

Considering the assurance of business, inadequate maneuverability space for multi-axle long articulated vehicles on existing PWD Road and non-availability of access through Revenue Patta Lands, M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. has planned to set up a dedicated infrastructure corridor, as shown in the sketch attached.

Place: Ballari

Date: 25.02.2021

For JSW Steel Ltd.
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