

## KIRLOSKAR FERROUS INDUSTRIES LIMITED

A Kirloskar Group Company

## **JUSTIFICATION**

We, Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, engaged in manufacturing of pig and cast iron, has acquired ML No. 2245 of M/s Bharath Mines and Minerals,, Sandur Taluk of Bellary District over an extent of 24.47HA area of Forest land(Swamymalai Block (SM Block), Ranajithpur Village ,Sandur Taluk, Bellary Dist) ,through e auction of mines from the Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore. We have quoted the highest bid and accordingly, we have been Issued letter of Intent from the Department of Mines and Geology vide their letter No DMG/MLS/AUC/'C'2245/2018-19/ dated 06/10/ 2018.

We are manufacturing pig iron and casting for which iron ore is the major raw material. We are buying raw material i.e. iron ore from outsiders at very competitive prices as we are not had our own mines.

We have purchased this mine for our captive consumption and to produce required quality and quantity of iron ore. By having our own source of raw material, we shall not depend on others much for the material requirement and plan our production accordingly to increase our production and scale down cost of raw material to make the industry economically more viable and take a step ahead for further development.

The mine was already in existence and it was categorized as C category mine by the CEC based on the irregularities carried out by the previous mine owner. By undertaking mining activity, we restrict mining operations within the leased area as permitted in the FC and protect environment without any further damage.

By undertaking mining activity, there will be direct employment generation to the extent of 30 families, which includes company employees and outsourced watch and ward staff. Further, there will be indirect employment to the extent of 250 families by way of hired machinery, contractors and transportation. There will not be any displacement of forest dwellers or any wild animals as it is already a broken area and used road, for which we are making application for forest clearance.

As per the FC renewal order No. 8-63/2000-FC/84(F) dated 20/03/2001 by the MOEF EC Division, only 0.30 ha of forest land was allowed for road purpose. However, the erstwhile user agency had obtained approval from the Karnataka Government to use 3.682 ha of forest land for road purpose. Now, we are making a fresh application for Forest Clearance for diversion of 3.682 ha of old used forest road to connect mining head to the nearest public road for transportation of other purpose. In addition to the 3.862 ha of forest land (Swamymalai Block(SM Block), Ranajithpur Village, Sandur Taluk, Bellary Dist) & 1.060 ha of revenue land in Sy. No.54 of Ranajitpur, Sandur Taluk, Bellary District is also identified to connect to road from mine head to nearby public road.

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For Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited

Authorized Signatory

Place: Koppal

Date: 1002/2020





