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JUSTIFICATION.

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Brief Note of the Revised Approach Road project of M/s M.Hanumantha Rao, ML No-2505 over an extent of 2.686 Ha.

M/s. M. Hanumantha Rao, Sandur possess a mining lease under ML No. 2505, S.M.Block Iron Ore Mine over an extent of 40.47 Ha. Situated in Donimalai Block, Sandur Taluk., Bellary District, Karnataka State. The lease has been granted for mining of iron ore for a period of 20 years w.e.f 12.12.2005 initially and extended further upto 11.12.2055 as per section 8A of MMDR (Amendment) Act, 2015.

The lessee obtained Forest Clearance for 40.47 Ha. Vide letter no. F(C)A/16.1/KAR/44/MIN dated 17.2.2006 and vide letter No. F(C)A/16.1/144/ KAR/ MIN/ 1850 dated 29.9.2016 from Ministry of Environment & Forest Climate Change, Government of India.

The lessee obtained Forest Clearance for approach road 1.135 Ha, vide letter no. F-No-4-KRB-1096/2016-BAN/810 dated 19th Sept 2018 from Ministry of Environment & Forest Climate Change, Government of India.

The lessee obtained Environment Clearance from State level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Karnataka for expansion of production from 3.9 LTPA to 6.55 LTPA in the ML area of 40.47 Ha vide letter No. SEIAA165MIN2016 dated 5.10.2016.

Reclamation and Rehabilitation plan was approved by Central Empowered Committee (CEC) vide letter no File-2-61/CEC/SC/2012 dated 06.11.2012 and Department of Mines & Geology, Karnataka State has certified execution of R&R works vide Letter no DMG/R&R/2012-13/35 dated 16.05.2013.

Further the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has given approval to the lessee for enhancing in the production capacity from 0.1 MTPA to 0.144 MTPA vide their letter no F.No.2-75/CEC/SC/2018 Pt.V dated 05.March.2018.

The lessee approached the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) to enhance annual production (Area 40.47 Ha) from 0.144 MTPA to 0.226 MTPA vide letter dated 18.10.2019.

Further the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) have given concurrence to the Revised R&R plan for an area of 40.47 Ha with increased in annual production limit from 0.144 MTPA to 0.226 MTPA vide letter no File-2-61/CEC/SC/2017 dated 05.11.2020.



The proposed approach road of 2.686Ha located at Donimalai (DM) Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District is needed to reach the mines for mining activities and transportation of mineral to various destinations by via rail / road.

The details for the diversion of forest land for the approach road sought for Forest Clearance are given below.

Particulars Road Segment	Length (m)	Width (m)	Sq.m	HECTARES	Remarks
Segment 1 (H – B Road)	192.5	15	2887.5	0.289	Donimalai (DM) Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District
Segment 2 (I - J Road)	15	10	150	0.015	
Segment 3 (K -L Road)	261.5	10	2615	0.262	
Segment 4 (N-P- Q Road)	2121	10	21210	2.121	
TOTAL	2590		26700	2.686	

The plans showing the existing approach road of 1.135 Ha for which Forest Clearance is accorded and proposed approach road required for diversion of Forest Clearance 2.686 Ha enclosed along with Google Map are enclosed. Topo Sheet Map enclosed.

We respect to the subject we would like to submit the following for your kind information.

- 1) We are having lot of resistance from villages and local politicians because the villages is on either side of the road which makes vehicles movement challenging and the area accident prone zone that makes the movement of multi-axel long articulated vehicles difficult for transportation of E-auctioned material by Monitoring Committee. We are therefore proposing approach road for diversion which connects the existing PWD road & State Highway SH131 made for transportsations of mine materials by erstwhile lessees.
- 2) Further the proposed approach road of 2.686 Ha will bypass villages Hanumanguda the District boundary. Usage of this road will avoid excessive traffic load on road bypassing the villages will lessen the inconvenience to the people residing in the vicinity as the approach road directly connect nearby PWD road and further connects to the State Highway SH-131 which further connects to various Plants of Sponge, Beneficiation & Steel Industries from where transportation is already being carrying out.



- 3) Usage of this proposed approach road will avoid disturbances and reduce the pollution and inconvenience to the society and to smoothen the road transportation and to prevent inadvertent accidents leading to minor/major/fatal injuries. Better to avoid these so opting for an alternate approach road.
- 4) This proposed approach road is on the peripheral area of forest i.e., along the boundary of forest area which will also help the Forest Department to assess for movement of vehicles.
- 5) As the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has increased in permissible annual production from 0.1 MTPA to 0.144 MTPA and further enhancing the annual production capacity from 0.144 MTPA to 0.226 MTPA. This proposed approach road will serve the access to the mining lease for transportation of Men, Machinery & Material in a better way as it pass through and connects the PWD road & State Highway SH131 from where the existing mining lease are connected and transportation is already being carrying out.
- 6) We have already provided direct employment to 70 families which include company employees and other staffs further there will be an indirect employment of 250 families by way of contractors and transportation of materials.
- 7) Further, it can justify that the forest land required for diversion is bare minimum and was planned to minimize the diversion of forest land but avoiding it completely was impossible as there are no shorter routes available, which can further lower the diversion of Forest Land.

This is for your kind information & needful action.

For M/s.M.HANUMANTHA RAO,



(Partner)