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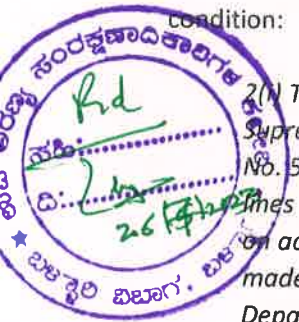
Sub.: Submission of Undertaking in connection with **Proposal No. FP/KA/ROAD/21842/2016** for diversion of 2.048 ha (4.25 ha. as per form A) of forest land in SM Block, Kumarswamy Range, Ballari District for approach road to ML NO. 2313 in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. – reg.

Ref.:

1. MoEF&CC, New Delhi F.No. 8-323/1989-FC(Pt.-I) dt. 13.07.2023 regarding submission of Undertaking for further consideration of the proposal for grant of stage-II/ final approval.
2. Letter from the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests vide F.No. A(1).MNG.CR-11/2016-17 dt. 21.07.2023 regarding submission of an Undertaking.

Dear Sir,

As per the above referred letter, we are instructed to submit an undertaking with respect to the following condition:



2(i) The User Agency shall take necessary steps to fulfill the condition as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in judgment dated 21-03-2017 passed in IA No. 247 & other IAs in Writ Petition Civil No. 562/2009 have approved construction of conveyer belt system, railway sidings and railway sub-lines as the most significant step towards controlling the environmental pollution that has persisted on account of open movement of iron ore by road. Such infrastructure is yet to be established and made operational. Further the area being diverted for road will be reverted back to Forest Department once the conveyer belt-railway system is made operational.

Section 18 (x) (b) of the referred Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dt. 21.03.2017 passed in IA No. 247 & other IAs in Writ Petition Civil No. 562/2009 states that:

- 18 (x) the closed pipe downhill conveyer systems will be installed at their cost by:
(b) each one of the auctioned Category-C leases and Dalmia Lease (ML No. 2010) with MPAP of **0.75 MMT and above** (ten leases provisionally identified);

We would like to inform your good office that the said approach road is proposed for transportation to and from Nandi Iron Ore Mine. The present production capacity of Nandi Iron Ore Mine ML No. 0005 (C-Category Mine) is **0.408 MMTA**.

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We hereby undertake that in case of expansion of production capacity, necessary steps will be taken to fulfil the condition as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in judgment dated 21-03-2017 passed in IA



No. 247 & other IAs in Writ Petition Civil No. 562/2009 for construction of conveyer belt system, railway sidings and railway sub-lines to control environmental pollution. The fines (iron ore product) are transported through Main Pipe Conveyor vide FC Stage-II F.No. 4-KRB1151/2018-BAN/467 dt. 25.06.2019. The said approach road will be essential to transport men, machineries and iron ore. The iron ore will be transported through tarpaulin covered tippers to control dust generation during movement.

Kindly note that the said approach road is under existence prior to 1980 and the same stretch was used by the erstwhile lessee for transportation of manpower, machineries and iron ore. The area being diverted for road will be reverted back to Forest Department at the time of mine closure as per rule 24 of Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 2017.

Thanking You.

For M/s JSW Steel Ltd,

Authorized Signatory

