

F. No. 8-39/2003-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 28 October, 2019

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Sub: Transfer of forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ML No.2487) in respect of diversion of 86.12 ha of forest land in North-Eastern Block (NEB) Range, Karadikolla Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District Range, present FC leaseholder M/s Lakshminarayan Mines Company to M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete, the successful bidder in e-auction conducted by Mines and Geology Department-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letters No. FEE 57 FFM 2018 dated 10.05.2019 and No. FEE 57 FFM 2018 dated 10.09.2019 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the Competent Authority in the Central Government has accepted the request made by the Government of Karnataka for transfer of forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ML No.2487) in respect of diversion of 86.12 ha of forest land in North-Eastern Block (NEB) Range, Karadikolla Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District Range, present FC leaseholder M/s Lakshminarayan Mines Company to M/s MSPL Limited for which final approval granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by this Ministry on 07th/08th July, 2001.

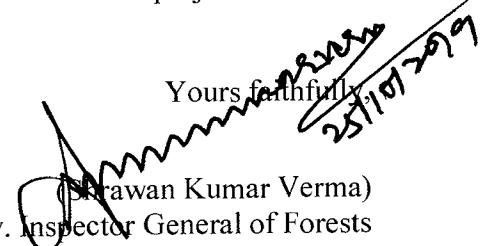
2. After careful examination of the proposal in accordance with para 5.1, 5.2, and 5.5 of Chapter 5 (Transfer/Re-diversion) of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval for transfer of final forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ML No.2487) 2003 from M/s Lakshminarayan Mines Company to M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete in respect of diversion of 86.12 ha (Earlier diverted 105.22 ha.) of forest land in North-Eastern Block (NEB) Range, Karadikolla Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka, which was granted vide this Ministry's letter dated 07/08 July, 2003 subject to following conditions:

- (i) Transfer of approval granted under the provisions of FCA 1980 shall be in accordance of provisions prescribed in para 5.1 and para 5.5 of Chapter 5 of handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
- (ii) The new user agency shall be allowed to use the diverted forest land with same stipulation as prescribed in the approval granted to erstwhile user agency.


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- (iii) New user agency shall be liable to inherit and pay all liabilities of erstwhile user agency, if any, before issue of transfer order by State Govt. of Karnataka.
- (iv) New user agency is bound to carry out CA as per the stipulations of Stage-II approvals.
- (v) The approval granted under the provisions of FCA 1980 is valid upto 20.05.2023.
- (vi) The State Govt. shall ensure that the approved R&R plan is implemented.
- (vii) Lease transfer charges @ 10% of the NPV or Rs. 1,00,000/- (1 Lakh) whichever is less will be realized from the new user agency and will be deposited in the account of CAMPA before execution/transfer of lease in favour of the new user agency.
- (viii) The new user agency shall pay the NPV as per the approval granted under FC Act, if not paid earlier. The new user agency shall also furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (ix) The State Govt. shall ensure complete compliance of the FRA, 2006, if not already done.
- (x) The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest land was leased to the original user agency.
- (xi) The new user agency shall abide by any other condition that may be stipulated, with the approval of competent authority, by the Central Government/Concerned Regional Office/State Government in future in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- (xii) The User Agency shall submit the annual self - compliance report in respect of the stipulated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year; and
- (xiii) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully


(Praveen Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
2. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.