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F.No.4-KRA 1308/2021-BAN/1525

Dated the 9th March, 2022

To

The Additional Director General of Forests (FC),
 Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
 Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
 Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
 New Delhi – 110 003.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 75.92 ha. of forest land ((near ML.No.2396 of NMDC) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, Two Tailing dams (I & II) and laying of Water pipeline in favour of NMDC Limited, Donimalai Township, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/Others/14576/2015 -reg.

Sir,

With reference to MoEF&CC, New Delhi letter No. 8-17/2021-FC dated 07/01/2022 on the above subject, it is informed that the site inspection of the forest land proposed for diversion to identify /validate the extent of violation as reported by State Government has been carried out by the Shri. M.K.Shambhu, Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central) on 26/02/2022. A detailed site inspection report furnished by the inspecting officer in this regard is enclosed for kind information and further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(K.P.Singh)

Regional Officer

Encl: As above.

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O/o IGF ((FC/ROHQ/PE (BKP))
 Dy. No. 63.1275
 Date. 23/3/22

Office of ADG (FC)
 Dy. No. 63.1275
 Date. 23/03/2022

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 16/03/2022

Inspection report

Subject:- Proposal for diversion of 75.92 ha of forest land (near M.L. No.2396 of NMDC) in Donimalai (DM) forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for construction of new Screening Plant-II, Two Tailing Dams (I & II) and laying of Water pipeline in favour of M/s. NMDC Ltd., Donimalai Township, Sandur Taluk, Ballari district.

Reference: MoEF&CC FC Division Letter No.8-17/2021-FC dated 17.01.2022 containing a direction to identify/ validate the extent of violation as reported by the State Government and submit a report.

The site was inspected on 26th February, 2022 accompanied by officers of M/s. NMDC Limited and of Karnataka Forest Department.

Background:-

NMDC has proposed to set up a Screening Plant, 2 Tailing Dams and a Water Pipeline in the proposed 75.92 ha. The Component wise break-up of the proposal is as follows:-

S. No.	Project component	Extent in ha.
1	Screening Plant-II	12.96
2	Tailing Dam-I	40.25
3	Tailing Dam-II	22.25
4	Water Pipeline	0.46
	Total	75.92

Site Inspection Report regarding the proposal has already been submitted by AIGF(Central), IRO, Bangalore and forwarded vide letter dated 09.09.2021. Since Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle had inspected the proposed site on 25.11.2021 and reported 'violations' by the User Agency, this inspection has been proposed by the Ministry for *identifying and validating the extent of violation*. The violations reported by the CCF, Ballari are as follows:-

- i. The User Agency has already laid pipeline about 400 mtrs (i.e. 0.08 ha) length in the proposed screening Plant-II Area.
- ii. The User Agency has already established washing plant about 0.1 ha in the proposed Screening Plant-II area.



- iii. The User Agency has already established Conveyor belt about 363 mtrs length in the proposed screening plant-II area and about 376 mtrs length in tailing dam-I area.
- iv. The User Agency has already established check dam, silt settling tank and rainwater harvesting pit in the proposed tailing dam-II area. Further, these are related to R&R activities implemented by the User Agency with respect to ML No.2396.

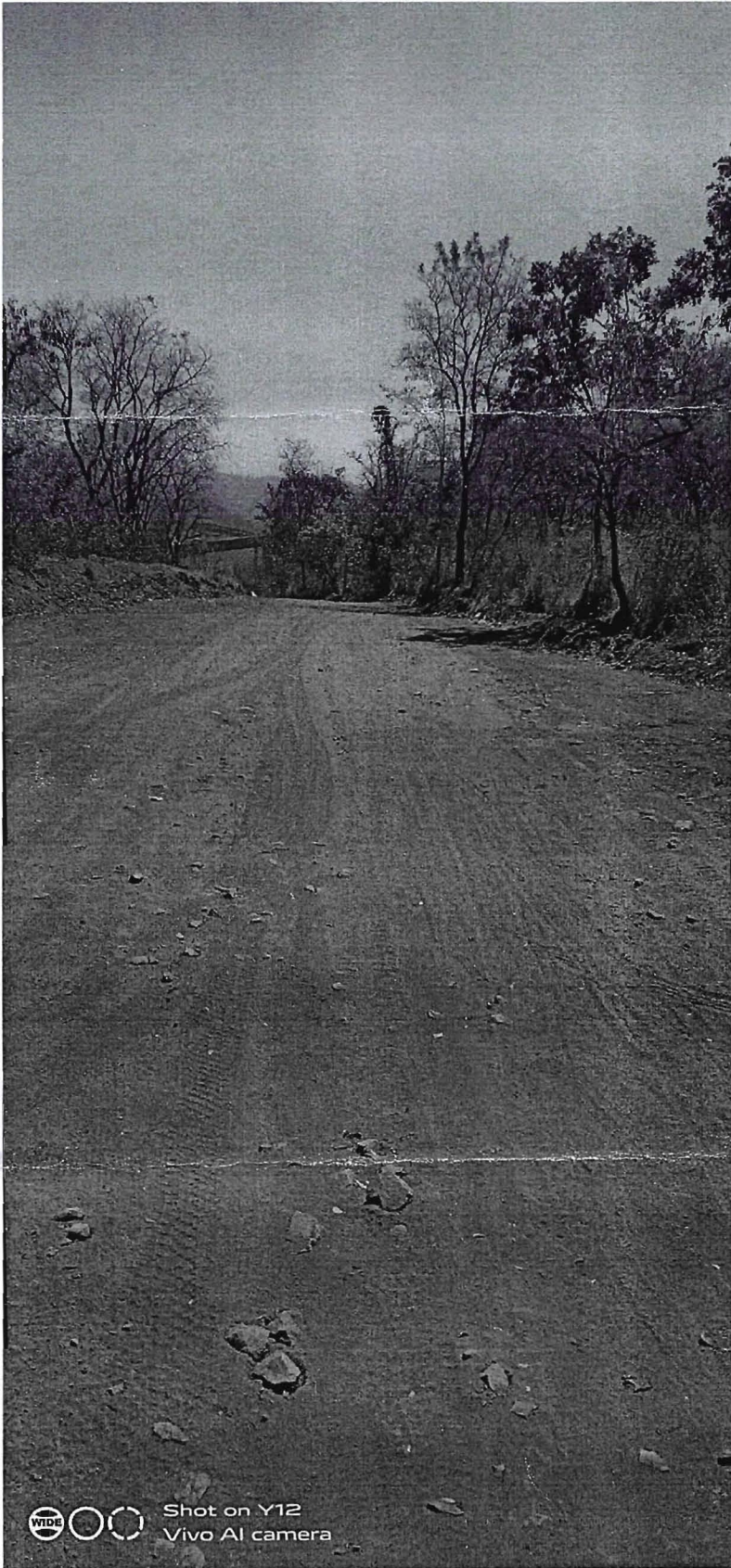
All the 4 sites were inspected on 26.2.2022 alongwith DCF, Ballari & staff and officers of NMDC Limited.

1. Screening Plant-II:-

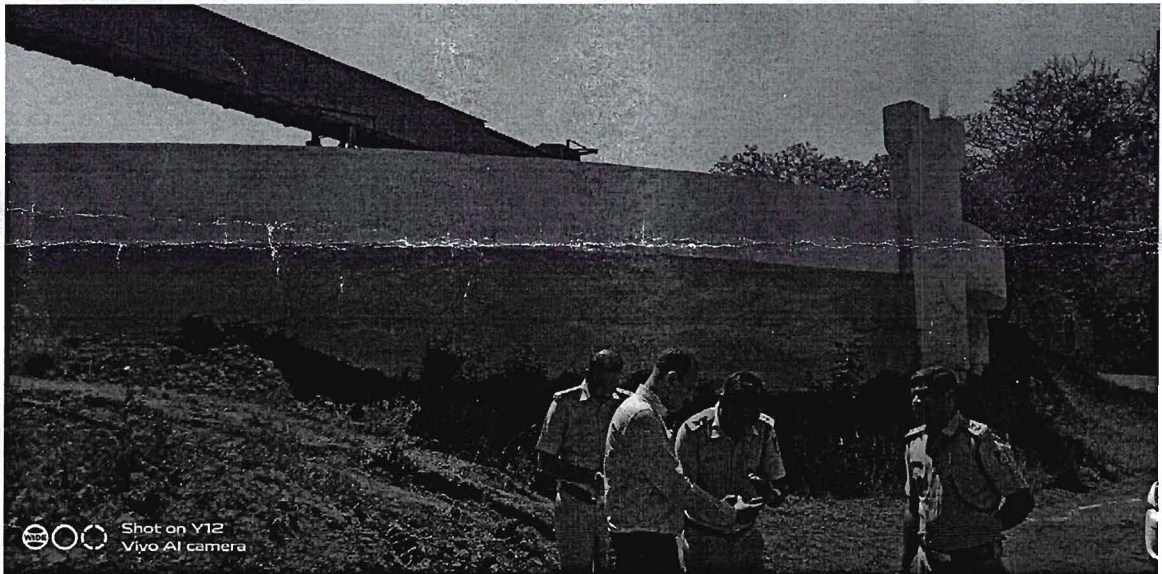
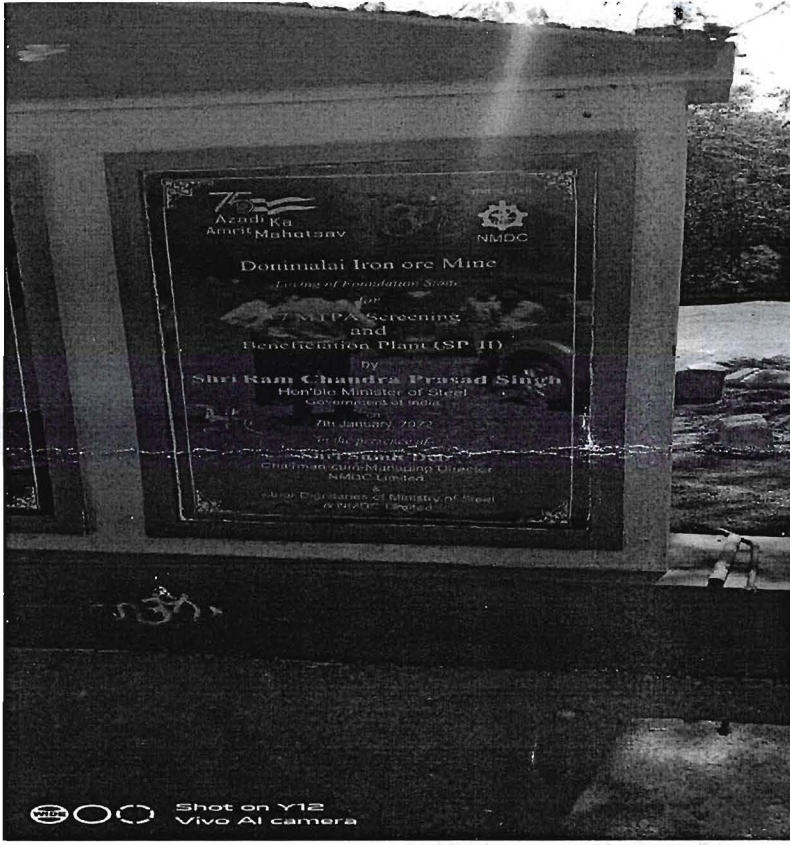
A new Screening Plant-II has been proposed over 12.96 ha. In this site, old roads, water pipeline, Conveyor belt from Screening Plant-I and some structures of Screening Plant-I were noticed in the field. **The approximate area under use or already utilized for the above mentioned purposes comes to 1.72 ha.**



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2. Tailing Dam-I:-

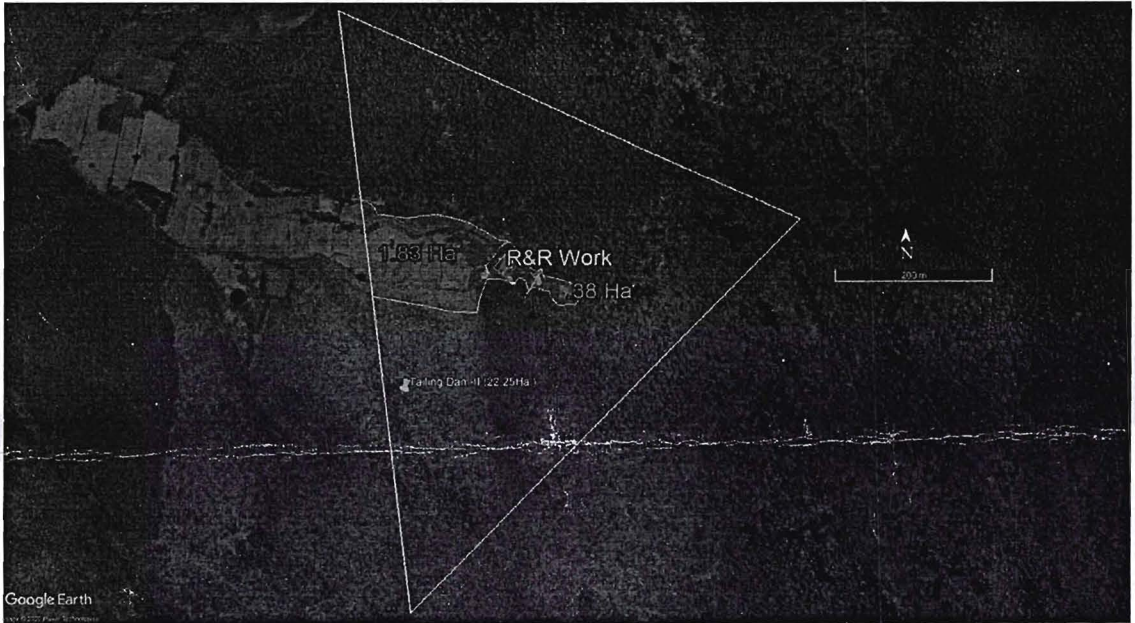
Tailing Dam-I has been proposed over an area of 40.25 ha, out of which **a Conveyor belt, roads and part of the structures associated with Screening Plant-I totally admeasuring 0.85 ha are noticed.** Soil and Moisture Conservation activities have been taken up in the valley portion by NMDC as informed by the KFD staff and NMDC officers. The NMDC officials stated that this area has not been used by them for any discharge from existing Screening Plan.



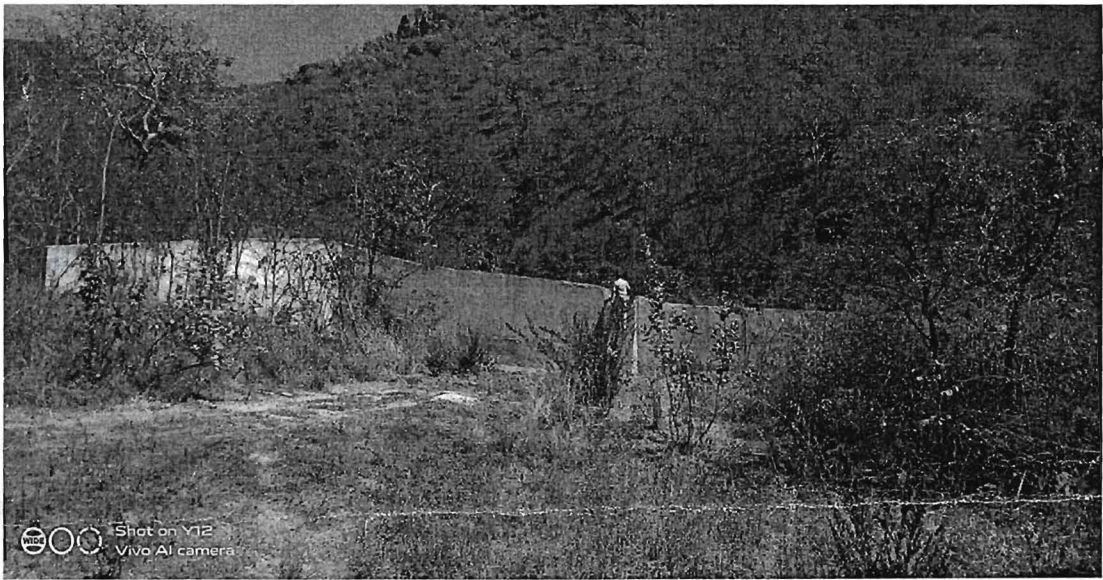
3. Tailing Dam-II:-

Tailing Dam-II is proposed over an area of 22.25 ha of forest land. On site inspection, it is seen that **an area of 0.38 ha has been utilized for Soil and Moisture Conservation works which include a Check Dam and a Water collection tank.** Further about **1.83 ha of forest land is noticed to be under encroachment for agricultural purposes by local public.**

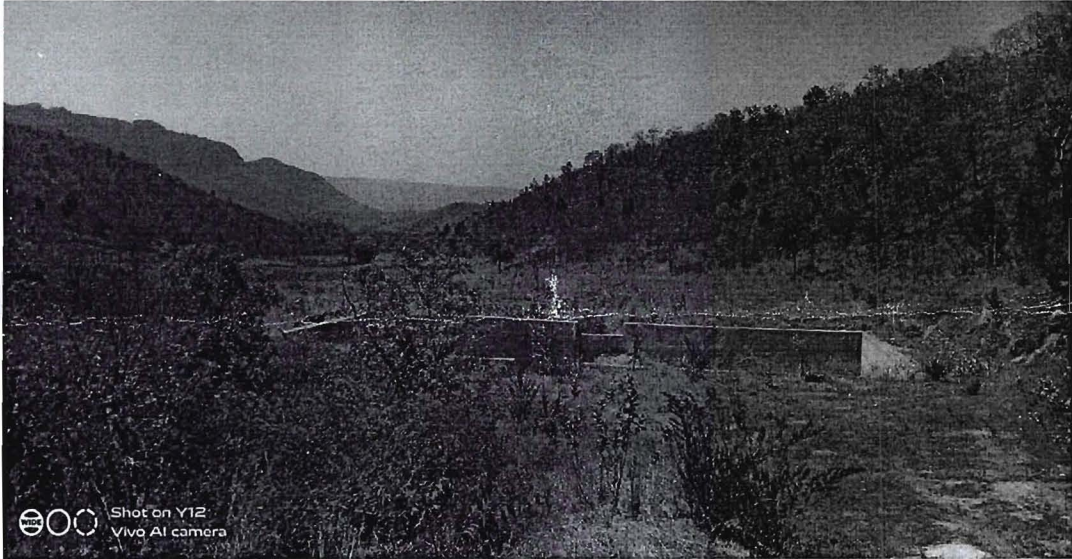
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4. Water Pipeline:-

Regarding water pipeline proposed, it will be a new pipeline for which no work has been carried out as yet. However, adjacent to this proposed pipeline, there already exists an old water pipeline. It was informed by both, the State Forest Department and the User Agency, that a separate proposal for regularization under FC Act, 1980 of such use of forest land (including the existing pipeline) to include all those areas outside the approved leases of NMDC and outside this proposed 75.92 ha, is under submission and process.

Conclusion:-

It can be noted that, a total area of 4.78 ha is under use, out of which 2.57 ha is for mining-allied activities, 0.38 ha for Reclamation and Rehabilitation activities, and 1.83 ha is under encroachment by public.

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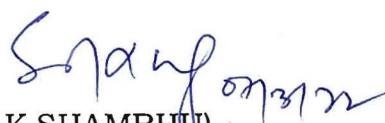
Component wise use has been placed in the table below:-

S. No.	Component /Land use proposed	Area Proposed (in ha.)	Area in use for mining-allied activities (in ha.)	SMC works (R&R activities)	Encroachment by public(ha)
1	Screening Plant-II	12.96	1.72		
2	Tailing Dam-I	40.25	0.85		
3	Tailing Dam-II	22.25	-	0.38	1.83
4	Water Pipeline	0.46	--	-	-
	Total	75.92	2.57	0.38	1.83

If we exclude R&R works and encroachment, it comes to **2.57** ha.

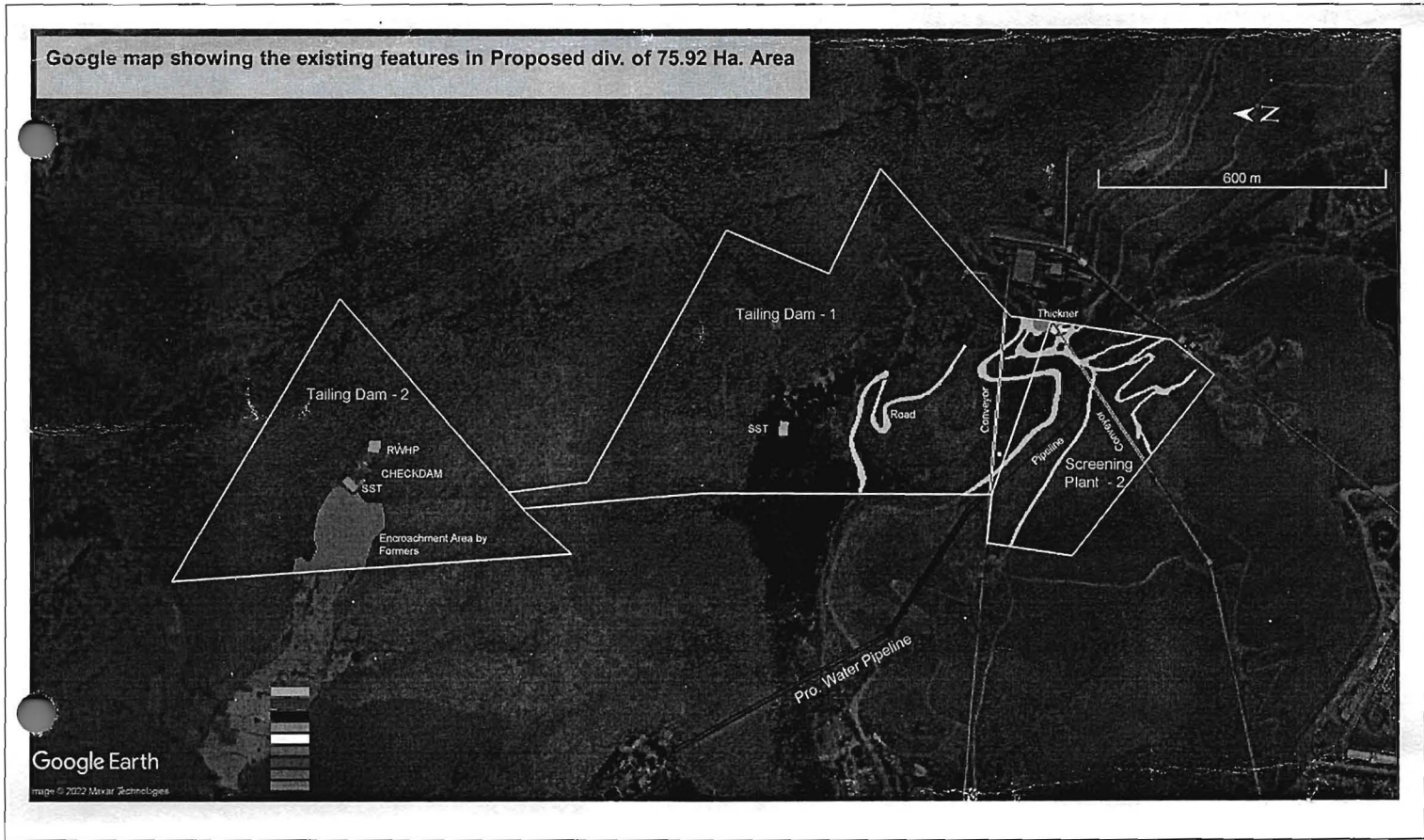
The area estimation has been worked out by using the *kml* files submitted by the NMDC and using the Decision Support System (DSS) .

The user agency i.e, NMDC has submitted few documents towards ascertaining that the land use for activities related to mining (road, pipeline, conveyor belt, etc) are pre-1980, and continued to be used as and when required post 1980, and till date. Further, SMC works are carried out as prepared by ICFRE and approved by Monitoring committee appointed by Supreme Court, and under intimation to Karnataka Forest Department. These documents are enclosed as Annexures for ready reference.


(M.K.SHAMBHU)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests(Central)

07.03.2022



Map provided by NMDC Ltd.

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MONITORING COMMITTEE

No.DMG/R&R Plan/2016-17/88 & 89

Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road,
Bangalore-1, dated: 10.05.2016.

To,

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HOFE),
Aranya Bhavana, Malleshwaram,
18th Cross, Bangalore.
2. Member Secretary,
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board,
No.49, Parisara Bhavan,
Church Street, Bangalore-560001.
3. The Regional Controller of Mines, IBM,
No.29, Industrial Suburb, IInd Stage,
Tumkur Road, Goruguntepalya, Yeswantpur,
Bangalore-22.

Sir,

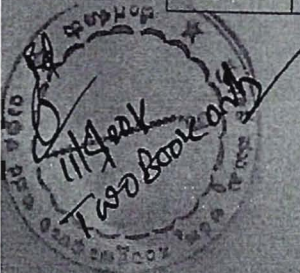
Sub: Submission of copy of final R&R Plan of Two
mines - reg.

Ref: CEC approval letter vide No. 2-61/CEC/SC/
2012-Pt.II, dated: 05.02.2016.

With reference to the above cited subject, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun, has submitted the hard copies of final R&R Plans of Two mines as listed below. CEC vide letter cited at reference has approved the R and R plans submitted by the ICFRE. I am herewith forwarding the copies of R and R plans of two mines for your perusal. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this report.

List of R&R Plan enclosed

Sl. No.	Name of the Lessee	ML No.
1.	M/s. NMDC Limited	ML No. 1111
2.	M/s. NMDC Limited	ML No. 2396



Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Convener,

Monitoring Committee.

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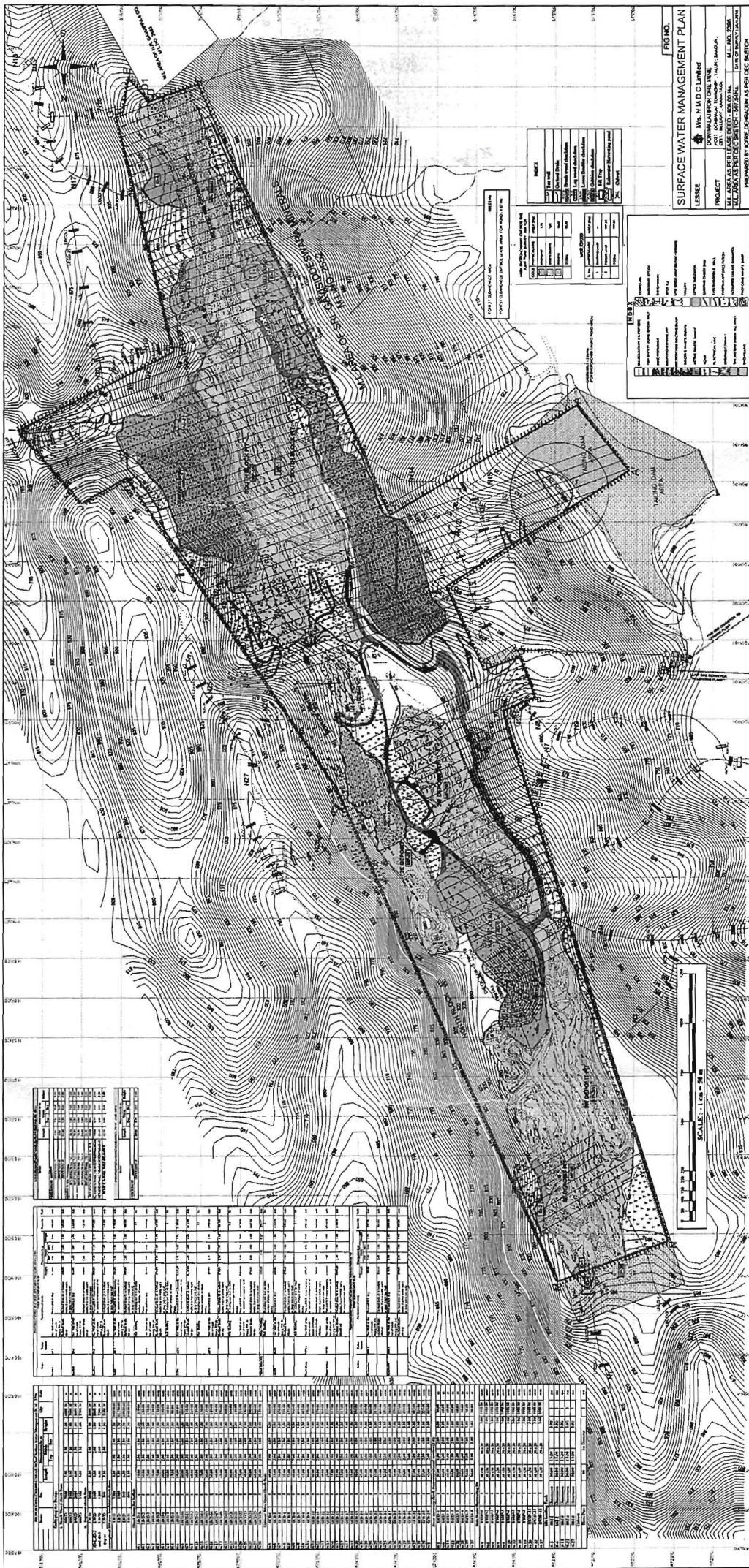


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SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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 1001 COMPANY AVENUE, NASH, GEORGIA
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LEGEND

1. PROPOSED TD-II SITE

2. EXISTING TD-II SITE

3. EXISTING DRAINAGE CANALS

4. EXISTING DRAINAGE STRUCTURES

5. EXISTING DRAINAGE STRUCTURES TO BE REMOVED

6. EXISTING DRAINAGE STRUCTURES TO BE RELOCATED

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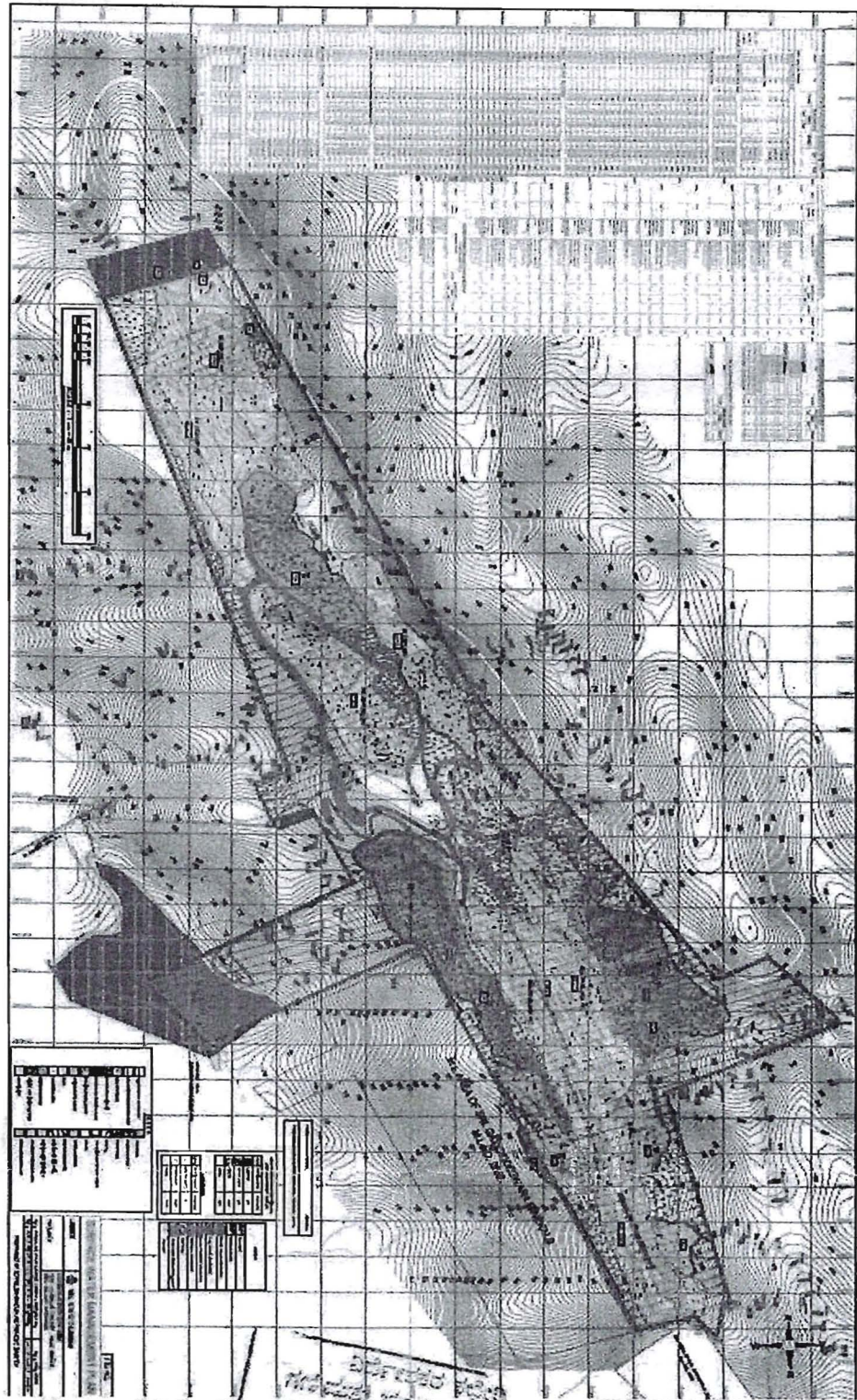


Figure-5.3 Surface Water Management Plan of DIOM, ML-2396

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