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To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)
FC Division,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi-110003.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 19.898 ha. of forest land for establishing downhill pipe conveyor system in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Bellary in respect of Subbarayanahalli iron ore mine (ML No.2629) in favour of Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Ltd. (Erstwhile M/S Mysore Mineral Limited), Bangalore, Karnataka (Online Proposal No. **FP/KA/MIN/36386/2018**) – reg.

Sir,

As directed vide Ministry's letter No.8-114/1992-FC(VOL) dated 11.09.2025, the site was inspected by the undersigned and the Site Inspection Report recommended by DDGF(Central) is forwarded herewith for kind information and further necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above

(Yasodha K)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)

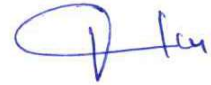
Site Inspection Report

As per the CEC recommendation, the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order 07.12.2017 at Para 5. ordered to construct the conveyor belt system at their own cost to listed mining companies in Karnataka. In this list, ML No. 2629 is included. In order to obey the Supreme Court Order, the Company submitted the proposal for diversion of 19.898 ha. of forest land for establishing downhill pipe conveyor system in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Bellary in respect of Subbarayanahalli iron ore mine (ML No.2629) in favour of Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Ltd. (Erstwhile M/S Mysore Mineral Limited), Bangalore, Karnataka(**Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/36386/2018**) For this proposal Stage I was accorded vide dated 15th October, 2019 by MoEF&CC.

In the meantime, user agency was informed by KMERC that the proposal is overlapping with **BKG Mine** FC proposed area for conveyor belt installation and were directed to "re-align" their proposal to avoid overlapping area. Due to overlapping and congestion with other conveyor belt proposals, a new FC proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/489231/2020 is submitted on 24/08/2020 under the user name 'KSMCL' for installation of Downhill Conveyor Belt system by the User Agency. State Government of Karnataka's has requested for withdrawal of the *in-principal* approval due to overlapping of area with BKG mines which has Stage-II approval already granted vide Ministry's letter dated 14.06.2024. The proposal is now pending with User Agency.

Subsequently, Ministry's letter dated 01.07.2024 has requested the Regional Office to submit Site Inspection Report for consideration of the withdrawal proposal. It is to inform that the undersigned has inspected the site on 28.10.2025 along with DCF and representatives of User Agency and found that the work of installation of Conveyor Belt is not carried out (Photos taken during Site Inspection is attached). The reason being as informed by the User Agency and DCF concerned that due to re-alignment of Conveyor Belt because of overlapping with other mines in the vicinity.

It is recommended for withdrawal of the **Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/36386/2018**.



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Designation: Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)
MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Bengaluru

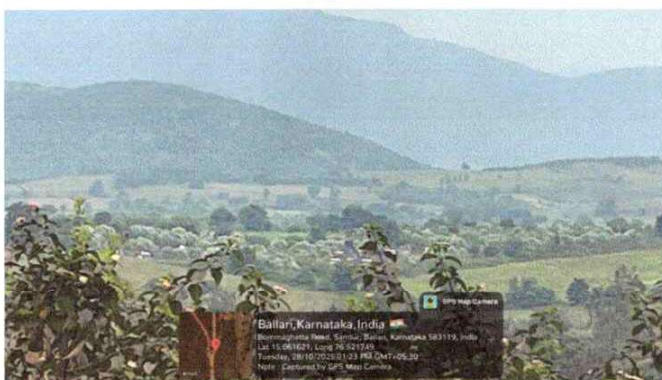
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Photos taken during Site Inspection



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