File No.8-21/2020-FC

Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) *****

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj New Delhi: 1100 03,

Dated: 23rd December, 2020

To,

The Regional Officer,

Integrated Regional Office, (SZ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Kedriya Sadan 04th Floor E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, Koramangala II Block, Bangalore - 560034.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 64.86 hectare of forest land (60.66 ha. for mining + 4.2 ha. - for approach road) in Swamimalai (SM) Block Forest, near Dharmapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Narsimha Iron Ore Mine ML No.2148 [an auctioned C-category mine] erstwhile Lessee Sri H.G. Rangangouda] in favour of M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete, Ballari District (LoI holder).-regarding (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/39986/2019).reg.,

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 39 FFM 2020 (e) dated 30th September, 2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard you are requested to kindly inspect the forest land proposed for diversion including identified CA land. A detailed report shall be submitted to the Ministry, at the earliest.

> hrawan kumar Verma) Dy.Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

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

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

4. User Agency.

5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.