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<u>Sub:</u> Proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for approach road to Mining Lease No. 2487 (an e-auctioned 'C' category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company) in favour of successful bidder M/s. MSPL Ltd, Hosapete.-regarding (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018).

- **1.** The Regional Office, Bangalore vide their letter dated 02.06.2020 forwarded the proposal of Government of Karnataka.
- 2. Being a linear project this proposal was submitted to Regional Office, Bangalore.
- **3.** The Regional Office, Bangalore has forwarded this proposal informing that the proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land for approach road is w.r.t the earlier diverted Mining project of an area of 86.12 ha (Earlier diverted 105.22). The Ministry vide its letter dated 07/08 July 2003 granted approval under Section 2 of FCA, 1980 for renewal of mining lease no. 1876 in favour of M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company for Iron Mines over an area of 105.22 ha of already broken-up forest land in district Bellary.
- **4.** Further, the Ministry vide its letter dated 25.10.2019 conveyed its approval for transfer of final forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ML No. 2487) 2003 from M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company to M/s MSPL Ltd. Hosapete in in respect of diversion of 86.12 ha.
- 5. The tree enumeration in the area is 748.
- 6. Density of proposed forest = 0.1
- 7. Type of Forest Tropical Dry Deciduous, Eco value class-III.
- 8. Details of Flora and Fauna:

As per the details submitted in online no rare / endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area has been reported. But the DFO in his part II (offline) as mentioned there is flora and fauna observed in proposed area includes,

Flora: Acacia catechu, Albizzia amara, Anogeissus latifolia, Casssia fistula, Carissa carandus, Dodonia viscose, Boswellia serrata and crotalaria sandurensis etc.,

Fauna: Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hares, Peafowl, Wild pig, Grey partridge, Indian porcupine, Monitor lizard, four-horned antelope and Pangolin.

- **9.** The applied area does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. However, movement of wild elephant is often noticed.
- **10.** The applied area does not falls in protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- **11. The FRA compliance** is not given.
- 12. CBA

cost benefits report are not given.

- 13. Displacement: No displacement is involved in the proposed forest area.
- **14.** The violation done by the previous lessee. The approach road is already used by previous lessee without Forest clearance from 21.05.1983 to July-2011 (i.e. date of 01st grant of lease).
- **15.** The DFO, Bellary has carried out the Site inspection and has recommended the proposal without any specific condition. The SIR is annexed as Annexure-I.
- **16.** The CF has recommended the proposal without any specific condition. The recommendation of CF is annexed as Annexure-II.
- **17.** PCCF/Nodal officer has recommended the proposal with specific conditions. The specific conditions mentioned by the PCCF is annexed as Annexure-III.

18. The State Govt. has recommended the proposal with specific conditions. The specific conditions mentioned by the PCCF is annexed as Annexure-IV.

19. Details about CA:

- i. Type of CA land identified-Non-Forest Land
- **ii.** Area identified- 4.85 ha

The user agency has identified patta land in Sy.No.6/4 of Amagaov village, Jamboti Hobli, Khanapura Taluk, Belagavi District over an extent of 4.85 ha. for raising CA on non-forest land.

20. Issued to be deliberated:

- (i) The validity of the FC granted by this Ministry is up to 20.05.2023 for diversion of 86.12 ha (Earlier diverted 105.22) of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District.
- (ii) The violation has carried out the by the previous lessee. The approach road is already used by previous lessee without Forest clearance from 21.05.1983 to July-2011 (i.e. date of 01st grant of lease).
- 21. Other relevant informations are annexed as Annexures:
 - i. Annexure I- DFO SIR
 - ii. Annexure II-CF Recommendation
 - iii. Annexure III- PCCF/Nodal Recommendation
 - iv. Annexure IV-State Govt. Recommendation
 - v. Annexure V- DSS Report
 - vi. Annexure VI-Detail Fact Sheet.

FORM - 'A'

PART - II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests) State Serial No of Proposal

Diversion of 4.85 hectare of forest land in N.E.Block, Sandur Location of the Project / Scheme: Taluk, Ballari district for approach road to M.L.No.2487 in favour 7. of M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company to the successful bidder i.e. M/s. MSPL Ltd, Hospet,.

i.	i. State/Union Territory :		Karnataka			
ii.	District.	:	Bellary			
iii.		:	Bellary Forest Division			
iv.	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.)	:	Revised 4.85 hectares.			
v Legal status of forest		:	Reserved Forest North Eastern Forest Block in Sandur North Range declared under Section-04 of Karnataka Forest Act 1963 and Notified vide Notification No. FFD-29 FAF-84, Dated: 28.02.1985.			
vi	Density of vegetation.	:	Eco value class-III, Tropical Dry Deciduous, Oper Forests. Tree enumeration list enclosed			
vii	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.)					
viii	1 1111 6460	:	The user agency is required to take up soil moisture Conservation works all along the road an adjoining areas.			
ix.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	f :				
x	Whether forms part of National Park wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve	,	The proposed forest land is not part of National Part wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve and elephant corridor etc.			
	tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc (If so, the details of the area an comments of the Chief Wildlift Warden to be annexed)	d	Further, the proposed area is 7.60 km away from Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 6.80 kms aw from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth B Sanctuary. And 33.29 km away from the Gudek Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 29.19 kms away from E sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.			

	xi	Whether any rare/endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- if so details thereof		The Flora and fauna observed in proposed area includes, Flora: Acacia catechu, Albizzia amara, Anogeissus latifolia, Cassia fistula, Carissa carandus, Dodonia viscose, Boswellia serrata and crotalaria sandurensis etc., Fauna: Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hares, Peafowl, Wild pig, Grey partridge, Indian porcupine,
	xii	Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	:	Monitor lizard, four-horned antelope and Pangolin. -No
8.	propo Part-I for th	her the requirement of forest land as sed by the user agency in col. 2 of is unavoidable and barest minimum he project. If no, recommended area wise with details of alternatives ned.	1	Yes
9.	has b details done,	er any work in violation of the Act een carried out (Yes/No). If yes, of the same including period of work action taken on erring officials. er work in violation is still in ss.	:	Yes The approach road is already used by previous lessee without Forest clearance from 21.05.1983 to July- 2011 (i.e date of first grant of lease). Penal Compensatory Afforestation may be imposed for regularization of violation.

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10.	Details scheme	of compensatory afforestation		
	i)	Details of non forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	:	The user agency has identified patta land in Sy.No.6/4 of Amagaov Village, Jamboti Hobli, Khanapura Taluk, Belagavi District over an extent of 12.00 Acreas for raising CA. The user agency is requested Deputy Conservator of forests Belagavi for suitablity certificate vide letter dated: 29.05.2018. The said land is not mutated and transferred to the Forest Department.
	ii)	Map showing non- forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	:	The map enclosed.
	iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	÷	As per the CAMPA guidelines, the afforestation scheme is implemented. Datasheet is enclosed.
	iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	:	Rs. 3,15,000 x 4.85 =Rs. 15,27,750/-
	v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	:	Enclosed.
11.	be end	spection report of the DCF (to closed) especially highlighting sked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9	:	Site inspection report is enclosed.
12.	Divisio	on/District profile:	-	
	i.	Geographical area of the district.	:	8420 Sq.K.M
		Forest area of the district.		1340 53 Sa V M
	ii. iii.	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	:	1349.53 Sq.K.M 6476.58 Ha and totally 91 cases covered

	iv.	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since	:	234 2.49 Ha
		1980 on (a) forest land including penal compensatory afforestation,		
	a some the	(b) Non-forest land.	:	4131.92 Ha
	v.	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 31.03.2018 on (a) Forest land	:	2337.70 Ha
	The second	(b) Non-forest land.	:	2728.00 Ha
13.	 Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons. 		:	The proposal is recommended for approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Deputy Conservator of Forests Ballari Division, Ballari

Date : 05.08.2019. Place : Bellary

Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the proposed site on 03.08.2019 The area for diversion of 3.258 ha of forest land for use of approach road for M.L.No.2678 (old 2580/1179) of M/s SMIORE Ltd Deovgiri,.

North Eastern Forest Block in Sandur North Range declared under Section-04 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Notified vide Notification No. FFD-29, FAF-84, Dated: 28.02.1985. The Forest area falls under Eco value class-III, Tropical Dry Deciduous, Open Forests.

The proposed forest land is not part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve and elephant corridor etc. Further, the proposed area is 21.07 km away from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 20.05 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, 14.07 km away from the Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 9.8 kms away from Eco-sensitive zone of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari

Dated : 05.08.2019 Place: Ballari.

PART-III

(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

Fresh proposal for diversion of 4.85 hectare of forest land in N.E.Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari district for approach road to M.L.No.2487 in favour of M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company to the successful bidder i.e. M/s MSPL Ltd, Hospet, Online proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018 Dated:19-11-2018.

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1	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection and observations made in the form of inspection note to be enclosed.	Yes, I have inspected the said proposed approach road area outside the ML No. 2487 on 12-09-2019.
2	Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	I agree with the information given in the Part-II and recommendations of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.
3	Specific recommendation of concerned Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	Since the diversion of forest land over an extent of 4.85 ha as sought for by the user agency is quite genuine and for the usage of existing approach road in respect of ML.No.2487. Moreover, the said proposed forest area for the purpose of road is barest minimum and unavoidable. Hence, the proposal may be considered as per the section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Place: Ballari Date:17-09-2019. Signature: Name : (Lingaraja S.S) Seal : Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.

PART-III

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<u>PART – IV</u>

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

Detailed opinion & specific	Recommended for according 'in-principle'
recommendation of the State Forest	(Stage–I) approval for diversion of 4.85
Department for acceptance or otherwise of	hectare of forest land in North Eastern
the proposal with remarks	Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla
	village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District
(While giving opinion, the adverse	for Approach Road to Mining Lease
comments made by concerned Conservator	[ML] No. 2487 [an e-auctioned C-
of Forests or Deputy Conservator of	category mine of erstwhile FC holder
Forests should be categorically reviewed	M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining
and critically commented upon).	Company] in favour of the successful
	bidder, i.e., M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete
	for a period up to 20-05-2023 co-
	terminus with the FC approval for the
	connected mining lease and subject to
	the conditions specified in Annexure
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	Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018

Signature:

Name: Designation: RAJIV RANJAN IFS Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) AND Nodal Officer (FCA)

Countersigned by :

Name: Designation:

PUNATI SRIDHAR IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

N.D.O. No: 24/2019-20

Date: **26**-12-2019

(Official Seal)



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ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, 18ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 003 Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003 Telephone : 080 2334 6472 Email : apccffc@gmail.com

E-office File No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/43/2018-FC

To,

E-65892 Date 19-12-2019

Additional Chief Secretary to Government Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment M. S. Building, Bengaluru

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.845 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach Road to Mining Lease [ML] No. 2487 [an eauctioned C-category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company] in favour of the successful bidder, i.e., M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018

- Ref: 1. Online proposal [FORM-A (PART-I)] dated 19-11-2018 of M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete r/w uploading of Acknowledgement on 11-12-2018 for having delivered hard copies of proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests and Deputy Commissioner
 - 2. This office online communication dated 12-12-2018 to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari [for processing of proposal]
 - 3. Online submission of PART-II on 08-08-2019 by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division [Letter No. M1/MNG/MSPL/2487/AR/ 2018-19/578 dated 05-08-2019]
 - Online submission of PART-III on 23-09-2019 by Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle [Letter No. M1/MNG/LMC/TRF/ ML.No.2487/CR-6/2018-19(MSPL) dated 17-09-2019]
 - Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle submitting CA Suitability Certificate and CA Scheme [Letter No. A7/LND/MSPL/Pa.Ne/BGM/2019-20 dated 30-11-2019]

1. M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete [USER AGENCY] had submitted an online proposal [FORM-A (PART-I)] seeking approval under Section 2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.85 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach Road to Mining Lease [ML] No. 2487 [an e-auctioned C-category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company] in its favor as the successful bidder in e-auction. The same was accepted by Nodal Officer (FCA) on 28-11-2018 for further processing. After receiving the Acknowledgement online from the User Agency for having delivered the hard copies to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division & Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District on 11-12-2018, the 'online link' was forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division on 12-12-2018 for field verification and processing under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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2. Location and component wise details of the project: The location and component wise details of the proposal are given below.

District, Taluk, Name of Forest	Village	Sy No.	Project component	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)***	Status of forest land
Ballari District, Sandur Taluk, North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest	Karadikolla	2000 (A7) (A2)	Approach Road*	4.845	Section 4 notified**
	Total (ha)			4.845	

*From ML boundary to forest boundary (R1) as shown on the Geo reference Map uploaded in Item C(iv) of PART-I of the proposal.

** vide Government of Karnataka notification No. FFD 29 FAF 84 dated 28-02-1985

***The forest extent mentioned in Item A-1(viii) and some other relevant item of PART-I is a little different because of decimals and may be read accordingly.

3. DCF, Ballari Division Report: The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division has inspected the site on 03-08-2019. He has submitted his report in PART-II of the proposal to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide his letter dated 05-08-2019 (ref-3) duly recommending the proposal. The details of the proposal as reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division r/w the reports of Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle and also of ICT Centre of Forest Department are as follows.

- a. The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape under Eco-class-III (Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests) with up to 10% canopy density [Open forest].
- b. There are 748 trees of various girth classes in the forest land proposed for diversion. The main species include Terminalia tomentosa, Chloroxylon swietenia, Cassia siamea, Acacia chundra / catechu, Albizia lebbeck, etc.
- c. The forest land proposed for diversion being in hilly terrain is prone to soil erosion and the User Agency is required to take up soil and moisture conservation works all along the road and adjoining areas.
- d. Major wild animals found in the area include Leopard, Sloth Bear, Four-horned antelope, Wild pig, Jackal, Hare, Pangolin, Porcupine, Monitor lizard, Peafowl etc.
- e. There are no other rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna reported in the area.
- f. The forest land proposed for diversion does not form part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, Wildlife Migration Corridor, etc.
- g. The forest land proposed for diversion is not located within Eco-sensitive Zone (ESZ) of any Protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- h. The forest land proposed for diversion is not located within one kilometre distance of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, Wildlife Migration Corridor, etc.
- i. There are no protected archaeological/ heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area.
- j. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.
- 4. CCF Ballari Circle Report: The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle has inspected the site on 12-09-2019 and has agreed with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballar Division. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4) has submitted his report in PART-III and has recommended the proposal.
- 5. Net Present Value (NPV): The User Agency is required to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land proposed for diversion as per Para 3.1 to 3.4 of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-

2019. The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking to pay the charges towards Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.

- 6. Compensatory Afforestation (CA): The User Agency is required to provide an equivalent extent of suitable non forest land in accordance with FC guidelines. Further, as per Government of Karnataka Order No. FEE 88 FLL 2016 dated 31-08-2016 pertaining to FC proposals of private User Agencies, such CA land needs to be a private land either as forest enclosure or adjoining an existing forest area in man-animal conflict zone. In addition, the User Agency is also required to pay the CA charges as per prevailing rates. Accordingly, the User Agency has identified an extent of 4.85 hectare (12.00 Acre) of non-forest (Private) land in Amagaon village, Jamboti Hobli, Khanapura Taluk, Belagavi District. The Topo Map, Geo-referenced Map, KML file and GPS readings of the proposed CA land have already been uploaded / submitted by the User Agency in PART-I of the proposal. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle vide Ref(5) has submitted the CA Suitability Certificate dated 16-11-2019 and the CA scheme issued / prepared by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belgavi Division. The same are enclosed herewith. In addition, the User Agency has also given an Undertaking to pay the CA charges.
- 7. Status of RoFR compliance: With regard to compliance of the provisions of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act 2006 and Rules 2008, the User Agency has obtained and furnished the requisite Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District, vide No. Rev/Mining/F.R.A/121/2017-18 dated 13-09-2019 as per Annexure II of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019.

8. Status of FC of the connected Mining Lease [ML No. 2487]: The mining lease is an e-auctioned C-category mine, the Forest Clearance for which has already been transferred from M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company (the erstwhile FC lease holder) to the present User Agency (MSPL Ltd, Hosapete) vide Government of Karnataka Order No. FEE 57 FMM 2018 dated 12-11-2019 in pursuance of the Government of India approval vide letter F. No. 8-39/2003-FC dated 25-10-2019. The previous FC lease was in respect of the mining area only and the approach road was not included. And hence the User Agency has submitted this proposal.

In light of the facts stated above, it is requested to move the proposal with the Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 4.85 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach Road to Mining Lease [ML] No. 2487 [an e-auctioned C-category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company] in favour of the successful bidder, i.e., M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete for a period up to 20-05-2023 co-terminus with the FC approval for the connected mining lease and subject to the conditions specified in Annexure 'A'.

The hard copy of the proposal along with the relevant documents in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful. The present status of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours Faithfully

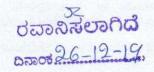
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

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1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.

- 2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
- MSPL Limited, Baldota Enclave, Abheraj Baldota Road, Hosapete, Ballari 583 203 for information and with a request to obtain and submit the RoFR Compliance Certificate (in original) in prescribed format as mentioned above at the earliest.



ANNEXURE - 'A'

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land.
- 2. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory, Plantation cost of extraction of trees, Land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
- 3. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
- 4. The road shall be used for transportation of ore between sunrise and sunset only.
- 5. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage & hypothecate the forest area.
- 6. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
- 7. No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980.
- 8. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
- 9. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
- 10. No crushing / breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed on forest land and all waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
- 11. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests.
- 12. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
- 13. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 & Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
- 14. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
- 15. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

File No.FEE/2/FFM/2020-FEE SEC_C-FOREST DEPARTMENT SEC



Government of Karnataka

No. FEE 02 FFM 2020 (e)

Karnataka Government Secretariat Multistoried Buildings, Bengaluru, Date: **27-03-2020**

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From:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Bengaluru-560001.

To:

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Southern Zone), Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings,

17th Main, Koramangala, Bengaluru.

Sir,

- Sub: Diversion of 4.845 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach road to Mining Lease (ML) No. 2487 (an eauctioned C-Category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company) in favour of the successful bidder, i.e., MSPL Ltd., Hosapete.
- **Ref:** Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/43/2018-FC, dated: 12-12-2019 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bengaluru.

With reference to the above subject, the proposal submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Bengaluru vide letter referred at above and recommendation of the State Government (Part-V) are herewith enclosed.

I am directed to request you to convey **'in-principle'** (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.845 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach road to Mining Lease (ML) No. 2487 (an eauctioned C-Category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company) in favour of the successful bidder, i.e., MSPL Ltd., Hosapete by stipulating suitable conditions.

Yours faithfully

27/03/2020

(S. Srinivasa) Under Secretary to Government Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C)

Copy to:

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.

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Part-V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 4.845 hectare of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach road to Mining Lease (ML) No. 2487 (an e-auctioned C- Category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company) in favour of the successful bidder, i.e., MSPL Ltd., Hosapete for a period up to 20-05-2023 co- terminus with the FC approval for the connected mining lease and subject to the conditons specified in Annexure-A.
8	specified in Annexure-A.

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Place: Bengaluru

Date: 27-03-2020

Signature:

Name & Designation:

S. Srinivasa Under Secretary to Government

Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C) Under Secretary to Government Forest, Ecology and Environment Dept

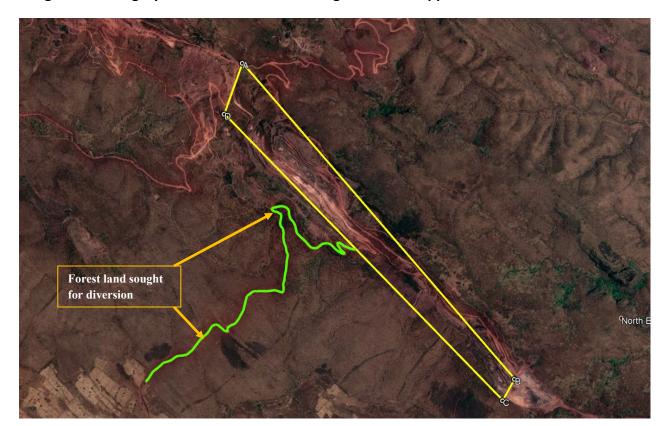
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Proposal: Approach Road to Karadikolla Iron Ore Mine (ML No 2487) of MSPL Limited

Summary of DSS Analysis Report:

I. In Case of Land proposed for Diversion:

- 1. Proposed forest area for diversion falls under Bellary district of Karnataka State.
- 2. Calculated area of Shape file/ KML file of Forest land proposed for diversion is found 4.83 ha (GIS software calculated).
- 3. As per DSS, there is no wildlife sanctuary/ Tiger reserve/ tiger corridor is located within 10 km distance from the instant project site.
- 4. Forest Cover: Out of total forest area proposed for diversion, 1 ha of land is characterized with Moderately Dense Forest, 3 ha of land as Open forest and 1 ha. of land as Non Forest (land devoid of tree cover) in terms of forest classes (as per the ISFR 2015) based on the interpretation of satellite data period 2013-2014.
- 5. Forest Types details: 5/DS 1 Dry Deciduous Scrub: 1 ha, 5A/C3 Southern Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest: 2 ha & Non-Forest: 2 ha.



Google earth imagery dated 01.04.2019 Showing forest land applied for diversion:-

II. In Case of Compensatory Afforestation Land: Compensatory afforestation has been proposed in a single patch located in Bhimgad district of Karnataka State. The legal status of ca site is found Non-reserve Forest land and total area of proposed ca land is found 4.85 ha (GIS software calculated)

289545/2020/C In terms of standards followed in ISFR 2015 (interpretation of satellite data period 2013-2014) regarding density classes is given in Table-1 below:

S.No	District Name	Khasra No.	Village	Area (in ha.)	VDF	MDF	OF	NF
1	Belgaum	6/4	AMAGAON	4.85	0.00	1	3	0.85
	Total 4.8 Ha	a area is proposed fo	r CA	4.85	0.00	1	3	0.85

- 2. As per DSS records, proposed CA site is falling in Bhimgad wildlife sanctuary.
- 3. The proposed CA site is located at a distance (Aerial distance) of 237.55 Km approx. from the proposed diversion site.
- 4. Forest Cover: Out of total 4.85 ha area proposed for CA, 1 ha of land is characterized as Moderately Dense Forest, 3 ha of land as Open Forest and 0.85 Ha land as Non-forest (land devoid of tree cover) in terms of forest classes (as per the ISFR 2015) based on the interpretation of satellite data period 2013-2014.

Decision Support System (DSS):

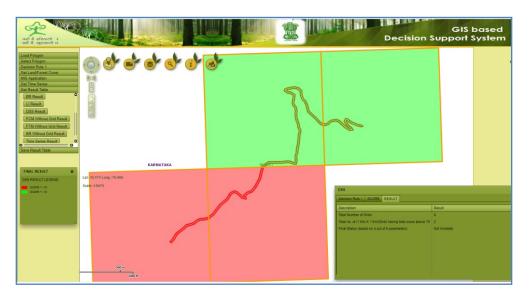
Decision Rule no. 1:

Whether forms part of:

- I. Hydrological Layer:
 - a. Major River: N/A
 - b. Wetland (Area more than 10 ha.): N/A
 - c. Water bodies (irrigation/Hydropower/water storage): N/A
- II. Very Dense Forest patch (>1 sq km): N/A
- III. Remnant Forest Type: N/A
- IV. Protected area/Tiger Reserves/Tiger corridors: N/A
- V. Wild life Species: Sloth Bear

Decision Rule no.2:

Without 50% Rule:



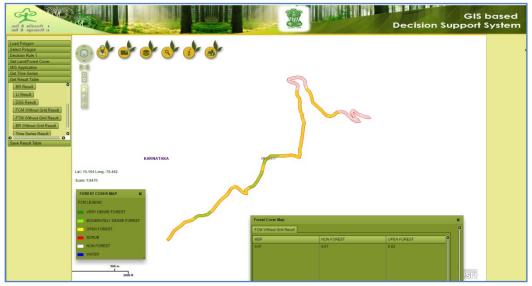
289545/20	289545/2020#FCRIPTION			
	Total Number of Grids	4		
	Total no. of (1 Km X 1 Km)Grids having total score above 70			
	Not-Inviolate			

Final Result: Not-Inviolate (Based on Decision Rule 1 & 2)

Forest Cover Map:

In terms of standards followed in ISFR 2015 (interpretation of satellite data period 2013-2014) regarding density classes:

- I. Very Dense Forest (Canopy density 70% & above): 0.00ha.
- II. Moderately dense Forest (canopy density 40-70%): 1 ha.
- III. Open Forest (canopy density 10-40%): 3 ha.
- IV. Non-Forest land: 1 ha.



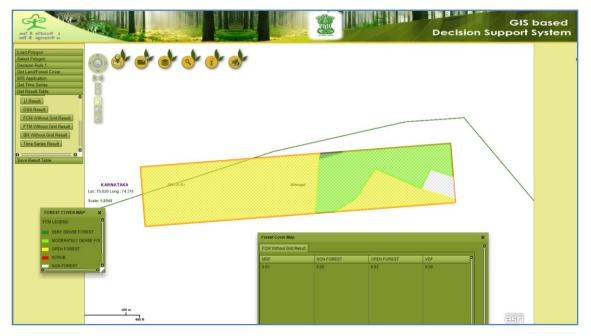
Forest Type Map:

Details of Forest Types present: 5/DS 1 Dry Deciduous Scrub: 1 ha, 5A/C3 Southern Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest: 2 ha & Non-Forest: 2 ha.





Map showing the Forest cover in compensatory afforestation site



Submitted pls.

Prashant Tiwari STA, DSS Cell Sub: Proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for approach road to Mining Lease No. 2487 (an e-auctioned 'C' category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company) in favour of successful bidder M/s. MSPL Ltd, Hosapete.-regarding (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018).

- The Regional Office, Bangalore vide their letter no.4-KRA1240/2020-BAN-118 dated 02.06.2020 has forwarded the proposal of Government of Karnataka, Department of Forest and Environment which was send to Regional Officer, Bangalore vide letter No. FEE 02 FFM 2020 (e) dated 27.03.2020 to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned subject.
- 2. The Regional Office, Bangalore has forwarded this proposal informing that the proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land for approach road is w.r.t the earlier diverted Mining project of an area of 86.12 ha (Earlier diverted 105.22). The Ministry vide its letter dated 07/08 July 2003 granted approval under Section 2 of FCA, 1980 for renewal of mining lease no. 1876 in favour of M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company for Iron Mines over 105.22 ha of already broken-up forest land in district Bellary.
- 3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide his letter No. M I/MNG/LMC/TRF/ML.No.2487/CR-6/2018-19(MSPL) dated 26.10.2018 intimated that the Deputy Conservation of Forest, Ballari Division, Ballari submitted the proposal seeking transfer of FC approval pertaining to M/s Laxminarayana Mining Company, Bangalore, in favour of the new lessee i.e. M/s MSPL Limited, having declared as the "Successful bidder" in the e-auction process conducted by the Director, Mines and Geology, Bengaluru. in respect of erstwhile" C" category of mining lease bearing No. 2487 of M/s Laxminarayana Mining Company, Bangalore in conformity with the orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and as per the 'letter of intent' issued by the Commissioner and Director Department of Mines and Geology, Bengaluru. The salient feature are brought to the notice for taking further needful action in the matter:
- i. It is reported that the M/s MSPL Limited has been declared as a successful bidder of M.L. /No.2487 (C-category mine) through e-auction for diversion of 86.12 ha (as per CEC sketch). Further, the Commissioner, Department of Mines & Geology, Bangalore has issued a "Letter of Intent" and subsequently the mining lease will be granted upon the submission of all the clearances ie., NOC, pelmits licenses, to mine development and production agreement. As per the said purpose and order I from the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the user agency requested the State Forest Department, Government of Karnataka for transfer of forest clearance in favour of M/s MSPL Ltd., Hospet from the erstwhile lessee.
- ii. The said mining lease area of erstwhile M/s Laxminarayana Mining Company, Bangalore M.L. No. 2487 is located in North-Eastern block of Sandur taluk, Ballari district, Karnataka State. This original lease was granted over an area of 175.63 ha. vide Government of Karnataka Notification No.CI-154-MMM-82 dated 17.02. I983 i.e., with effect from 21.05.1983. As per the letter dated 17.04.1997 of the Government of India the lease period was accorded over a period of 10 years i.e. from Government of India the lease period was accorded over a period of 10 years i.e. from 21.05.1983 to 20.05.1993. Later on, this lease was renewed for further lease period which shall be the co-terminus with the lease granted under the MMRD Act, 1957 subject to the maximum period of30 years. Finally, this mining lease was subsequently renewed over a period

of 20 years vide Notification No. CI-104-MMM-2004 over an extent of 105.22 ha., i.e. upto 20.05.2023 by the Commerce & Industries Department.

- iii. However, this mining lease was approved under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over an extent of 105.22 ha., during the year 1997 itself vide order dated 27.03. I997 of the Government of India. Later on, this Mining lease was first time renewed under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide order No.8-39/2003/FC dated 07/08-07-2003 of MOEF, Government of India, New Delhi and followed by Government of Karnataka for extraction of iron ore and determined the lease period co-terminus with the lease granted under MMDR Act, 1957 i.e. up to 20.05.2023.
- iv. It is reported that the joint survey of the proposed mining lease area bearing No. 2487 which is now to be transferred in favour of M/s MSPL Ltd., Hospet has been conducted by the Asst. Conservator of Forests, Ballary and Range Forest Officer, Sandur North Range. As per the CEC digitization sketch, the extent of 86.12 ha., was earmarked for which FG approval was accorded. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari has raised that the difference area of)9.10 ha., is to be surrendered to the Forest Department as clearly earmarked on the joint survey sketch as against 105.22 ha. Besides this, it is reported that 0.028 ha. is over lapping with the adjoining lease area of M/s Chowgle & Company M.L. No. 2546 and 0.03 ha., is also overlapping with the M.L. No. 253 I of M/s Aswathnarayanasingh Mining Company. In this connection, suitable action may be taken to resume the area of 19.10 ha. forest area and automatically it will come back to the forest department, since the CEC had construed the lease area as 86.12 ha. only. Hence, the question of surrendering an area of 19.10 ha. may not arise.
- v. It is reported that the safety zone has been arrived to 5. I0 ha., as per the approved R&R plan of the ICFRE and the entire 86.12 ha. of forest land is already broken up as per the joints survey sketch. The amount of afforestation in the degraded forest one and half time of the safety zone area may be recovered from the new lessee i.e. M/s MSPL Ltd., Hospet.
- vi. It is reported that as per the Central Empowered Committee's Joint Survey report, the encroachment of 47.21 ha. was identified.
 - 5. The Ministry vide its letter dated 25.10.2019 conveyed its approval for transfer of final forest clearance of Karadikolla Iron Ore Mines (ML No. 2487) 2003 from M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company to M/s MSPL Ltd. Hosapete in in respect of diversion of 86.12 ha (Earlier diverted 105.22) of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District, which was granted vide this Ministry's letter dated 07/08 July, 2003.
 - 6. The facts related to the proposal as contained in the State Government's letter dated 27.03.2020 are given below in the form of fact sheet:

1.	Name of the Proposal	Proposal for diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District for approach road to Mining Lease No. 2487 (an e-auctioned 'C' category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s. Lakshminarayana Mining Company) in favour of successful bidder M/s. MSPL Ltd, Hosapeteregarding
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FACT SHEET

		(Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/37101/2018).
2.	Location:	
	State	Karnataka
	District	Bellary Forest Division
3.	Details of the user agency	
	Name of the user agency	M/s. MSPL Ltd.
	Nature of the user agency	Private
	Total period for which the forest	50
	land is proposed to be diverted (in years);	However, as per the MMRD Act, 1957 the FC is valid i.e. up to 20.05.2023.
4.	Particular of Forests	
	i. Name of Forest Division	Bellary Forest Division
	ii. Area of Forest land proposed for Diversion	Reserved Forest land $= 4.85$ ha.
	iii. Legal Status of Forest land	Reserved Forest land North Eastern Forest Block in Sandur North Range declared under Section 4 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Notified vide notification no.FFD-29, FAF-84 dated 28.02.1985. Eco value class-III, Tropical Dry Deciduous,
	iv. Eco-Class	Open Forests.
	v. Density of Vegetation	0.1
5.	and diameter class wise enumeration of trees in unbroken area.	As per the part –II of the proposal. There are 748 trees of various girth classes in the forest land proposed for diversion. The main species include <i>Terminalia tomentosa, Chloroxylon swietenid., Ctissitisi"amea,' Acaciachundralcatechu, Albizia lebbeck;</i> etc.,
6.	forest land proposed for diversion	There is no particular Prescription for this proposed area in sanctioned Working Plan of this division.
7.	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	The user agency is required to take up soil & moisture Conservation Works all along the road and adjoining areas.
8.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest	Applied area is within the forest land and distance

9.		Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hares, Peafowl, wild
		pig, Grey partridge, Indian porcupine, Monitor lizard, four-horned antelope and Pangolin.
10		No, the applied area does not form part of any
10.		National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
		However, movement of wild elephant is often
	details of the area the comments of	_
	the Chief Wildlife Warden to be	
	annexed).	
11	,	The flora and fauna observed in proposed area
11.	unique species of flora and fauna	
		Flora: Acacia catechu, Albizzia amara,
	thereof.	Anogeissus latifolia, Casssia fistula, Carissa
	thereor.	carandus, Dodonia viscose, Boswellia serrata and
		crotalaria sandurensis etc.,
		,
		Fauna: Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hares, Peafowl, Wild pig, Grey partridge, Indian
		porcupine, Monitor lizard, four-horned antelope and Pangolin.
10	W/h other and a start of a	
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	archaeological/ heritage site/	
	defence establishment or any other	
	important monument is located in	
	the area. If so, the details thereof	
	with NOC from competent	
12	authority, if required.	NT -
13.	Whether the requirement of forest	
	land as proposed by the User	
	Agency in col.2 of Part-I is	
	unavoidable and bare minimum for	
	the project. If no, recommended	
	area item-wise with details of	
	alternatives examined.	
14.	Whether any work in violation of	
		The approach road is already used by previous
	No). If yes, details of the same	
		21.05.1983 to July-2011 (i.e. date of 01 st grant
	-	of lease). Penal Compensatory Afforestation
		may be imposed for regularization of
1 -	1 0	violation.
15.		Details of Site Inspection Report submitted by the
	(to be enclosed) in respect to status	
	of compliance of conditions	
	stipulated during earlier approval.	
16.		The user agency has identified patta land in
	Afforestation Scheme:	Sy.No.6/4 of Amagaov village, Jamboti Hobli,
		Khanapura Taluk, Belagavi District over an
		extent of 12.00 Acress for raising CA. The user

	Details of non-forest area/	agency is requested DCF, Belagavi for suitability certificate vide letter dated 29.05.2018. The said land is not mutated and transferred to the Forest Department. The Compensatory afforestation has been
	degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	proposed on the non-forest land in lieu of diversion of 4.85 ha. of forest land . The Site for compensatory afforestation has been identified in Belgaum District, Amagaon village in the Khasra No.6/4.
	compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	Map showing the land identified for CA has been submitted.
	Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.	
	•	The CA scheme involves financial provision of Rs.15,27,750/-
	Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view. To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservatory of Forests.	
17.	Cost benefit analysis	No, as per part I
18.	Total cost of the project	Rs. 300/- lakhs.
19.	Employment	Not applicable
20.	Environment clearance required in the project.	No, as per part I.
21.	Resettlement and Rehabilitation	NA
	a. No of families involvedb. Category of familiesc. Details of rehabilitation plan	Nil

22.	and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest	The Complete Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, have not submitted by the State Govt.
23.	Details of mining lease	
	Date of issue of the letter of Intent (LoI) for grant of mining lease: Total area of the mining lease	
	(granted originally) Date of execution of mining lease	-
	Mine Plan	27.10.2017 from Indian Bureau of Mines.
		27.10.2017 Hom melan Dureau of Wines.
	Progressive Mine Closure Plan	-
	Date of earlier approval obtained under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980	
24.	Divisional / District profile, Bellary	
	Geographical area of the district / division	842000 ha.
	Forest area of the District	134900 ha.
	Total forest area diverted in the Division/ District since 1980 with number of cases.	
	Total compensatory Afforestation stipulated in the District / Division since 1980 on	
		CA in Degraded Forest land – 2342.49 ha Penal CA – nil Non forest land – nil
	Progress of compensatory Afforestation as on date (a) Forest land (b) Non-forest land	Forest land – 233.70 ha Penal CA – nil Non forest land – 2728.00 ha.
25.	Recommendation	
26.	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	
	CF	Since the diversion of forest land over an extent of 4.85 ha as sought for by the user agency is quite genuine and for the usage of existing approach road in respect of ML.No.2487. Moreover, the said proposed forest area for the

	purpose of road is barest minimum and unavoidable. Hence, the proposal may be considered as per the section 2 of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980.
PCCF/ Nodal Officer (FCA)	Recommended for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 4.85 ha of forest land in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest (near Karadikolla village), sandur Taluk, Ballar District for approach road to Mining Lease (ML) No.2487 [an e-auctioned C-category mine of erstwhile FC holder M/s. Lakshmi Narayana Mining Company] in favour of the successful bidder i.e. M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete for a period up to 20.05.2023 co-terminus with the FC approval for the connected mining lease and subject to the conditions specified in Annexure 'A'.
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6. After examination of the information submitted by the Govt. of Karnataka, the Ministry was observed the following shortcomings: -

(i) The Complete Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, has not submitted by the State Govt. (ii) The validity of the FC granted by this Ministry is up to 20.05.2023 for diversion of 86.12 ha (Earlier diverted 105.22) of forest land in North Eastern Block Forest (near Karadikolla village), Sandur Taluk, Bellary District. The validity of the lease document may be delebrated.

In view of the above facts related to the proposal, it is proposed that proposal may be submitted to the FAC, in its meeting scheduled to be held on **24.03.2021**.