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

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The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests), Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.

Sub: Transfer of Forest Clearance (FC) in respect of ML No. 2552 from Sri. M. Srinivasalu to M/s. Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals. -regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the representation dated 07.04.2022 received from Managing Partner (H.E. Panduranga) of M/s. Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals, Hospet Ballari district Karnataka, on the above mentioned subject.

In view of the above the Government of Karnataka is requested to examine the matter furnish their comments to this Ministry.

Encl:. As above

Yours faithfully, Sandeep Sharma) Assistant Inspector General of Forest

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- 1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 2. The Nodal Officer (FCA) Department of Forest, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore of MoEF&CC.
- 4. The Managing Partner (H.E. Panduranga) of M/s. Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals, Hospet, Ballari district, Karnataka.
- 5. Monitoring cell of MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

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The Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Transfer of Forest Clearance (FC) in respect of ML No.2552 from Sri. M.Srinivasulu to M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals:

- 1. The ML No. 2552 was originally granted in favour of M.Srinivasulu, who is one of the Partner of the Firm, M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals, over an extent of 134.00 Hectares, in D.M.Block, Sandur Range, Ballari Division, Ballari, Karnataka.
- 2. The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, New-Delhi and the Government of Karnataka had accorded approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) at 1980, in respect of 134.00 Hectares of Forest land, in Donimalai Village, D.M.Block, Sandur Range, Ballari District, Karnataka in favour of Sri.M.Srinivasulu.
- **3.** Pursuant to the Government Order dated 15.01.2010; ML No.2552 was transferred in favour of M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals and Form -'O' dated 01.02.2010, for transfer of mining Lease was also executed by the Department of Mines and Geology as per the provisions in the rule.
- **4.** Pursuant to the transfer of ML No. 2552 the suitability certificate of Area Identify for compensatory afforestation dated 20.08.2014 was issued by Deputy Conservator of Forest, Kolar Dist., Kolar, and Karnataka. Accordingly, all these compliances of Forest Dept has been cleared & completed. The necessary & Statutory Govt Fees is already paid.
- **5.** The said Sri M.Srinivasulu by submitting all necessary documents and consent has requested for transfer of Forest clearance (FC) in respect of ML.No.2552, in favour of M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals.

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- 6. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, vide Letter No. FEE 12 FFM 2021 (P) dated 30.07.2021 has requested the Inspector General of Forest (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, to accord approval for transfer of ML No.2552, from Sri.M.Srinivasulu to M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals.
- 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Vide Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/05/2020/FC dated 08.02.2022 has informed the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka that, consequent on the transfer of Lease/Forest Clearance from M.Srinivasulu to M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals, the user agency may be made liable to Identify the new non-forest land for CA-Land Purpose and that this is a running mine and material is not released by the monitoring committee till the transfer of Forest Clearance (FC) takes place.
- Further, it is informed that, the user agency may, be made liable to identify the new non- forest land for the said purpose, this is a running Mine & A+ Category Mine as per rules and regulations.
- **9.** The Assistant Inspector General of Forest, Govt.of India vide Letter No. 8-67-2006-FC dated 04 April 2022 informed the additional Chief Secretary (Forest), Govt. Of Karnataka, Bangalore that, to identify new Non-forest CA Land along with suitability Certificate to the ministry for transfer of Forest Clearance (FC) from Sri M.Srinivasulu to M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals.
- 10. It may kindly be noted that, the process of Transfer of Lease/Forests Clearance from M.Srinivasulu to M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals is only a procedural aspect. Since, ML No. 2552 is a running Mine, A+ Category and lease period valid upto 02-07-2027. However, the Monitoring Committee is not permitting the firm M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals, to participate in E-Auction of the Iron Ore, unless Forest Clearance (FC) is transferred. The same is causing financial hardship, loss and injury not only in terms of the revenue loss for the exchequer but also to the livelihood of the men and Labour, who are employed in the mining activities.

Considering the above, we humbly request your Good Self, to kindly approve for the transfer of Forest Clearance (FC) in respect of ML.No.2552 from Sri. M.Srinivasulu to M/s.Shree Gavisiddeshwara Minerals and direct the monitoring

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Committee to allow the user agency to participate in E-auction of Iron Ore and its necessary proceedings till the transfer of Forest Clearance (FC) takes place.

Thanking You,

Your's sincerely

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¹ Managing Partner (H.E.Panduranga)

Place: New Delhi Dated: 07-04-2022

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