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

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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi: 1100 03, Dated: 23rd August, 2021

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment,
Government of Karnataka,
Bangalore.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 43.58 hectare of forest land in Ramanamalai (RM) Block Forest, Near Ramgad Village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Dharmapura Iron Ore Mine (expired ML No. 2239 of M/s Zeenath Transport Company) in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited (New ML No. 0013), Vidyanagar, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, Karnataka (the Successful Bidder in e-auction), (Online proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/44852/2020). – Regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 17 FFM 2021 (e) dated 31st May, 2021 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, I am directed to seek information on the points mentioned below: -

- (i) Earlier, in 1997, the user agency was granted diversion of 44.13 ha of forest land. In this regard the State Govt. may furnish the the details and extent of the land taken under CA and corresponding amount deposited by the User Agency. The detail about the status of fund utilization against the proposed CA plantation shall also be furnished.
- (ii) The State Govt. is also requested to fill up the performa for verification of deposits in CAMPA by old lessee (**Performa enclosed**).

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/justification at the earliest as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)

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Copy to: -

- (i) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- (ii) The Nodal Officer, FCA, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- (iii) The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore.
- (iv) User Agency.
- (v) Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

PROFORMA FOR VERIFICATION OF DEPOSITS IN COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND 1. Name of Regional Office 2. State/District/Forest Division to which the proposal relates 3. Name of User Agency, nature of proposal Nature and category of proposal 4. 5. Proposal number Extent of forest area involved 6. 7. Whether original or extension 8. If extension of lease, please clarify if proposal involves additional forest area and if so, specify Date of 1st Stage clearance
Extent of CAMPA charges, head wise viz.: 9. 10. (a) Compensatory Afforestation (b) Additional Compensatory Afforestation (c) Penal Compensatory Afforestation (d) Catchment Area Treatment (e) Wildlife Management Plan (f) Additional charges for diversion of area failing under notified/protected areas (g) Net Present Value (h) Any other charges/levies (Please specify) Whether payment made through challan or otherwise. In 11. case of online payment, details of challan 12. Details of deposits Date of deposit Name of Bank from Bank Account of CAF Amount UTR/ Type of deposit | Whether by S deposited which amount managed by CAMPA RTGS/DD/ DD No. {NPV/CA/ No. in which fund (Rs.) transferred to account **NEFT** IWMP/ deposited of CAF (Specify) Others (specify)}

Date: Place:

Signature of I/C, Regional Office /Nodal Officer of the State