

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No.DMG/MLS/New Block Exp/2017-18/3591

Office of the Director
Department of Mines and Geology
Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road
Bangalore-1, dated: 13.11.2017.

To,
✓ Deputy General Manager,
Business and Development and Commercial,
Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd,
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhavan,
Seminary Hills, Nagapur-400006

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Sir,

Sub: Forest clearances in ML No. 2010 over an extent of 325.74 Ha -
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- Ref: 1. Government letter No. CI 380 MMM 2015 dated: 11.03.2016.
2. This office letter No. DMG/RML-2010/2015-16 dated:
23.03.2016.
3. Government letter No. CI 07 MMM 2015 dated: 24/26.03.2016
4. This office letter No. DMG/RML-2010/2015-16 dated:
15.07.2016.
5. Your letter No. MEC/KSIOP/TEC/2017-18/2715 dated:
08.09.2017.

Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 32226/2009 had rejected the renewal application filed in respect of ML No. 2010 and directed to take steps as required under Rule 59 of MCR 1960 which stood at that time.

Government vide letter cited at reference (1), has informed to propose the ML No. 2010, NEB Range, Sandur taluk, Bellary district for exploration through MECL. Accordingly, MECL was requested to submit cost estimation/Techno Commercial offer for exploration.

In the meantime, a Technical Committee of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) was held on 02.06.2016 wherein it was proposed to take the above said block for exploration under NMET. Accordingly, MECL carried out G4 level exploration and submitted report to Technical Committee NMET with a recommendation to go for G2 level exploration.

Technical Committee recommended for seamless G3 to G2 level exploration to Executive Committee of NMET.

In the meeting held on 13.11.2017, Secretary to Government, Commerce and Industries informed that the proposal of exploration in ML No. 2010 was discussed with the Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Mines and during the discussion it was informed that NMET Executive Committee has approved for seamless G3 to G2 level exploration in the above said block. Hence, informed this office, issue letter to MECL to file Form-C before Forest Department in order to save the time.

In view of the above, exploration in ML No. 2010, NEB Range, Sandur taluk, Bellary district was entrusted to M/s MECL under NMET and hence requested to apply for Forest Clearance under Form-C.

Further, exploration agency is the competent to decide the location of the bore hole hence signature of this office on the bore hole plan is not required. This is for your kind information and further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


DIRECTOR