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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,  
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,  
 M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,  
 Bangalore – 560 001.

**Subject: Diversion of 0.8148 ha (revised from 1.4406 ha) of forest land in Ubbalagundi Extension Reserved Forest, Ubbalagundi village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for approach Road to Ubbalagundi Iron ore mine MI No.008 (located partly in adjoining Donimalai Block Forest and partly Ubbalagundi Extension RF) in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/39765/2019) -reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No. FEE 70 FFM 2020 (e) dated 13/10/2022, 26/06/2024 and Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Karnataka Forest Department letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1 (MNG)/48/2019-FC dated 30/09/2024 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded in suppression of this office letter No. KRB1386/2022-BAN/244 dated 21/08/2024 by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. The State Government vide letters No. FEE 70 FFM 2022 (e) dated 17/09/2025 and 10/03/2026 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **0.8148 ha.** of forest land in Ubbalagundi Extension Reserved Forest, Ubbalagundi village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for approach Road to Ubbalagundi Iron ore mine MI No.008 (located partly in adjoining Donimalai Block Forest and partly Ubbalagundi Extension RF) in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited, Toranagallu, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over the non-forest land identified i.e. 1.76 ha of non-forest land in Sy.No.142/1, Halabavi village, Lingasugur Taluk, Raichur District within two years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.
4. The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department i.e. 1.76 ha of non-forest land in Sy.No.142/1, Halabavi village, Lingasugur Taluk, Raichur District shall be notified as Protected Forests under section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the local Forest Act.
5. The KML file of the area diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
6. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the user agency.
7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
8. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
11. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
12. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.8148 ha.
13. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
14. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
15. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
16. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
17. Any other condition that the Central Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
18. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to

the project.

19. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,

**(Yasodha K)**

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, 3rd Floor (Front Portion), Supreme Court Metro Station Building (Line-3), New Delhi-110 001.
2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA, office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
6. M/s JSW Steel Limited, P.O. Vidyanagar-583275, Ballari District.
7. Guard file.