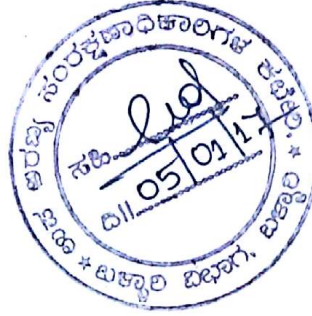




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To,  
The Deputy Conservator Forests (DCF)  
Department of Forests & Wildlife,  
Ballari, Karnataka.

**Subject:** Diversion of forest land for the proposed 'Approach road' connecting to recently allocated 'Bellary Iron Ore Mine' (ML No. 2366 -Tunga mines) project  
**Reference:** Acceptance of proposal submitted online (FP/KA/ROAD/21837/2016) and request for submission of hard copy along with acknowledgements of copies submitted at DC and DCF office.

Sir,

M/s JSW Steel Ltd. has been declared as the "Preferred Bidder" for 5 'C category of Mines' videan E-Auction process conducted in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015. These mines are located in Sandur region of Ballari District of Karnataka. Early operation of these mines would help in reducing dependence on sourcing and transporting iron ores from a long distance such as Chhattisgarh & Odisha States.

Bellary Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2366) also known as Tunga mines, is one of these 5 C categories of mine allocated to us. The transfer of existing statutory approvals including the forest clearance of this Bellary Iron Ore Mine to us, is in process as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order WP(C) no. 562/2009dt. 30.7.2015. Once the mine becomes operational, we will be requiring an approach road for the evacuation of mined ore. This resulted in undertaking the survey and demarcating land for the approach road.

During the survey we realized that, the proposed approach road involves forest land and its diversion is necessary. Therefore, as necessitated, we have submitted proposal for 'Approach road' connecting to recently allocated 'Bellary Iron Ore Mine' (ML No. 2366 - Tunga mines) project. The proposal has been accepted after scrutiny and we were informed through email to submit hard copy of the proposal at the Office of Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) and the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ballari.

The proposed 'Approach Road', is an existing approach road under use by the erstwhile lessee and will not impact any undisturbed forest land or habitat. Also the area of the approach has been kept at 4.555 ha, which is bare minimum for movement of vehicles on such a terrain. We therefore request you to kindly recommend our proposal since approach road is a must for making allocated mine operational.

As required, equal size of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land have been identified as a private land within the proposed eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Bear Sanctuary.

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The Salient Features of the proposed Approach Road are as following:-

- Shape of proposed forest land to diverted is linear
- The length of proposed approach road is 3942 meter.
- Existing road width is 7 meter, while the proposed maximum width is 11.55 meter.
- Area of the proposed forest land to be diverted is 4.555 ha.
- Estimated cost of the project is 700 lacs.
- We had meticulously planned to avoid forest land, tried various alternatives to optimize the capacity of road. Instead of going for fresh road, we have decided to use existing road with a little expansion.
- Use of existing road has considerably reduced use of fresh forest land and avoided habitat loss which otherwise required.
- In all cases, we have mapped and minimized the extent of dense forest land
- Also we will also be using latest technology to minimize the noise level as well as follow strict ambient air quality norms so as to minimize the effect on flora and fauna nurturing nearby.
- Furthermore site disturbances if any, would be restricted to the construction phase only and dust during the transportation of iron ore will be kept under control by using sprinkler installed at intervals.
- Once the project is operational, road would be solemnly used for movement of men, material and machinery
- Trained personnel will be involved during the construction phase of the project so as to avoid any damage to the flora and fauna elements.

We therefore request you to kindly recommend our proposal requiring diversion of 4.555 ha of forest land for the purpose of approach road to Tunga mines, for approval.

Yours Faithfully,

**For JSW STEEL LIMITED,**

**Authorised Signatory**

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For M/S. JSW Steel Ltd.

Attachments:

1. Hard Copy of the proposal accepted online: FP/KA/ROAD/21837/2016
2. Checklist of the Project Proposal
3. Duly filled Form A with Annexures





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To,  
**The Deputy Commissioner,**  
Bellary, Karnataka

**Subject:** Diversion of 4.555 ha of forest land for the proposed 'Approach road for Bellary Iron Ore Mine' (ML No. 2366 -Tunga) project and request for Certificates (Form I) under The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (**Recognition of Forest Rights**) Act, 2006.

**Reference:** Acceptance of proposal submitted online (FP/KA/ROAD/21837/2016) and request for submission of hard copy along with acknowledgements of copies submitted at DC and DCF office.

Dear Sir,

Bellary Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2366) also known as Tunga mines, is one of these 5 C categories of mine allocated to us. The transfer of existing statutory approvals including the forest clearance of this mines is in process as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order WP(C) no. 562/2009 dt. 30.7.2015. Once the mine becomes operational, we will be requiring an approach road for the evacuation of mined ore. This resulted in undertaking the survey and demarcating land for the approach road.

For the 4.555 ha forest land involved in the proposed approach road, online proposal (FP/KA/ROAD/21837/2016) for its diversion has been submitted. The proposal has been accepted and instructed for submission of hard copies at the offices of DC and DCF.

Since diversion of forest land was involved, we require Certificates (Form I) under The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (**Recognition of Forest Rights**) Act, 2006.

The proposed 'Approach Road', is an existing approach road under use by the erstwhile lessee and will not impact any undisturbed forest land or habitat. This area falls under the jurisdiction of Taranagar village. Also this approach road is planned such as manner that it will be useful for both the mining leases 2366 and 2365. This reduces the requirement of forest land considerably. Also the area of the approach has been kept at 4.555, which is bare minimum for movement of vehicles on such a terrain.

We request your kind attention to the MOEFCC Notification dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 (**Annexure IV**), wherein consent of the Gram Sabha may not be required in cases of linear diversion of forest land is involved, unless rights of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)/ Pre Agricultural Communities (PACs) are affected. As per the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI notification No. F.No.22040/58/2007-



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NGO (Annexure V) only Jenu Kuruba and Koraga are the primitive tribal groups identified in Karnataka. Since both these communities are not present in any of the project areas proposed for the diversion, we request your good self to kindly issue us certificate as per Form I of Forest Rights Acts, 2006.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

**For JSW STEEL LIMITED.**

  
Authorized Signatory  
For M/S. JSW Steel Ltd.

Attachments:

- Annexure I. Hard copy of proposal submitted online for the diversion of forest land falling within 'Approach road for Bellary Iron Ore Mine' (ML No. 2366 -Tunga) Project.
- Annexure II: MOEFCC Notification F. No. 11-9/98-FC dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2013
- Annexure III: Ministry of Tribal Affairs notification F. No. 22040/58/2007-NGO, GOI.