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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 19.3044 ha of forest land in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor Belt at Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine, ML No.2605 in favour of M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited [erstwhile M/s Mysore Minerals Limited], Bengaluru (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/47146/2020)-Reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 48 FLL 2020 (e) dated 17.09.2025 forwarding the above mentioned proposal seeking approval under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After analysing the proposal the following shortcomings have been observed:-

- The State Government is requested to submit the recommendation of PSC as per rule 9 (5) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
- The cost : benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters/format provided in comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023. It is requested to furnish the revised C:B ratio considering the parameters/format given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.
- The State Government is requested to submit the CA suitability certificate of the CA land identified.
- Number of trees enumerated for felling is on the higher side. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to explore the possibilities to reduce the number of trees to be felled.
- The details of the alternatives examined is not provided. Therefore, the State Govt. is requested to submit the alternatives examined and the reason for its rejection.
- The State Government is requested to submit the justification for proposing the stock yard in the forest land. Further State Govt, is also requested to

explore the possibilities to shift the stockyard to a non-forest land.

- vii. It has been informed by the DCF in Form A part-II, that the area proposed for diversion is situated on a ridge, the proposed area is having steep slope. Hence, Soil erosion could be an issue. Therefore, User Agency may be suggested to take necessary steps to prevent soil erosion. In this regard, the user agency is requested to submit the SMC plan approved from the component authority.
- viii. It has been informed by the DCF in Form A, Part-II, that the area proposed for diversion have rare, endangered, or unique species of flora and fauna. In view of this, the State Government is requested to obtain and submit specific comments from the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) regarding the potential impact of the proposed project on these species. Further, a site-specific Wildlife Mitigation Plan may be prepared and submitted with the approval of the CWLW.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit the above-mentioned documents/information/clarification for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Yasodha K)

Deputy Inspector General of Forest (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
3. M/s Karnataka State minerals Corporation Limited. TTMC “A” Block, 5th Floor, BMTC uilding, KH Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560002.
4. Guard file.