



ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅಂಚೆ, ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಬಾಕಿ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಅಪಜೀ 41 ಎಫ್‌ಎಫ್‌ಎಂ 2021(ಇ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ

ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ:22-09-2021.

ಇವರಿಂದ:

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,
ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001.

ಇವರಿಗೆ:

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು),
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560003.

ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ವಿಷಯ: Diversion of 39.90 hectare(39.70 ha for Mining Lease and 0.20 ha for Approach Road) of forest land in Sy.No. 45, 49 & 50 of Jalligeri Village, Kasaba Hobli, Shirahatti Taluk, Gadag District for establishing Sangli Gold Mine in favour of M/s Ramgad Minerals & Mining Limited, Hosapete, Ballari District.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: 1. ತಮ್ಮ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: KFD/HOFF/A5-1 (MNG)/7/2019-FC, ದಿನಾಂಕ:05-05-2021.

2. ಮೆ|| ರಾಮಗಡ್ ಮಿನರಲ್ಸ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ ರವರ ಮನವಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:15.07.2021

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ (1)ರ ಪತ್ರದ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಾ, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ (2)ರ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಇದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ. ಉಪಯೋಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ದಿನಾಂಕ:15.07.2021ರಂದು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ಕೂಲಂಕಷವಾಗಿ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಪುನರ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅಂಶಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಹಾಗೂ ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಗದಗ ಇವರುಗಳಿಂದ ವರದಿ ಪಡೆದು, ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ/ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

- The mining lease area for which request has been made is not even 0.5% of the Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary, ESZ and Buffer Recorded Forest area.
- Mining pit acts as gully point and helps in enriching the ground water.

- c) The wildlife mentioned by Forest Officers are common species. The appellant also challenges the existence of some of the species mentioned to have inhabited that area
- d) The proposed area is not a virgin area, and was a part of the area where gold was extracted by the Britishers, BGML, HGML, and MECL since the year 1900.
- e) If one has to maintain a fair balance between the forest / wildlife on one hand and the economic benefits of natural resources, on the other, it is advisable to have an authentic data on the quantum of resources available, type of economic activities it will generate and the quantum of economic returns.

ತಮ್ಮ ನಂಬುಗೆಯ,

(ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ)

22/09/2021

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,

ಆರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಿಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ಅರಣ್ಯ-ಸಿ).

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July 15, 2021

The Chief Secretary,
to Government of Karnataka,
Vidhan Soudha
BANGALORE - 560001

Dear Sir,

Sub: Request to consider our Forest Clearance Proposal over an extent of 39.90 hectares for gold and associated minerals, in Gadag district.

I write to thank you for giving me an opportunity to discuss our issues before you. We are surprised to know that, Principal Chief Conservator Forest (HO) has rejected our proposal for gold mining over an extent of 39.90 hectares which is falling in the foothill of Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary, Gadag district based on the recommendation of Dy. Conservator of Forest, Gadag and Chief Conservator of Forest, Dharwad.

We would like to state that, the remarks made by the above officials are notional and are far from the realistic truths. Mineral resources are site specific. Knowing the importance of mining and its GDP contribution to the Nation, Government of India has cleared **680 projects in wildlife and protected areas in past 5 years** as per the guidelines No. F. No. 6-10/2011 WL dated 19th December 2012. Gir Lion Sanctuary, Gujarat; Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary, Tripura; Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary, Tripura; Gangaikondam Spotted Deed Sanctury, Tamilnadu, Udhuwa Lake Bird Sanctuary, Jharkhand; TodgarhRaoli Wildlife Sanctury, Rajasthanetc, are just a few examples.

Ramgad Minerals and Mining Limited's (RMML) proposed area falls in the fringes of Kappatagudda wildlife Sanctuary. The mining lease area is not even 0.5% of Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary, ESZ and Buffer Recorded Forest area. The soil erosion predicted by the Dy. Conservator of Forest is an imaginary theory. Indeed mining project is the repository for catchment of surface water and enriches the groundwater level. Mining pit acts as gully point for soil erosion as it's located in the foothill of Kappatagudda.

Wildlife mentioned in Kappatagudda are projected as if whole wildlife is sheltered within 39.90 hectares. Most of the wildlife mentioned are common species, anticipating the threat due to 39.90 hectares mining is ludicrous. Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest are exposed to arid temperature. District Census Handbook of Gadag of year 2011 edition depicts a large portion of the forests of the district belong to scrub category. The scrub forest offers a few more stern and drier landscape. Under the influence of dry climate

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and a very inferior soil, several of the shrubs have economic utility and the grass land patches provide inferior grassing for sheep. The same book also depicts the status of fauna as '... It has not been recorded in the recent years and are in all probability extinct'. The medicinal plants region is located in the central part of Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary and is quite far from proposed mining project. There are similar kind of forests in India where mining is operational viz Karnataka, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand etc.,

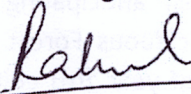
The proposed mining project is not a virgin area, this was a part of explored and gold extracted area by the Britishers, BGML, HGML and MECL since the year 1900. As Karnataka State is the only potential producer of Gold, in order to boost the nation's economy we urge Government of Karnataka to encourage this project.

Ramgad Minerals & Mining Ltd (RMML) which is part of Baldota group which has an excellent track record in exploration, sustainable mining, wind energy and in manufacturing industrial gases. Above mentioned mining lease was granted by the Government of Karnataka in the year 2008 after detailed exploration by the Company since its reconnaissance permit (RP) period during year 2001. The project has been accorded all approvals except Forest Clearance.

- a. MOU signed during Global Investors Meet dated 08/06/2012
- b. Prior approval from Ministry of Mines, GOI No. 4/59/06 M.IV dated 29/06/06
- c. Mining Plan approval from Indian Bureau of Mines No. MP/MECH-48 (KNT)/Goa/2007-08 dated 30/07/2007.
- d. Mining lease grant No. CI:80: MMM:2005 dated 09/05/2008
- e. Environmental Clearance No. J – 11015/1140/2008-1A. II (M) dated 10/12/ 2009 and
- f. SHLCC extension of time vide No. CI 222 SPI 2020 (E) dated 19/09/2020

Sir, RMML assures that, the Company will adopt the state-of-the-art opencast mining methods in protecting the environment of this region. Also this project helps in uplifting the economic, employment and economic status of the surrounding villages. Therefore, we humbly request your good self to direct the Additional Chief Secretary – Forest to write back to Principal Chief Conservator Forest (HO) to seek proper recommendations from the Dy. Conservator of Forest Gadag and Chief Conservator of Forest, Dharwad so that mining can be done sustainably.

With Regards,



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Joint Managing Director