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पूर्यावरण ,वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE, INTEGRATED REGIONAL **OFFICE**



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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 32.49 hectare of forest land(30.9 hectare for mining lease and 2.40 hectare for approach road) in Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML NO. 2563 erstwhile C- category mine e-auctioned) in favour of M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete Ballari the preferred Bidder in e-auction -reg.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 53 FFM 2022 (e) dated 13/10/2022 and to request to furnish information/clarification on the following:-

i. The permission obtained by State Government from Hon'ble Supreme Court for esought by this office vide auction of ML.No.2563 as F©A/16.1/105/KAR/MIN/672 dated 30/09/2020 may be provided.

ii. PCCF while forwarding the proposal has reported that as per the Joint Survey conducted by CEC and as per digitization of sketch, the extent of mining lease is 30.09 ha. Further, it is also reported that certain extent of area is overlapping with adjacent mining leases and therefore, it was proposed to consider the forest clearance over and extent of 32.4826 ha (i.e. 30.0826 ha. for mining and 2.40 ha. for approach road). However, in Part-III, IV & V, the entire area of 32.49 ha. i.e. 30.09 for mining and 2.40 ha. for approach road is recommended. This may be clarified.

iii. As per the satellite imagery the non forest land of 15.3 ha. identified in Amagaon village towards CA is already having vegetation. Therefore, it may be clarified whether the identified non forest land can support planting of 1000 trees per ha. as per FC guidelines. If not, the details of alternate degraded forest land identified for planting of remaining plants may be furnished. The site suitability of non forest land selected for CA may also be furnished.

iv. Cost Benefit Analysis Ratio may be furnished as per FC guidelines.

v. The entire copy of the Mining plan may be uploaded in the Parivesh portal with the annexures, appendix etc.

vi. KML file of the safety zone and map of proposed land use plan may be provided.

vii. The location details of degraded forest land identified for planting in lieu of safety zone may be provided.

It is requested that the requisite information may please be provided at the earliest as the proposal is proposed to be placed in the REC meeting.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003.
- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
- 3. M/s. MSPL Limited, Baldota Enclave, Abheraj Baldota Road, Hosapete, Ballari 583 203.
- 4. The Inspector General of Forests (RO HQ Division), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paravaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhifor information please.

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