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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sub: Diversion of 1.84 hectare of forest land in Chikkakasanakandi Village Sy No. 25 and submerged Hole Mudlapur & Lingapur villages, Hitnala Hobli, Koppala Taluk and District for laying of Water Pipeline & Transmission Line and for construction of Power Substation & Break Pressure Tank in favour of M/s Aaress Iron and Steel Limited [Corporate Office: Baldota Enclave, Abheraj H. Baldota Road, Hosapete, Ballari District- 583203]

Proposal No. FP/KA/IND/26447/2017 [FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. Online submission of PART-II by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppala Division on 06-10-2020 [Letter No. DCF/KPL /FC/CR-18/2020-21/642 dated 19/30-09-2020]
 2. Online submission of PART-III by Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle on 06-10-2020 to Nodal Officer [Letter No. M1/MNG/Pipeline/CR-15/2020-21 dated 05-10-2020]

With referenced to above subject, the proposal [PART-I, II & III] seeking approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 received through FC web portal by this office vide Ref (2) and the documents in the hard copy of the proposal has been examined. It is noticed that the proposal suffers from the following inconsistencies /incompleteness regarding the proposed CA land (*subject to the final decision of Government of Karnataka on the eligibility of the land in the light of G.O. No. FEE 88 FLL 2016 dated 31-08-2016 as reported vide this office letter dated 13-08-2019*) and thus cannot be submitted in its present form to Government of Karnataka for seeking Stage-I approval.

1. **Geo-referenced Map and Topo Map:** As the proposal seeks diversion of 1.84 ha of forest land, it requires only 1.84 ha (*or 1.85 ha or 2 ha if rounded off*) of non-forest land for CA purpose. The Geo-referenced Map and Topo Map uploaded in Item L(v) and L(vi) of PART-I of proposal on FC web portal show an extent of 12 acre (i.e., 4.856 ha) for CA land, whereas the Hard copies of the Maps show 1.84

ha CA land. The Map Index in the hard copies is silent on the Red colour polygon shown on the map, leaving scope for interpretation.

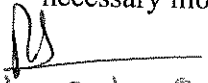
2. **CA Suitability Certificate:** As per the old CA Suitability Certificate dated 16-05-2012 of the then DCF Davanagere (*uploaded on FC web Portal*), the area is adjoining to reserve forests and tenable from management point of view. Similarly, the recent CA Suitability Certificate dated 28-07-2020 of DCF Davanagere (*mentioning the site inspection date as 28-07-2020*) also states that the area is adjoining to Reserve Forest and tenable from management point of view. **However, the following issues regarding CA land suitability need re-examination.**


- As per the latest Certificate, the CA land is presently in Ballari District. If the land is presently in Ballari Forest Division, such Suitability Certificate needs to be issued by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari and not by Deputy Conservator of Forests Davanagere.
- The ICT scrutiny reveals that the proposed CA land parcel is about 655 meter away from the nearest Section 4 Notified area in Ucchangidurga Sy No. 399 and about 4.57 KM away from the nearest point of Ucchangidurga RF.
- As seen in the satellite imagery, part of the proposed CA land is already under private cultivation and remaining under forest plantation works. The basic principle that the proposed CA land should be encumbrance free and also adjoining to a forest area (notified forest area in true spirit) does not appear to have been taken care of while issuing the CA Land Suitability Certificate.

The satellite imagery showing the proposed CA land area (12 acre originally reserved by Deputy Commissioner for two different companies (M/s MSPL + Aaress Iron and Steel Limited) and subsequently mutated in Revenue records (dated 09/03/2012) as well as its 1.84 ha part based on ICT centre information is enclosed for reference.

You are therefore directed to verify the above mentioned issues personally and then ensure that necessary modifications/ corrections, wherever warranted, are incorporated in relevant items of PART-I & II on FC web portal as well as in the hard copies of CA land related documents (including Maps/CA suitability Certificate) before sending to this office in minimum four (4) ink-signed sets.

The FC web portal link online link is being herewith transferred to you for further transmission to the User Agency through the Deputy Conservator of Forests for making necessary modifications / corrections on FC web portal as well as hard copies.


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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) And Nodal Officer (FCA)

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- Deputy Conservator(s) of Forests, Koppala/ Davanagere/ Ballari Division(s) for information and necessary action.
- M/s Aaress Iron and Steel Limited, Baldota Enclave, Abheraj H Baldota Road, Near Sai Baba Temple, Hosapete, Ballari District – 583 203 for information and necessary action as above.

