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The Chief Conservator of Forests Ballari Circle, Ballari 07

Sub: Renewal of 10.00 hectares of forest land for approach road from Muraripura village (Ingress) and Krishna Nagar village in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range and Taluk, Ballari District for Timmappanagundi Iron Ore Mines ML No. 2605 in favour of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd)

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51647/2020 [FORM-B]

- **Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number letter dated 07-06-2022 [submission of Stage-I proposal to GoK]
 - 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 49 FLL 2022(e) letter dated 03-11-2022 [submission of Stage-I proposal Part-V to GoI]
 - **3.** Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Integrated Regional Office), Bangalore letter No. 4-KRC 1393/2022 dated 13-12-2022 addressed to GoK [seeking essential information]

In response to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 03-11-2022 to the Government of India. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Integrated Regional Office), Bangalore vide Ref (3) letter dated has requested to furnish following clarification/information in order to forward the proposal to the Ministry.

1. The complete compliance report on the conditions stipulated in forest clearance approval letter dated 18th April, 2001 and 8th November, 2004 for diversion of 78.50 ha and 98.224 ha of forest land respectively.

- 2. It may be clarified whether the non-forest land identified to an extent of 10 ha in Sy. No.1251 of Kudthini Village is part of CA land identified in lies of earlier diversions or otherwise.
- 3. As per guideline issued by Ministry dated 27.05.2015, 02.08. 2017 and as per para 7.9 comprehensive guideline, the mining projects for which diversion of forest land have been approved before 27/05/2015, the user agency is required to take approval under F(C)Act, 1980 in respect of the forest land falling in safety zone outside the mining lease area. The status of the compliance of the same may be intimated.
- 4. The State Government has recommended diversion of forest land for the approach road in favor of Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited. The Status of Change of name of user agency from erstwhile Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited may be intimated.

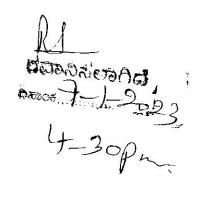
You are therefore required to inform the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division to provide the details / information / documents / clarification and submit the same to this office at earliest for further communication of the same to the Government of India through the Government of Karnataka for further consideration of the proposal for in-principle stage-I approval.

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

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- 1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information and for further necessary action.
- **2.** M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Limited) TTMC "A" Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, KH Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru 560 002 for information and necessary action.



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F.No.4-KRC1387/2022-BAN/ 103 Dated the 2nd December, 2022

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-auction முற்ற குழுவருக்கு கிறுவர்கள் குறிவர்கள் குறிவர்கள் குறிவர்கள் குறிவர்கள் குறிவர்கள் குறிவர்கள் குறிவர்கள் குறிவர்கள் erstwhile C- category mine e-auctioned in favour of M/s MSPL Limited,

Sir,

In continuation to this office letter of even no dated 07/11/2022 on the above subject, I am directed to inform that the proposed area with inspected by Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central) on 16/14/2022. During the inspection, it was noted that approach road to the mine is having an everlapping road with the mine of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals for which FC proposal is made by Lakshmi Minerals for 0.22 ha. forest land. The instant User Agency also requires 1.30 ha. of FC approved area of M/s. Lakshmi Minerals for approach road. Therefore. The proposal for approach road shall include diversion /re-diversion of these area in the proposal. It was also learnt during the site inspection that the earlier lessee was using a different road to the mine. Therefore, approach road alternatives should be examined properly and finalized, and while doing so, non-forest areas should be preferred and forest land should be the last option and when its use is inescapable.. The legal status of non-forest land of 0.73 ha. required for approach road also needs to reconfirmed as to whether it is a forest land or otherwise.

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It is, therefore, requested that the above observations may kindly be examined and accordingly, necessary modification may be made in the proposal and furnished to this office along with other details sought by this office vide letter dated 07/11/2022.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

- 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 Ltd, Baldota Enclave, Abheraj Baldota Road, Hosapete, Ballari -583 203.
- The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003 –for information please.

(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)