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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests Ballari Circle, Ballari

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]* and letter dated 13-09-2024 *[EDS reply to GoK]* 
  - 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 49 FLL 2022(e) letter dated 03-11-2022 [*Stage-I proposal*], letter dated 08-11-2024 [communication of EDS reply to query raised by GoI on 13-09-2024] and
  - **3.** Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Integrated Regional Office), Bangalore letter No. 4-KRC 1393/2022 dated 11-12-2024 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) 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. Under what provision of law temporary permission has been given by the State Government for use of the proposed road to the user agency.
- 2. Since the user agency has stated that the road is pre-1980 leading to Thimmappanagudi temple, State Government may clarify the same with available

records and rationale for seeking diversion of the road under the Adhiniyam during the year 2000.

- 3. Whether the 10 ha of non-forest land identified towards CA land is already given in lieu of diversion of 78.50 ha and 98.224 ha of forest land or otherwise.
- 4. The status of proposal for construction of Conveyor belt in compliance to Supreme Court order and whether the approach road will be required once the conveyor belt is installed.

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)

Copy to the:

- **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.