Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari, Dated: 15-12-2022

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests Ballari Division, Ballari.

Sub: Diversion of 4:035 ha (Revised from 5.476) of Approach road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli.

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021

Ref: 1) Online proposal received electronically on 28-3-2022 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) Bengaluru

2) Letter No. M1/MNG/JSW/ML No. 008(995)/Approach Road/ 2019-20

dtd. 30-9-2022 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari.

In light of the online proposal received on 28-3-2022 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) Bengaluru for diversion of 4.035 ha (Revised from 5.476) of approach road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli, you have recommended the above proposal under F C Act, 1980 vide your letter (2) cited above to this office for onward submission of the same.

Later on, the undersigned has personally inspected the proposed forest land on 14-12-2022 and verified the ground. During my field inspection I have invariably noticed that, out of 4.035 ha. of forest land proposed for diversion, the Segment-3 over an extent of 0.485 ha. and Segment over an extent of 0.904 ha. which is totally to 1.389 ha. of forest land is overlapping on the forest land for which Stage-I (in-principle) approval was already accorded under FC Act for carrying out the mining activities in favour of M/s. KIOCL Bengaluru.

In this connection, M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli has to obtain no objection from M/s. KIOCL Bengaluru and moreover the part of the 1.389 ha. has already been diverted for mining activities under Stage-I clearance from the Government of India. This apart, seeking permission for usage of road to the tune of 1.389 ha. which was exclusively earmarked for mining activities by M/s. KIOCL Bengaluru, may not be accepted by the higher authorities.

mining activities by M/s. KIOCL Bengaluru, may not be accepted by the higher authorities. If at all findings noticed by the undersigned during the inspection of the proposed area, you are hereby directed to look into the same and ask the above user agency to revise their proposal holistically and to re-submit the same duly visualizing all the facts.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.