



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

No.M1/MNG/MSPL/M.L.2563/2019-20

Dated: 14.12.2022

To,

M/s. MSPL Limited,
Baldota Enclave,
Abheraj Baldota Road,
Hospet - 583 203.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 32.49 Ha of forest land (30.09 Ha for mining lease and 2.40 Ha 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, the Preferred Bidder. (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/50114/2020 [FORM-A]) – Reg.

- Ref:** 1) This office even number letter Dt. 27.04.2021.
2) Letter No. 4-KRC1387/2022-AN/920 Dt.07.11.2022 of the Government of India
2) Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/32/2020-FC Dt.21/22.11.2022 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC), Bangalore.
3) Letter No. M1/MNG/MSPL(LMC)/Renew/CR-22/2022-23/302 Dt.08.12.2022 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.

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With reference to the above subject, office of the undersigned has submitted the proposal renewal of diversion of 32.49 Ha of forest land (30.09 Ha for mining lease and 2.40 Ha for Approach Road) in Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2563; e-auctioned, erstwhile C-category mine), in favor of M/s. MSPL Limited, the Preferred Bidder vide letter under Ref(1).

Further, the Government of India has sought the following information / documents vide letter under Ref(2).

- i. The permission obtained by State Government from Hon'ble Supreme Court for e-auction of ML No.2563 as sought by this office vide letter No.FCA/16.1/105/KAR/MIN/672 dated:30-09-2020.
- 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 mining leases and therefore, it was proposed to consider the forest clearance over and extent of 32.4826 ha (i.e., 30.826 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 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. The location details of degraded forest land identified for planting in lieu of safety zone may be provided.

In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC), Bangalore and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari have directed the undersigned to submit the information / clarification vide letter under Ref(3) & (4).

Therefore, you are hereby directed to go through the points raised by the Government of India vide letter under Ref(2) and submit information / clarification through the Range Forest officer, Sandur North Range, Sandur & Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Division, Ballari

- 1) Copy to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belgavi Division, Belgavi for information and requested to provide the information for point No. (iii).
- 2) Copy communicated to Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari for information necessary action.
- 3) Copy communicated to Range Forest officer, Sandur North Range, Sandur for information and directed to identify the degraded forest land over an extent of 2.85 hectares [1.90 Ha safety zone X 1 ½ of times] for planting in lieu of the safety zone area.

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