

## GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Office of the  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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E-62958

Dated 30-09-2022

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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests  
Ballari Circle, Ballari

**Sub:** Diversion of 28.299 ha of forest land (26.699 ha for mining and 1.60 ha for approach road) for mining purpose in favour of the Successful Bidder, i.e., M/s MSPL Ltd, Hosapete, Ballari District (erstwhile 'C' Category mine, ML No. 2559 of M/s Karthikeyas Manganese & Iron Ore Pvt Ltd) in Subbarayanahalli Village, Sandur Range, Ballari District

**Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/31348/2018 [FORM-A]**

**Ref:** Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Integrated Regional Office letter No.FCA/11.6/26/WP/KAR/567 dated 27-07-2022 [sought additional information and clarification]

The Government of India vide letter cited above has communicated the following shortcomings on the above mentioned proposal. (copy enclosed)

1. The KML files uploaded in respect of area proposed for diversion does not depict the area proposed for safety zone. Therefore, it is requested to upload the revised KML file of the area proposed for diversion clearly showing the area proposed for safety zone.
2. The State Government in its letter dated 25-03-2022 has reported that the erstwhile lessee has to pay an amount of Rs.81,14,55,517/- towards Net Present Value and losses occurred due to mining activity on Forest and Environment. Therefore, it is requested to clarify whether the said levies have been recovered from the erstwhile User Agency or not.

Enclosing herewith a copy of the said letter, you are directed to get the information / documents from the Deputy Conservator of Forests Ballari Division and submit the same to this office with your specific opinion on the same.

The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division.

06/10/2022  
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy along with copy of GOI letter communicated to:

1. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information and needful action.
2. M/s MSPL Limited, Baldota Enclave, Abheraj Baldota Road, Hosapete, Ballari-560001 for information and needful action.





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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE  
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BY SPEED POST/E-mail  
F. No. F0A/11.6/26/WP/KAR/ 567  
Dated the 27th July, 2022

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,  
Forest Ecology and Environment Department,  
M.S. Building, Bangalore-560001.

Subject: Diversion of 28.299 ha of forest land for mining and approach road for Swamimalai Iron Ore Mine (ML No.2559), erstwhile lessee M/s. Karthikeya Managanese & Iron Ore Pvt Ltd) at Kumaraswamy Betta, Sandur Taluk, Bellary to the successful bidder M/s.MSPL Ltd, Hospet-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No. FEE25FFM 2019 dated 23.07.2019 and 25.03.2022 on the subject mentioned above and to inform that the above-mentioned proposal of the State Government has been examined in consultation with Ministry. In this regard, it is requested to furnish the following clarification/information for further consideration of the proposal;

1. The KML files uploaded in respect of area proposed for diversion does not depict the area proposed for safety zone. Therefore, it is requested to upload the revised KML file of the area proposed for diversion clearly showing the area proposed for safety zone.

2. The State Government in its letter dated 25.03.2022 has reported that the erstwhile lessee has to pay an amount of Rs 81,14,55,517/- towards NPV and losses occurred due to mining activity on Forest and Environment. Therefore, it is requested to clarify whether the said levies have been recovered from the erstwhile user agency or not.

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Yours faithfully,

01 AUG 2022

(M.K. Shambhu)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Karnataka Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-56003.

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2. The Principal chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA), Karnataka Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-56003
3. M/s MSPL Limited, Baldota Enclave, Adheraj Baldota Road, Hosapete, Ballari-56001

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