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



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Date: As per signature

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment
M. S. Building, Bengaluru

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 22.2887 hectares (Revised from 23.863Ha.) of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluka, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine M.L.No. 2629 in favour of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd.) Bengaluru

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020 [FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number letter dated 02-07-2025-2025 *[reply to the query raised by GoI]*
 2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Koramangala, Bengaluru letter F.No.4-KRC1495/2024-BAN dated 25-06-2025 *[sought additional information]* and letter dated 25-07-2025 *[reminder]*
 3. The Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 11 FFM 2024 (e) letter No. 02-08-2025 *[EDS reply to GoI (IRO)]*
 4. M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Toranagallu letter No. KSMCL/189/SIOM/Conveyor/FC proposal/2024/1175 dated 19-07-2025 *[submission of cost-benefit ratio]*

With regard to the above proposal, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (RO), Bangalore vide Ref (2) has requested to furnish some information, clarification / documents.

In this regard, the reply to the query raised by the Government of India is furnished by the Use Agency vide Ref (4) to this office which is as below.

Sl No.	Information sought	Information submitted
1.	The cost: benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters/	The revised cost-benefit analysis has been worked out as per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam

	format provided in comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023. It is requested to furnish the revised C:B ratio considering the parameters/ format given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.	Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, the same is hereby forwarded for further consideration for Stage-I clearance (Annexure-1).
2.	It has been informed that, UA vide letter dt 18.09.2020 has submitted the request for withdrawal of in-principle approval granted by MOEF&CC on 15/10/2019. In this regard the State Government is requested to offer its specific comments and the updated status of this proposal for withdrawal of in-principle approval granted by MOEF&CC on 15/10/2019.	The recommendation letter from the State Government for withdrawal of the in-principle approval granted by the MEF&CC on 15/10/2019 has been forwarded to the MOEF&CC, New Delhi on 24.07.2025. (Annexure-2).
3.	It has been informed that M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited has requested the PCCF (FC) vide letter dt 03/03/2025 for issuance of corrigendum to the name change approval. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the updated status of the same.	The name change approval letter was issued by the MOEF&CC vide letter No. 8-28/2000-FC dated 19.12.2024 (Annexure-3). As there was a mismatch in the mining lease name and number, a request letter to issue corrigendum to the same has been requested to the Government of Karnataka. (Annexure-4)

In view of the above, it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Koramangala, Bengaluru for further consideration of the proposal for according the In-principle Stage-I approval.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
MAHESH BASAVARAJ SHIRUR
Date: 16-10-2025 16:44:21
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.

Copy to M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited [erstwhile M/s. Mysore Minerals Limited], Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine, ML No.2629, Sandur for information.



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KSMCL/189/SIOM/Conveyor FC Proposal/2025-26

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16.09.2025

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)
AranyaBhavan, 18th Cross
Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Forest Clearance proposal for diversion of 22.2887ha of forest land in Swamimalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for installation of pipeline conveyor belt at Subbaryanahalli Iron Ore Mine in favour of M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited.

Ref: (1) Letter from the IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore F.No. 4-KRC1495/2024-BAN dated 25.06.2025.

(2) Our Office Letter No. KSMCL/189/SIOM/Conveyor FC Proposal/2024/1175 dated 19.07.25.

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With reference to the Essential Details Sought (EDS) raised by the IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore (ref-1), the following compliance is submitted herewith.

Sl. No.	EDS	Compliance
1	The cost : benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters/ format provided in comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023. It is requested to furnish the revised C:B ratio considering the parameters/ format given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023	The revised cost-benefit analysis has been worked out at per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023. The revised cost-benefit analysis is submitted herewith for approval and forwarding the proposal for obtaining Stage-I clearance (Annexure-1)

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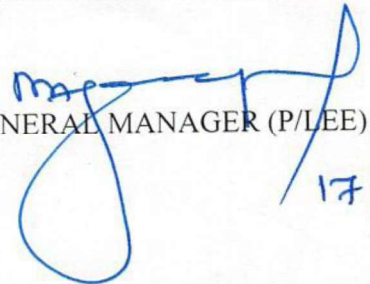
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2	It has been informed that, UA vide letter dt 18.09.2020 has submitted the request for withdrawal of in-principle approval granted by MOEF&CC on 15/10/2019. In this regard the State Government is requested to offer its specific comments and the updated status of this proposal for withdrawal of in-principle approval granted by MOEF&CC on 15/10/2019.	The recommendation letter from the State Government for withdrawal of the in-principle approval granted by the MEF&CC on 15/10/2019 has been forwarded to the MOEF&CC, New Delhi on 24.07.2025. (Annexure-2)
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It is requested to forward the EDS compliance as sought in their letter to the IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore, at the earliest, so that we can obtain Stage-I clearance to implement installation of conveyor belt system.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited,


GENERAL MANAGER (P/LEE)

17/9/2025

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BY SPEED POST

F.No.4-KRC1495/2024-BAN

Date As per the signature

To

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Sir

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter no. FEE 11 FFM 2024 (e) dt 10.06.2025 forwarding the additional information with reference to this office letter of even no. dt 26.11.2024 with respect to the above-mentioned subject proposal. After analyzing the additional information submitted the following are observed:-

- The cost : benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters/format provided in comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023. It is requested to furnish the revised C:B ratio considering the parameters/format given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.
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- It has been informed that M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited has requested the PCCF (FC) vide letter dt 03.01.2025 for issuance of corrigendum to the name change approval. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the updated status of the same.

In view of the above, it is requested to submit the above mentioned

details/information for further consideration of the proposal.

Digitally signed by
Yasodha K

Yours faithfully,

Date: 25-06-2025

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(Yasodha K)

Deputy Inspector General of Forest (Central)

Copy To:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited, T.T.M.C. A Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru- 560027.
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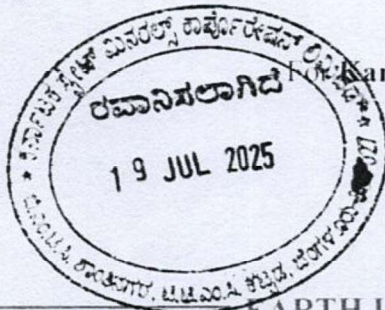
Ref: Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020 dated 24.08.2020.

With reference to the above subject and in connection with the recent queries raised by the IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore regarding submission of revised cost benefit analysis for the project of implementation of pipeline conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine, the revised cost-benefit analysis has been worked out at per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023. The revised cost-benefit analysis is submitted herewith for approval and forwarding the proposal for obtaining Stage-I clearance.

It is requested to forward the above said proposal to the IRO, MOEF&CC, Bangalore along with all compliance as sought in their letter, at the earliest, so that we can obtain Stage-I clearance to implement installation of conveyor belt system.

Thanking you.

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Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited,

GENERAL MANAGER (P/LEE)

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19.07.2025

Revised Cost Benefit Analysis

Topo sheet No: 57 A/12

Location : Kumaraswamy Range Swamymalai block, Sandur, Bellary Division, Bellary

Extent : 22.2887 ha

1	Ecosystem services losses due to proposed forest diversion	Rs. 2.74 crores (NPV)
2	Loss of animal husbandry productivity, including loss of fodder	Rs. 27.38 lakhs
3	Cost of human resettlement	NA
4	Loss of public facilities and administrative infrastructure on forest land, which would require forest land if these facilities were diverted due to the project	NA
5	Possession value of forest land diverted	Rs. 82.15 lakhs
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9	Total Cost	Rs. 9.3 crores
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		Cost benefit Ratio - 1:3.33

For Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited,

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Government of Karnataka

No. FEE 11 FFM 2024 (e)

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Karnataka Government Secretariat
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Bengaluru, Date:- 24-07-2025

From:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
Bengaluru-560001.

To:

The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi-110003.

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Proposal No.:FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020

Ref: 1. Your Office letter No: F.No.4-KRC1495/2024-BAN/463, Dated:26-11-2024.
2. This office even letter dated:10-06-2025
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC), Bengaluru's letter No: KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/11/2018-FC, Dated: 02-07-2025.

With reference to the above subject, I am directed to invite your kind attention to letter vide referred at (1) above and forwarding herewith the copy of letter vide referred at (3) above along with enclosures submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Office (FCA), Bengaluru, with respect to information/Clarification sought by IRO, Bengaluru.

The Government of Karnataka has submitted the sought information/Clarification along relevant documents on 10-06-2025 vide letter referred at (2) above.

Further, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Office (FCA) had submitted additional information for withdrawal of the in-Principle Stage-I Approval accorded on 15-10-2019 is submitted for necessary action.

Yours faithfully

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(B. Shivakumar)

Under Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department
(Forest-C and Co-ordination)R. Kumar
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 4. M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited, Toranagallu letter dated 18-09-2020 [request for withdrawal of Stage-I approval accorded by GoI, New Delhi]
 5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1 MNG/KSMCL(MML)/ML No.2629/2021-22 dated 13-02-2025 [reply to the EDS query raised by GoI]
 6. The Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No. .M1:MNG/KSMCL/Conveyor/22.2887Ha./CR-19/2022-23 dated 27-02-2025 [reply to the EDS query raised by GoI]

With regard to the above proposal, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (RO), Bangalore vide letter dated 26-11-2024 has requested to furnish some information, clarification / documents.

One among the query is to clarify, whether proposal has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal in-principle approval for which MoEF&CC

has already granted in-principle approval on 15.10.2019. Accordingly, the reply has been sent to the Government of Karnataka as below.

Information sought	Information submitted
<p>State Government is also requested to clarify whether proposal has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal in-principle approval for which MoEF&CC has already granted in-principle approval on 15/10/2019, if so the status of the same may be furnished.</p>	<p>The User Agency has requested for withdrawal of in-principle approval accorded vide letter dated: 18.09.2020 by Government of India. (Copy enclosed). Stating that.</p> <p><i>"We had submitted forest clearance Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/36386/2018 dated 6th October 2018 for diversion of forest land under FCA 1980 for installation of Downhill Conveyor Belt from Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine to Dharmapura Railway Siding. Stage-I approval is already granted by MOEF&CC. We had also prepared the documents for Stage-II approval such as compliance report.</i></p> <p><i>In the meantime, we were informed by KMERC that our proposal is overlapping with BKG's FC proposed area for conveyor belt installation and we were directed to "re-align" our proposal avoiding the overlapping area.</i></p> <p><i>A new proposal with an alternate route for conveyor belt and service road was submitted with Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/45090/2020 dated 15th March 2020. In the additional information sought by the nodal officer, we were instructed to create a new profile with user name as Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (KSMCL) instead of Mysore Minerals Limited (MML our former name) and re-submit the proposal. Subsequently, we were informed that our FC Proposal is overlapping with SKME's FC Proposal for conveyor belt installation, which was then sorted out at the meeting held on 30th June 2020 under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department.</i></p> <p><i>In view of the above facts due to overlapping and congestion with other conveyor belt proposals, an additional route towards JSW's Nandihalli railway siding is included with existing proposal. This route is an extension from the transfer point already proposed, and requires a minimal area and is essential for our activities. Therefore, a new FC proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020 is submitted on 24/08/2020 under the user name 'KSMCL' and is requested to be considered as final for diversion of forest land under</i></p>

FCA 1980 for installation of Downhill Conveyor Belt system.

Under the circumstances enumerated above, we request to withdraw the previous Forest Clearance proposals bearing No. FP/KA/MIN 36386/2018 dt. 6th October 2018 and FP/KA MIN/45090/2020 dt. 15th March 2020 and oblige."

Hence, the request is hereby forwarded for withdrawal of the Stage-I approval.

The Government of Karnataka vide Ref (3) has forwarded the EDS reply to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru. But as per the above EDS query, the proposal for withdrawal of the in-principle approval (Stage-I Approval) accorded on 15/10/2019 by the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi needs to be sent to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for processing for withdrawal of Stage-I approval.

Hence, as per the request of user agency and the recommendations of the DCF Ballari Division and CF Ballari Circle vide Ref (5) and (6), it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for further processing for withdrawal of the in-principle Stage-I approval accorded on 15/10/2019.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
MAHESH BASAVARAJ SHIRUR
Date: 02-07-2025 18:03:04

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

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.

Copy to M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited [erstwhile M/s. Mysore Minerals Limited], Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine, ML No.2629, Sandur for information.

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 19-12-2024

To
The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Forest and Ecology Department
Government of Karnataka,
Bengaluru.

Sub: Change of Name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Government of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approvals (for diversion of 78.5 ha + 98.224 ha) in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (M.L. No.2629) in Swamymalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District. – regarding.

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka vide online proposal no. EE 46 FFM 2019 (e) dated 29.02.2020 and additional information submitted vide letter dated 24.06.2022 and 06.09.2023 regarding change of name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Government of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approval (for diversion of 78.5 ha + 98.224 ha) in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (M.L. No.2629) in Swamymalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.

2. After careful examination of the proposal in accordance with para 5.2 of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 for change in the name of the User Agency from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Government of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approval (for diversion of 78.5 ha + 98.224 ha) in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (M.L. No.2629) in Swamymalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District of Karnataka State subject to the following conditions:

- i. The State govt. shall ensure that the transfer fee of ₹1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh) is deposited into CAMPA account of the concerned State Government;
- ii. *The State govt. shall ensure for implementation of the proposed corrective measures for very poor plantation will be taken and the Regional Office shall monitor the progress of plantation.*
- iii. The new user agency shall pay the NPV as per the approval granted under FC Act if not paid earlier.
- iv. The new user agency shall also pay the additional NPV, if so determined by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- v. The new user agency shall abide by all the conditions on which the forest



Annexure - 4
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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)
AranyaBhavan, 18th Cross
Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Change of name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Government of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approvals in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2629) and Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2605) in favour of M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited.

Ref: MOEF&CC letter No. 8-28/2000-FC dated 19.12.2024

1. With reference to the above subject, the name change proposal was first submitted through offline mode on 30.11.2019 for name change of the Forest Clearance (FC) issued for Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (SIOM) (ML No. 2629). Further, the name change proposal was submitted 03.01.2020 to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government - Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, Govt of Karnataka for all the FCs issued to MML (currently KSMCL) and proposed FCs (Total of 6 no.s including SIOM) [Letter enclosed as Annexure-1]. Accordingly, the proposal was forwarded by the ACS-FEE, Govt of Karnataka to the Secretary to Government of India, MOEF&CC, New Delhi [Letter enclosed as annexure-2] on 29.02.2020.
2. Queries were raised by the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, MOEF&CC, New Delhi on 16.07.2021 [Annexure-3] which was then attended and the reply with detailed compliance to queries were submitted by KSMCL to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests - Forest Conservation (PCCF-FC) & Nodal Officer, Bangalore on 07.09.2021 [Annexure-4]. In this letter the details of FCs already granted was mentioned as stated below:
 - i) Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (SIOM) - ML No. 2629 with FC No. 8-114/92-FC dated 20.11.2000 for an extent of 80.93 ha.

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- ii) Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine (TIOM) - ML No. 2605 with FC No. 8-28/2000-FC dated 18.04.2001 & FC No. 8-28/2000-FC(pt.) dated 08.11.2004 for an extent of 78.50 ha + 98.224 ha (including 10 ha approach road).
- iii) Jambunathanahalli Iron Ore Mine (JIOM) - ML No. 1659 with FC No. 8-58/2000-FC dated 16.01.2004.
- iv) Byandoor Bauxite Mine with FC No. 8-32/97-FC dated 05.10.2000.
- v) FC Proposed additional area of TIOM for an extent of 145 ha (offline proposal with file no. 8-28/2000-FC dated 27.10.2017).

3. Due to the delay caused in processing the name change proposals, a letter was submitted to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Ballari Division on 07.04.2022 [Annexure-5] to consider name change for two FCs issued namely,

- i) Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (SIOM) - ML No. 2629 with FC No. 8-114/92-FC dated 20.11.2000 for an extent of 80.93 ha.
- ii) Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine (TIOM) - ML No. 2605 with FC No. 8-28/2000-FC dated 18.04.2001 & FC No. 8-28/2000-FC(pt.) dated 08.11.2004 for an extent of 78.50 ha + 98.224 ha (including 10 ha approach road).

And the FC Proposed additional area of TIOM for an extent of 145 ha (offline proposal with file no. 8-28/2000-FC dated 27.10.2017) out of 621.59 ha.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Ballari recommended the same to the PCCF-FC, Bangalore for the 2 FCs issued (above mentioned - (i) & (ii)), which was then forwarded to the ACS-FEE, GoK on 06.06.2022 [Annexure-6] and was forwarded to the MOEF&CC 24.06.2022.

4. Further, queries were raised by the MOEF&CC, New Delhi on 10.08.2022 [Annexure-7] regarding the translation of CA Land declaration under section - 4 under Karnataka Forest Act 1963 from vernacular language to English language pertaining to SIOM (ML No. 2629). The compliance of the same was submitted by KSMCL to the PCCF-FC on 29.08.2022 [Annexure-8].

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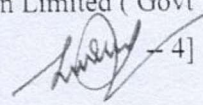
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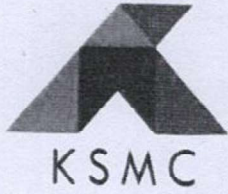
5. Again, queries were raised by the MOEF&CC, New Delhi on 29.09.2022 regarding TIOM (sl. No. (ii)). But, the subject mentioned in the letter was "Change of Name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (Govt of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approval (for diversion of 78.5 ha + 98.224 ha) in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2629) in Swamymalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District – reg" [Annexure-9].
6. There is a mismatch in the subject of letter mentioned above as the area specified is of TIOM and the ML No. mentioned is of SIOM. The same queries were then communicated from the ACS-FEE to the PCCF-FC, the PCCF-FC to the CCF, Ballari and the CCF, Ballari to the DCF, Ballari Division where in the subject was correctly quoted as "Change of Name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Govt of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approval in respect of ML No. 2629 & 2605) – Reg [Annexure-10]. The compliance to the above queries was forwarded from the DCF, Ballari to the CCF, Ballari on 27.07.2023 and same was forwarded to the PCCF-FC on 31.07.2023 with the same subject line [Annexure-11]. Whereas, the subject line of the query compliance letter dated 22.08.2023 forwarded from the PCCF-FC to the ACS-FEE is "Change of Name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Govt of Karnataka Undertaking) in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2629) in Swamymalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District – reg". The same subject line has been used in the letter from the ACS-FEE, GoK to the Secretary to GoI, MOEF&CC, New Delhi.
7. Currently, the subject in the name change approval letter issued by the MOEF&CC vide letter No. 8-28/2000-FC dated 19.12.2024 (ref) is wrongly mentioned as "Change of Name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (Govt of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approval (for diversion of 78.5 ha + 98.224 ha) in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2629) in Swamymalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District – reg". The subject line of the letter has to be corrected to "Change of Name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (Govt

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of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approvals in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2629) for an extent of 80.93 ha in Swamymalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District and Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2605) for an extent of 78.50 ha + 98.224 ha in North Eastern Block (NEB) Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District - reg".

8. It is requested to kindly communicate the same with the MOEF&CC, New Delhi and facilitate in issuance of the corrigendum to the name change approval letter under reference.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



(Jayavibhava Swamy)
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