

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari, Dated: -01-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Aranya Bhavan, Mallashwaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

- Sub: Diversion of 28.299 ha of forest land (26.699 ha for mining + 1.60ha for approach road) in favour of the Successful Bidder i.e., M/s. MSPL Ltd., Hospate, 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. (FP/KA/MIN/31348/2018)
- **Ref**: 1) Letter No. F.No. 4-KRC1203/2019-FC, 1-6-2023 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru. (seeking additional information)
  - 2) Letter No. FEE 25 FFM 2019 dated. 9-6-2023 of the Government of Karnataka.
  - 3) Your office letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/16/2018-FC dt 20-6-2023. of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation) Bengaluru.
  - 4) This office letter of even No. dated. 30-06-2023 (to submit the addl. Information)
  - 5) Letter No. M1/MNG/MSPL/Karthikeya/ML No. 2559/2021-22 dt. 02-01-2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari (submitted the addl. Information)

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In light of the directions issued by your goodself in the letter (3) cited above and followed by the directions contained in the letter of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru, and Government of Karnataka vide its letter (1) and (2) cited above respectively, has directed this office to submit the information/ clarification on 1) Distance from Archaeological site, 2) Notification from ASI for exclusion of the mining activities and 3) Revised area for mining is proposed over an extent of 18.989 ha, alongwith the State recommendation on the same. Further, the revised CA, CA Scheme, NPV, Mining Plan, KML files of the proposed area, safety zone area etc., in connection with for diversion of 28.299 ha. of forest land (26.699) for mining and 1.60 ha. for approach road) in favour of successful Bidder i.e., M/s. MSPL Ltd., Hospate, Ballari District (erstwhile 'C' Category mine ML No. 2559 of M/s. Karthikeyas Manganese & Iron Ore Pvt. Ltd) in Subbarayanahalli Village, Sandur Range.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari has since been directed to go through the points as raised therein and furnish the additional information/ clarification after obtaining the same from the user agency and getting it verified by his end, for onward submission of the same to the higher authorities for taking further necessary action in the matter.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari in his self contained letter (4) cited above has submitted the detailed point wise additional information as raised therein after getting them thoroughly verified from the jurisdictional field officers and apart from this the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari has obtained proper clarification from the Direction, Department of Mines & Geology in respect of point No. 2 i.e., to exclude the overlapping of 0.11 ha. on MMI lease by the CEC and approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Therefore, while agreeing with the additional information as provided by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, I am herewith submitting the copy of the additional information report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari along with its enclosures for taking further needful action in this instant proposal.

Yours faithfully

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

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

2) Copy to the M/s. M.S.P.L. Baldota Enclave, Abheraj Baldota Road, Hospete-583203 Dist. Vijayanagar for information.

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