

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 9.5474 Ha of forest land in Hirekandavadi village Sy No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluk and Dindadahalli village Sy No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favor of M/s Vedanta Limited, Chitradurga. (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51389/ 2020) [FORM-A].

- Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru online communication to this office Dated: 07-09-2021.
2. This office even letter no dated:27-05-2022, 05-06-2023 and 18-10-2023.
3. Letter No.A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2018-19 dated:21-09-2023 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.
4. Letter dated:11-10-2023 of M/s Vedanta Ltd., Benagaluru.
5. Your office letter dated:16-11-2023.

With reference to the above subject, M/s Vedantha Ltd., has submitted a proposal through web portal mode for diversion of 9.5474 Ha of forest land in Hirekandavadi village Sy No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluk and Dindadahalli village Sy No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 for approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, a communication through online was received to process the said proposal and to submit specific opinion vide ref (1).

The report on this proposal has already been submitted from this office vide reference (2). The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru have instructed to submit a report to the following points vide reference (3). The report on this proposal has already been submitted from this office vide reference (2) letter dated: 18-10-2023. Your office vide letter dated: 16-11-2023 have instructed to inspect the ML area and submit a report.

Further, the undersigned re-visited the project site on 02-12-2023 verified the documents with reference to the proposal. Therefore, I am herewith submitting the following additional information and re-submitting the hard copies for your kind information and necessary action.

1. Area of land sanctioned for mining- The sanctioned Mining Lease of M.L. No.2677 in over 160.59 Ha. The ML deed document attached **Annexure-1**.
2. Status of Report- Over mine is currently under working condition & the lease period is upto 27-10-2032.
3. Allowed Mining capacity, Currently mined and transported capacity- As per the latest order of Monitoring Committee dated:29-03-2023 on the maximum permissible annual production limit is 5.89 MTPA. Copy Attached **Annexure-2**.

Hence, hereby submitting the reply of User Agency as above for your kind perusal and further needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(T.Rajanna IFS)

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga division, Chitradurga.

Copy Submitted with respects to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru for information.

Copy to M/s Vedantha Ltd., [ML No.2677], Megalahalli Office Complex, Bheemasamudra [P], Chitradurga [T &D] for information.

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