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ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ವಿಷಯ: Diversion of 12.4724 hectare of forest land in Ramana Malai (RM) Forest Block and Swami Malai (SM) Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for establishing Downhill Pipe Conveyor System from Ramanadurga Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2141) in favour of M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Private Limited, Ballari
Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/39394/2019

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಅಪಜೀ 07 ಎಫ್‌ಎಫ್‌ಎಂ 2020 (ಇ) ದಿನಾಂಕ 27-03-2020 [EDS raised on 21-04-2020]

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲು ಅನುವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಇವರ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸು ಮತ್ತು ಭಾಗ-II ನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ.

ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ, ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಇವರ ಪತ್ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ 27-12-2019 ಹಾಗೂ ಭಾಗ-II ನ್ನು ಈ ಪತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದೆ.

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(ರಾಜೀವ್ ರಂಜನ್ IFS)

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ

(ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ) ಹಾಗೂ ನೋಡಲ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಆ.ಸಂ.ಕಾ)

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

Sub : Diversion of 12.4724 ha forest land in R.M.Block and S.M.Block, Sandur Taluk, (in Sandur North R.M.Block 6.6978 ha) Ballari District for Downhill Pipe Conveyor System, Service Roads, hopper, water pipe line, Transmission lines and railway sidings from Ramanadurga Iron ore mine (M.L.No.2141) infavour of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Pvt Ltd, Ballari

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Ref : 30 DEC 2019	
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- Ref : 1) Online Application No. FP/KA/MIN/39394/2019 dated:13.03.2019
2) Proposal received from Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru on :06.06.2019.
3) This office even number letter dated:09.12.2019 & 26.12.2019.
4) Your office letter No. M1/MNG/CR-19/2010-11(SKME) dated:20.12.2019
5) Letter No. SKMEPL-2141/DCF/19-20/04 dated: 27.12.2019 of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral Export Pvt Ltd, Sandur

With reference to the above subject, this office has already submitted the proposal for diversion of 12.4724 ha forest land in R.M.Block and S.M.Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Downhill Pipe Conveyor System, Service Roads, hopper, water pipe line, Transmission lines and railway sidings from Ramanadurga Iron ore mine (M.L.No.2141) infavour of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Pvt Ltd, Ballari vide reference(3) above.

Further, you have sought following information vide reference(4) above, the user agency has submitted the justification for this project (Copy enclosed). Hence, I am herewith submitting the following information.

Sl. No.	Point	information
1	During the field inspection of aforesaid mining lease area conducted on 19-12.2019, it has been noticed that the above user agency is already having one road from his mining lease area. But you have recommended another patch of forest land to be broken up afresh over an extent of 12.4724 ha, which can be avoided.	The user agency has submitted justification for selecting the route which covers area an extent of 12.4724 ha is as mentioned below : 1) Towards south of the M/s. SKMEPL lease lies another lease name of M/s. Sri. V.N.K.Menon where in this existing FC road passes, so it is not possible to propose the conveyor project within their lease area. 2) The contours present along the existing FC road do not support the conveyor alignment as at many places the road is very steep and also number of 'U' curves is more which will pose serious problem for the smooth descend of the conveyor.

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3) The existing road is currently being used by other leases like., M/s. VNK Menor M.L.No.2543, M/s. VESCO, M.L.No.2296 & M/s. ZTC, M.L.No.2547 for transportation of iron ore. If conveyor belt is constructed all along the existing road, then transportation of iron ore by all lessees may not be possible during the construction phased / period.

4) If we proposed and construct pipe conveyor on the existing road, we need at least, 10 Transfer Towers to connect 10 pipe conveyors. Each of these transfer towers are very messy and would pollute entire surrounding areas. Further, during the course of the construction, require minimum 30 meters X 30 meters (Approximately) for each Transfer Tower Construction Plus approach, DE approach lengths of 2 meters X 50 meters X 10 meter to (Approximately) for each conveyor. Right now, the existing road average width is 7 meters to 10 meters only, and this construction of conveyor may not be possible all along the existing road without proposing the extra area in forest area (Other than the existing roads).

And as per observation and clarification mentioned above, more forest area may be broken if we construct pipe conveyor belt all along the existing road than the proposed area (i.e.12.4724 ha).

Hence, the present area proposed by the user agency (i.e.12.4724 ha) may be considered for this project. Hence, all the 5 sets of proposal are submitted herewith.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Division, Ballari

FORM - 'A'

PART - II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

State Serial No of Proposal : FP/KA/MIN/39394/2019


I.	Location of the Project / Scheme:	Diversion of 12.4724 ha forest land in R.M.Block and S.M.Block, Sandur Taluk, (in Sandur North R.M.Block 6.6978 ha) Ballari District for Downhill Pipe Conveyor System, Service Roads, hopper, water pipe line, Transmission lines and railway sidings from Ramadurga Iron ore mine (M.L.No.2141) infavour of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Pvt Ltd, Ballari	
i.	State/Union Territory	:	Karnataka
ii.	District.	:	Bellary
iii.	Forest Division	:	Bellary Forest Division
iv.	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha)	:	Extent : 12.4724 hectares.
v	Legal status of forest	:	Reserved Forest Ramanamalai Forest Block and Swamymalai Forest Block in Sandur North & South Range declared under Section-04 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Notified vide Notification No. FFD-29, FAF-84, Dated: 28.02.1985.
vi	Density of vegetation.	:	Eco- class III, Southern Dry Deciduous Forest.
vii	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.)	:	Tree Enumeration list Enclosed.
viii	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	:	The proposed area is subjected to soil erosion because of steep slope & poor vegetation. Hence, the user agency is required to take up soil & moisture Conservation works all along and around the Downhill Conveyor belt and service road.
ix.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	:	The proposed Downhill Conveyor belt starts from the forest boundary.

	x	Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	: The proposed forest land (proposed project area) is not part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. However, proposed project area is 19.15 km distance from the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary and 18.63 kms distance from Eco-sensitive zone area of Daroji sloth Bear Sanctuary. Further, the proposed project area is 17.08 kms distance from the Gudekote sloth Bear Sanctuary and 16.46 kms distance from Eco-sensitive zone area of Gudekote Sloth Bear Sanctuary.
	xi	Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- if so details thereof	: The Flora and fauna observed in proposed area are, Flora: <i>Acacia catechu</i> , <i>Albizia amara</i> , <i>Anogeissus latifolia</i> , <i>Cassia fistula</i> , <i>Carissa carandus</i> and <i>Dodonia viscosa</i> , <i>Boswellia serrata</i> and <i>crotalaria sandurensis</i> etc., Fauna: Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hares, Peafowl, Wild pig, Grey partridge and Indian porcupine, Monitor lizard, four-horned antelope and pangolin.
	xii	Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	: -No-
2.		Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	: -Yes-
3.		Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	: - No-

4. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:																																																																			
i)	<p>Details of non forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.</p>																																																																		
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iii)	<p>Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.</p>	<p>As per the CAMPA guidelines, the afforestation scheme is to be implemented. Datasheet is enclosed.</p>																																																																	
iv)	<p>Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.</p>	<p>Rs. 11,60,000 x 12.4724 =Rs. 1,44,67,984/-</p>																																																																	
v)	<p>Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).</p>	<p>The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belgaum has issued suitability certificate (Copy enclosed).</p>																																																																	

5.	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	:	Site inspection report is enclosed.
6.	Division/District profile:		
i.	Geographical area of the district.	:	8420 Sq.K.M
ii.	Forest area of the district.	:	1349.53 Sq.K.M
iii.	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	:	6476.58 Ha and totally 91 cases covered
iv.	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on (a) forest land including penal compensatory afforestation,	:	2342.49 Ha
	(b) Non-forest land.	:	4131.92 Ha
v.	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 31.03.2019 on (a) Forest land	:	2337.70 Ha
	(b) Non-forest land.	:	2728.00 Ha
7.	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	:	The proposal is recommended for approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Date : 09.12.2019.
Place : Bellary


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari


Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the proposed site on 08.12.2019. The area for diversion of 12.4724 ha forest land in R.M.Block and S.M.Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Downhill Pipe Conveyor System, Service Roads, hopper, water pipe line, Transmission lines and railway sidings from Ramadurga Iron ore mine (M.L.No.2141) in favour of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Pvt Ltd, Ballari.

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Dated : 09.12.2019.
Place: Ballari.


Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Division, Ballari