

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.

3. Letter No.A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2018-19 dated:07-01-2023 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

4. Your office Letter No. M1/MNG/Conveyor-Belt/CR-4/2019-19 (Vedanta) dated:09-01-2023.

5. Letter dated:12-05-2023 of Assistant Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Sub-Division, Chitradurga.

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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 and your kind office has instructed to submit a report to the following points vide reference (3) and (4).

The Range Forest officer, Molakalmuru Range, Molakalmuru and the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Sub-division, Chitradurga have submitted suitability certificate of Degraded land and maps vide letter ref (5).

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Further, the undersigned visited the project site on 03-06-2023 verified the documents with reference to the proposal. The following details have been uploaded Online and re-submitted the hard copies for your kind information and necessary action.

Sl No	Particulars	Compliance
1	The CA Suitability Certificate issued by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chamarajanagara Division vide letter dated:24-03-2021 is not in complete form i.e. the CA Suitability, Form-B, Table-1 (non-forest CA land) Column No.5 (Plants/Ha proposed to be planted) has been left blank and Table-2 (Degraded forest land where the balance number of plants are proposed to be planted in consonance with the working Plan Prescription) has also not been mentioned. i.e details regarding plants to be planted in the degraded forest land as the proposed CA land cannot support 1000 plants/ha.	CA Suitability Certificate Format-B is enclosed.  <b>Annexure - 1</b>
2	And details such as Kml File, Topo Map, Geo-referenced Map with GPS reading of all corners also needs to be provided with regard to the degraded forest land by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests.	19.094 Ha degraded land identified in Sy No.84 of Nerlahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District. <b>Format-C</b> is enclosed. <b>Annexure - 2</b> (KML file, Topo Map, Geo-referenced map with GPS)
3	The CA Scheme in Part-II 13(iv) has not been uploaded with regard to the CA plantation to be raised in the identified forest and degraded forest land.	CA Scheme enclosed.  <b>Annexure - 3.</b>

The relevant document in 5 sets are submitted herewith for kind perusal and further action.

Yours faithfully,

  
Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Chitradurga division, Chitradurga.