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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
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To  
The Spl. Chief Secretary to  
Environment, Forests, Science &  
Department,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,

**Ref. No. EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 08/11/2022**

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 4.23 ha forest land in  
Compartment no. 450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V) Kanigiri (M)  
Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s. Sri  
Ahobila  
Narasimha Minerals - Correct Mining Plan called for - Submitted -  
Reg.

Ref:- 1. GoAP Memo no. 275/Section.II/2021, EFS & T (Section-II) Dept.,  
dated: 28.04.2022  
2. Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Ongole Ir. no. 1782/MMP/  
QTZ/MRKP/  
2022, dated: 29.07.2022.

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With reference to the letter 1st cited, it is submitted that, the Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Ongole in the reference 2nd cited has furnished approved modified mining plan for a period of Five (5) years in respect of diversion of 4.23 ha of forest land in Compartment no. 450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V), Kanigiri (M), Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals.

In the approved mining plan, as against Reclamation Plan, it is mentioned that the matured pits will be filled by re-banding of waste as reclamation measure and balance pits will be utilized as water harvesting structure. Rehabilitation of mined area includes (1) void available for backfilling (LxBxD) pit wise/ stope wise void filled by waste/ tailings afforestation on the backfilled area (2) Rehabilitation by making water reservoir.

However, at Progressive Mine Closure Plan in the Approved Mining Plan, it is mentioned as quarry lease is part of hill lock, Reclamation process will be done after the quarrying operations are done, so there is no need of reclamation at present situation.

The Government of India are insisting that A.P. Forest Department should ensure reclamation of mined area. In view of the above, it would be difficult for the Forest Department to monitor Reclamation work if User Agency left the mining area without reclaiming it after mineral is exhausted. Hence, as per the

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decision taken by the State Government during meeting on 05.09.2022, **an amount of Rs.2.50 lakh per ha** as security deposit may be collected from the lessee (i.e., user agency) to ensure reclamation of mines exhausted in the forest area. The said amount shall be deposited with the concerned District Forest Officer and he will release the said amount to the user agency as and when the user agency has reclaimed the mined out area after mines are exhausted during lease period.

The Government are requested to recommend collection of security deposit of Rs.2.50 lakh per ha towards reclamation of mines exhausted in the forest area for subject proposal, to the Government of India for imposing as one of the condition by the Government of India in Stage-I approval.

A copy of the approved modified mining plan furnished by the Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Ongole is submitted herewith for taking further action in the matter.

Encl:- As above

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Yours faithfully,  
Y Madhusudhana Reddy

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
Head of Forest Force(FAC)

Copy submitted to the Inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada (along with copy of approved mining plan) for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Guntur and the District Forest Officer, Prakasham district for information.

Copy to Sri P. Babul Reddy, Mg. Partner, M/s. Sri AhobilaNarasimha Minerals, Kanigiri, Prakasham District for information and necessary action.