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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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E-509333

Date 07-10-2024

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment
M. S. Building, Bengaluru

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 hectares of Forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near Hilikunte Village, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach Road to mining lease No. 0016 [*e-auctioned C-category mine*] in favour of M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Pune

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021 [Form-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office even letter dated 05-09-2024 [*proposal seeking Stage-I Approval*] and letter dated 13-09-2024 [*communication of the EDS query raised by GoK*]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter FEE 47 FLL 2024 (e) dated 10-09-2024 [*EDS Query*]
 3. M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited letter dated 11-09-2024 [*addressed to DCF Ballari Division reg submission of reply to the query raised by the GoK*]
 4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/Kirloskar/ROAD)/2021-22 (5.4476 ha) dated 15-28-09-2024 [*addressed to CF Ballari Circle reg EDS reply*]
 5. The Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No. No. M1/MNG/Kirloskar/Approach Road/CR-28/2022-23 dated 04-10-2024 [*addressed to this reg communication of the EDS reply by DCF, Ballari*]

With regard to the above, this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 05-09-2024 has submitted the said proposal to the Government of Karnataka with a request to move the proposal with the Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval. In response, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) addressed to this office has sought some additional information / documents / clarifications. Further, this office vide Ref (1)

I/686258/2024 letter dated 13-09-2024 communicated the same to the Conservator of Forests, Ballari circle.

In response, the reply to the query raised by the Government of Karnataka is furnished by the User Agency i.e., M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle Vide Ref (3), (4) and (5) to this office as below.

Sl. No.	Information sought	Information submitted
1.	Species-wise, girth class-wise number of trees required to be felled: abstract	Abstract for Species-wise, girth class-wise number of trees required to be felled is enclosed herewith as Annexure-1 .
2.	What is the advantage of presently proposed (4.035 Ha forest land) approach road over earlier proposal (3.862 Ha. forest land) for which stage-I already approved and compliances also completed?	<p>The DCF Ballari Division vide letter dated 28-09-2024 states that the user agency vide letter dated 11-09-2024 (enclosed as Annexure-2) has submitted as below.</p> <p><i>“1. The current proposal for the approach road (4.035 Ha of forest land) passes through only two villages, whereas the previous proposal (3.862 Ha of forest land) passes through five villages.</i></p> <p><i>2. The proposed road towards Nandihalli (Hulikunte) village includes a dedicated railway siding owned by M/s. JSW. M/s JSW will utilize its dedicated closed pipe conveyor to transport material to their Integrated Steel Plant in Tornagallu. The same railway siding is proposed for our long-term benefits.”</i></p>
3.	What is the difficulty in already stage-I approved approach road?	<p>The DCF Ballari Division vide letter dated 28-09-2024 states that the user agency vide letter dated 11-09-2024 (enclosed as Annexure-2) has submitted as below.</p> <p><i>“The proposed approach road towards Ranjithpura village, for which Stage-II approval has been granted, passes through patta land owned by M/s. BMM (erstwhile lessee). BMM has set up a manufacturing unit in the land and hence</i></p>

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		<i>the road movement of goods through their private land is not possible due to plant safety reasons and as such we have been restricted to use only the BMM Railway siding for movement of goods through railway wagons. However, we require flexibility of using both Road and Rail movement of the goods considering our Koppal Plant and Hiriur Plant. It may be noted that Hiriur plant do not have railway siding facility. Hence, we have put forward an alternative proposal, which is more viable than the already Stage-II approved approach road on a longer run ”</i>
4.	Whether User Agency want to forgo the compliances of earlier proposal?	The DCF Ballari Division vide letter dated 28-09-2024 states that M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited vide letter dated 11-09-2024 (enclosed as Annexure-2) has agreed and undertakes to forgo of all the compliances and CA land provided, Payments made against the demand notice issued in lieu of the said proposal of 3.862 Ha.

Hence, the facts are hereby submitted with a requested to move to the Government of India for seeking In-principle Stage-I approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours Faithfully,

Signed by Brijesh Kumar

Date: 08-10-2024 08:20:30

Reason: Approved

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
3. M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanaro Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune, Maharashtra – 411 for information.



To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA),
Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 ha (Revised from 5.476) of Approach road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli.

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021

- Ref: 1) Letter No. M1/MNG/Kirloskar/ROAD/2021-22 (5.4476 ha) dated. 07-8-2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari.
2) This office even No. dated. 15/16-8-2024.
3) Letter No. FEE 47 FFM 2024(e), dated. 10-9-2024 of the GoK.
4) Your office letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/10/2021-FC, dated: 12-9-2024
5) Letter M1/MNG/Kirloskar/ROAD/2021-22 (5.4476 ha)/830 dated. 28-9-2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari.

With reference to the above cited subject, the proposal has been submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari and the same has been forwarded to your good office vide letters cited (1) and (2) respectively, for diversion of 4.035 ha (Revised from 5.476) of Approach road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli.

The Government of Karnataka has raised EDS on 04 points vide its letter cited (3) above, and the same has been communicated to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari and directed to submit the clarification/information as sought by the Government of Karnataka vide your office letter (4) cited above.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari has obtained the information/clarification from the user agency and submitted to this office vide his letter (5) cited above, for onward submission to the higher authority.

Therefore, I am herewith submitting the copy of the report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari alongwith its enclosures for further needful action.

Yours faithfully,


Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

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Office of the
Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari



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No. M1/MNG/Kirlsokar/ROAD/2021-22 (5.4476 ha)

Dated: 28.09.2024

To,

The Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 Ha (Revised from 5.4476 ha) of Approach Road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli – Reg., [Online proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021].

Ref: 1) Online proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021.

- 2) This office even number letter Dt. 30.09.2022, 17.12.2022, 31.05.2024 & 07.08.2024
- 3) Letter No. FEE 47 FFM 2024(e) dated: 10.09.2024 of the Government of Karnataka
- 4) Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/10/2021-FC Dated : 12.09.2024 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore.
- 5) This office even number letter Dt. 19.09.2024.
- 6) M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli letter dated : 19.09.2024.

With reference to the above subject, the undersigned has submitted the proposal for diversion of 4.035 Ha (Revised from 5.4476 ha) of new Approach Road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli has been received vide letter Dt. 30.09.2022 & 07.08.2024 under reference(2).

Further, the Government of Karnataka has raised the following EDS vide letter under Ref(3). Accordingly, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore has directed the undersigned to submit the information as EDS raised by the Government of Karnataka.

In this regard, the undersigned has directed the User Agency to submit the information as EDS queries raised by the Government of Karnataka vide letter under Ref(5). The same has been received from the User Agency vide letter under Ref(6).

Therefore, I am submitting herewith following information as EDS queries raised by the Government of Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Information sought	Information submitted
1	Species-wise, girth class-wise number of trees required to be felled: abstract.	Abstract for Species-wise, girth class-wise number of trees required to be felled is enclosed herewith as Annexure-1 .
2	What is the advantage of presently proposed (4.035 Ha forest land) approach road over earlier proposal (3.862 Ha forest land) for which stage-I already approved and compliances also completed ?	The User Agency has submitted the information vide letter dated : 19.09.2024 for this EDS query. The same has been enclosed herewith as Annexure-2 .
3	What is the difficulty in already stage-I approved approach road?	
4	Whether User Agency want to forgo the compliances of earlier proposal?	

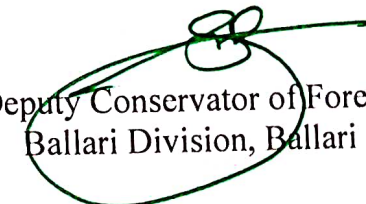
This is submitted for your kind information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru for kind information.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

PART-II

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

State Serial No. of proposal : KA-048/2022

1. Location of the project/Scheme : Karnataka

- (i) **State / Union Territory :** Karnataka
- (ii) **District :** Bellary
- (iii) **Forest Division :** Bellary
- (iv) **Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.) :** 4.035
- (v) **Category of the Proposal:** Mining

2. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion

S. No.	Division	Forest Land(ha.)	Legal Status
1	Bellary	4.035	Section 4
Total		4.035	

Division 1. : Bellary

3. District wise area to be diverted in the division

S. No.	District	Area(ha.)
1	Bellary	4.035
Total		4.035

4. Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion**(i) Density of vegetation**

S. No.	Area(in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
1	4.035	0.4	Eco 3
Total.		4.035	

(ii) Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
1	Acacia Auriculiformis		1	6	2	0	0	0
2	Ficus Infectoria		0	0	1	0	0	0
3	Azadirachta Indica		1	1	1	0	0	0
4	Terminalia Tomentosa		44	70	11	0	0	0
5	Lagerstroemia Parviflora		39	17	0	0	0	0
6	Boswellia Serrata		1	17	30	38	0	0
7	Pterocarpus Marsupium		17	40	5	1	0	0
8	Grewia Tiliaefolia		19	18	1	0	0	0
9	Cassia Fistula		6	5	0	0	0	0
10	Hardwickia Binnata		0	1	0	0	0	0

11	Eucalyptus spp		8	7	1	0	0	0
12	Wrightia Tingtoria		2	2	0	0	0	0
13	Embllica Officianalis		0	4	0	0	0	0
14	Santalum Album		1	2	0	0	0	0
15	Acacia Concinna		0	1	0	0	0	0
16	Albizia lebbeck		1	2	0	0	0	0
17	Holoptolia Integrifolia		0	2	0	0	0	0
18	Tectona Grandis		18	20	0	0	0	0
19	Acacia Catechu		75	122	9	0	0	0
20	Albezzia Amara		1	0	0	0	0	0
21	Diasporus Melanoxylon		8	8	1	0	0	0
22	Others		495	219	221	117	8	0
Total			737	564	283	156	8	0
Sub Total (No of Trees.)			1748					

5. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion : NIL

6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion :

Situated on a ridge to the proposed area is having steep slope. Hence, Soil erosion could be an issue. User Agency should to take necessary steps to prevent soil erosion and relate

7.

Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest(in km.) :

0.00

8. Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view

Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion :

(i). following wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion
Leopard, Sloth Bear, Jackal, Hares, Peafowl, Wild pig, Grey partridge, Indian porcupine, Monitor lizard, four-horned antelope and Pangolin.

(ii). Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : No

(iii). Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972
(Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): No

(iv). Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : No

(v). Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : Yes

9.

Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any

other important monument located in the area, if any

- (i). Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : No

10.

Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion

- (i). Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project : Yes







11. Details of violation(s), if any ,committed


- (i). Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : No

12. Whether work in violation is still in progres(Yes/No) : NIL

13. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme

- (i). Patch wise details of non-forest or Revenue forest land to be provided by User Agency for CA

Patch Wise Details						
S.no	District Name	Village	Area(in ha.)	khasra	KML file	Present Owner file
1	Bellary	Tumati	1.01	Sy No. 11/1		
2	Bellary	Tumati	3.42	Sy No. 65		
3	Bellary	Vittalapura	0.91	Sy. No. 172/2		


- (ii). Upload a scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station: 

- (iii). Upload a copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed for C.A: 

- (iv). Copy of CA scheme details: 

- (iv). Copy of CA scheme details: NA

Additional information Details


S. No.	Documents	Remarks
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14. District Profile

S.no	District Name	Geographical area of the district (in ha.)	Forest area of the district (in ha.)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 (in ha.)	No. of Approved Cases	Forest Land including penal C.A. (in ha.)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on(date)	A) Forest land (in ha.)	B) Non-forest land (in ha.)
1	Bellary	842000	156394	6476.58	91	2342.49	31/03/2022	2337.70	2618.327

15.


Site inspection report of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer highlighting important facts pertaining to the forest land



Division Name	Circle	Site inspected By	Whether site inspected	No. of times site visited	Site inspection report	Date of visit
Bellary	Bellary	DFO	Yes	One		29/08/2022
		Nodal Officer	No		No Data	

(Specific recommendation of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer with(Part II,III & Part IV))

16.

Specific recommendation of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason

Division	Circle	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Reason	Letter	Whether CF agreed
Bellary	Bellary	DFO	Recommended	The proposal for diversion of 4.035 ha Revised from 5.4476 ha of Approach Road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli is recommended for approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980		

	Bellary	CF	Recommended	The diversion of forest land to the tune of 4.035 ha. of forest land for approach road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli in may be recommended as per the provision of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.		Yes
		Nodal Officer	Recommended	recommended		

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To,
The Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Ballari Division,
Ballari.

Date: 11.09.2024

Respected Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 hectare of Forest land inSwamymalai (SM) Block, NearHulikunte Village,Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District forApproach Road to Mining Lease No.0016 [e-auctionedC-category mine] in favor of M/s. Kirloskar FerrousIndustries Limited.
Proposal No: FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021

Ref: GoK Letter No. FEE 47 FFM 2024(e) dated. 10.09.2024

With respect to the above subject and reference letter, the Govt. of Karnataka has sought clarification in respect of diversion of 4.035 hectare of Forest land inSwamymalai (SM) Block, Near Hulikunte Village,Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District proposed for approach road to ML No. 0016 of Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited. We hereby submit our compliance to clarification sought by the State Government.

SL No.	Clarification sought	Compliance
1	Species-wise, girth class-wise number of trees required to be felled: abstract.	The details of species-wise, girth class-wise number of trees required to be felled is already enumerated in the field and the tree enumeration report is available with DCF, Ballari and the same can be seen in already filled Part-II of Form-A.
2	What is the advantage of presently proposed (4.035 Ha forest land) approach road over earlier proposal (3.862 Ha forest land), for which stage-I already approved and compliances also completed?	1. The current proposal for the approach road (4.035 Ha of forest land) passes through only two villages, whereas the previous proposal (3.862 Ha of forest land) passes through five villages. 2. The proposed road towards Nandihalli (Hulikunte) village includes a dedicated railway siding owned by M/s. JSW. JSW will utilize its dedicated closed pipe

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SL No.	Clarification sought	Compliance
		conveyor to transport material to their Integrated Steel Plant in Tornagallu. The same railway siding is proposed for our long term benefits.
3	What is the difficulty in already stage-I approved approach road?	The proposed approach road towards Ranjithpura village, for which Stage-1 approval has been granted, passes through patta land owned by M/s. BMM (erstwhile lessee). BMM has set up a manufacturing unit in the land and hence the road movement of goods through their private land is not possible due to plant safety reasons and as such we have been restricted to use only the BMM Railway siding for movement of goods through railway wagons. However, we require flexibility of using both Road and Rail movement of the goods considering our Koppal Plant and Hiriyr Plant. It may be noted that Hiriyrplant do not have railway siding facility. Hence, we have put forward an alternative proposal, which is more viable than the already approved Stage-1 approach road on a longer run.
4	Whether UA want to forgo the compliances of earlier proposal?	Yes, we hereby agree and undertake to forgo of all the compliances and CA land provided, Payments made against the demand notice issued in lieu of the said proposal of 3.862 Ha.

Kindly consider our compliance to the clarification sought by the State Government and recommend our proposal for further approval of Forest Clearance.

Thanking You,

For Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited


Authorized Signatory.



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