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**Deputy Conservator of Forests,
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No:A6/FC/Vedanta/144881/CR-16/2023-24

Date:08-10-2025.

To,

The Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of Ex-post facto approval for 3.331 Ha (4.3013 Ha) under Section-2 of FCA-1980 for approach road to ML No.2677 through Gate-3 project of Vedanta Ltd., in Megalahalli Village & Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District.
Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/144881/2021.

Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru online communication to this office Dated: 30-08-2023.
2. Revised online proposal received to this office dated: 02-12-2024.
3. This office even letter dated:04-12-2024 and 20-08-2025.
4. EDS raised dated:08-10-2025 of Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.

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With reference to the above subject, M/s Vedanta Ltd., has submitted a proposal through web portal mode for Ex-post facto approval for approach road to M L No.2677 through gate-3 for 3.331 Ha of Forest land in Sy No.20 of Megalahalli, Sy No.9 of Marijogihalli and Sy No.6 of Bedarbommenhalli village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Hireguntanur Hobli, Chitradurga taluk, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga district 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 a specific opinion vide ref (1). Further, user agency has submitted revised proposal vide ref (2).

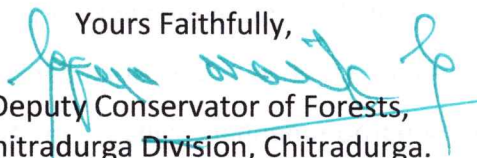
The report on this proposal has already been submitted from this office vide reference (3). The Conservator of Forest Ballari Circle, Ballari have instructed to submit a report to the following points vide reference (4).

Therefore, I am herewith submitting the following information with documents for your kind information and necessary action.

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Sl No	Particulars	Compliance
7	The state shall submit the present status of the mining operations in the area.	As per Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi vide letter No.8-81/1992 -FC (Pt) dated:30-12-2014 and Government of Karnataka Order No. FEE 91 FFM 2012, Bengaluru dated: 07-01-2015 is sanctioned STAGE-II clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for area of 164.79 Ha (161.54 ha for renewal of mining lease and 3.25 ha of approach road) the mining lease is valid co-terminus with Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulating) Act, 1957 from 28.10.2012 to 27.10.2032. As on day the mining is activate.

The above information as sought is submitted for your kind perusal and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

PART-II

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

State Serial No. of proposal : KA-014/2023

1. Location of the project/Scheme : Karnataka

(i)

State / Union Territory : Karnataka

(ii)

District : Chitradurga

(iii)

Forest Division : Chitradurga

(iv)

Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.) : 3.331

(v)

Category of the Proposal: Mining

2. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion

S. No.	Division	Forest Land(ha.)	Legal Status
1	Chitradurga	3.157	Forest by dictionary meaning
2	Chitradurga	0.174	Reserved Forest
Total		3.331	

Division 1. : Chitradurga

3. District wise area to be diverted in the division

S. No.	District	Area(ha.)
1	Chitradurga	3.331
Total		3.331

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	3.331	0.1	Eco 3
Total.	3.331		

(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	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total			0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total (No of Trees.)			0					

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

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

7. Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest(in km.) : 0

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

- (i). Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : Major wild animals found in the area include Sloth bear, Leopard, Wild boar, Hare etc,
- (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 : No

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 : Yes

(a)Details of violation(s): 10. Violation reported under Forest Conservation A

(b) Period of Work done(year) : 2008

(c) Area of forest land involved in violation (in ha.) : 3.331

Name of person responsible for violation	Designation & Address of person responsible for violation	Action taken against the person responsible for violation
NIL		

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

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	Chamarajanagar	Maddur	4.538	1191, 1192, 1193		

- (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
1		CA scheme is uploaded

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	Chitradurga						31/03/2024		

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
Chitradurga	Bellary	DFO	Yes	One		09/11/2024
		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
Chitradurga	Bellary	DFO	Recommended	Diversion 3.331 Ha for Ex post facto approval for approach road to M L No.2677 through gate 3 for 3.331 Ha of Forest land in Sy No.20 of Megalahli, Sy No.9 of Marijogihalli and Sy No.6 of Bedarbommenhalli village in Nirthadi State Reserved Forest, Hireguntanur		

				Hobli, Chitradurga taluk, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga district. Proposed area is the bare minimum and unavoidable. The Project Proposal for diversion of forest area may be considered.		
	Bellary	CF	Recommended	The Ex post facto approval for approach road to ML No.2677 through gate 3 for 3.331 Ha of Forest land in Sy No.20 of Megalahalli, Sy No.9 of Marijogihalli and Sy No.6 of Bedarbommenhalli village in Nirthadi State Reserved Forest, Hireguntanur Hobli, Chitradurga taluk, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga district in favour of M/s. Vedant Ltd., may be considered under the provisions of the Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam, 1980		Yes
		Nodal Officer	Recommended	Recommended		

Specific recommendation of the State Government(Part V)

17. Specific recommendation of the State Government for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason (Part V)

State	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Recommendation Date	Remarks	Signing Authority	Notification	Recommendation Letter
Karnataka	State Secretary	Recommended	24/03/2025	Stage I Approval	State Govt. Officer	No Data	

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Checklist for State Nodal Officer

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