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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

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Office of  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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E-office File No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/33/2020-FC

**E-356401**

Date -09-2024

To,

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

Sir,

**Sub:** Renewal of 10.00 hectares of forest land for approach road from Muraripura village (Ingress) and Krishna Nagar village in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range and Taluk, Ballari District for Timmappanagundi Iron Ore Mines ML No. 2605 in favour of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd)

**Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51647/2020 [FORM-B]**

- Ref:**
1. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 49 FLL 2022(e) letter dated 06-09-2023 [*submission of EDS reply*] and dated 03-11-2023 [*communication of EDS query raised by GoI*]
  2. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Integrated Regional Office), Bangalore letter No. 4-KRC 1393/2022 dated 13-10-2020 addressed to GoK [*seeking essential information*]
  3. This office even letter dated 24-07-2023, 17-11-2023, 03-05-2024 & 22-05-2024
  4. M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited letter No. KSMCL/TIOM/Renewal/10HA/2024-25/313 dated 30-07-2024 [*reply to the EDS query raised by GoI*]
  5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/KSPCL/ML No. 2605/Road/2020-21 dated 26-08-2024 [*reply to the EDS query raised by GoI*]
  6. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No.M1/MNG/RENEW/CR-11/1990-91(NMDC) dated 10-01-2023 [*reply to the EDS query raised by GoI*]

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Bengaluru vide Ref (2) has requested to furnish certain information/clarification for further consideration of the above-mentioned proposal. The same was communicated by this office to the field officers seeking the required information/clarification vide Ref (3).

In response, M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide ref (4), (5) and (6) respectively have submitted the information/clarification for the points raised by

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Government of India. Based on the said reports, the reply to the Government of India is submitted as follows.

Sl. No.	Observation	Information
(i)	It is informed that the compliance report on conditions stipulated in forest clearance approval letter dated 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2001 and 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2004 for diversion of 78.50 ha and 98.224 ha of forest land furnished by the State Government is found to be incomplete with respect to notification CA land PF/RF.	The CA area for both the approvals of diversion of 78.50 ha and 98.224 ha declared as 'Protected Forest' under Section-33 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 vide Notification No. APAJI 79FAF 2024 dated 19.07.2024 over an extent of 371.40 ha. <b>(Copy enclosed as Annexure-1)</b>
(ii)	With respect to the Change of Name proposal, the MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide letter 05-10-2023 has sought certain details from State Government including the complete compliance report on earlier approvals and safety zones.	Reply with respect to the information sought by the Government of India has been submitted by this office to the Government of Karnataka same has been <b>enclosed as Annexure-2.</b>

**The facts are hereby submitted for kind information and 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: 13-09-2024 16:13:32**

**Reason: Approved**

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

**Copy to:**

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
3. M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Limited) TTMC "A" Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, KH Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru – 560 002 for information.

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Office of the  
Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari,  
Dated: -09-2024

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation)  
Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram,  
BENGALURU.

Sir,

Sub: Renewal of 10.00 hectares of forest land for approach road from Muraripura Village (Ingress) and Krishna Nagar Village in North Eastern Block, Sandur North Range and Taluka, Ballari District for Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mines ML No. 2605 in favour of M/s. KSMCL (erstwhile MML).

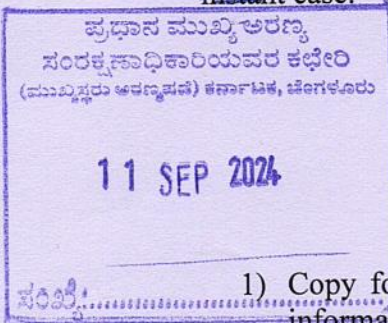
Ref: 1) Letter No.F.No.4-KRC 1393/2022 dtd. 13-12-2022 & 13-10-2023 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Integrated Regional Office) Bangalore (seeking essential information).  
2) Your office letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/33/2019-FC dtd. 24-7-2023, 17-11-2023, 03-05-2024 & 22-5-2024.  
3) Letter No. M1/MNG/KSPCL/ML No. 2605/Road/2020-21, dated: 26-08-2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

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In light of the directions issued by your good office vide letters (2) cited above and followed by the letter of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Integrated Regional Office) Bangalore, in their letter dated 13-10-2023 (1) cited above, has directed to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari to provide the details/information/documents/clarification sought by the Government of India for taking necessary action in this proposal.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari has submitted the information regarding CA land notification as PF vide his letter (3) above along with Kannada language PF notification and translated in English version of the same.

Therefore, I am herewith submitting copy of the report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari alongwith its enclosures for taking for the further necessary action in this instant case.



Yours faithfully,

Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

- 1) Copy forwarded to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
- 2) Copy to the M/s. KSMCL TTMC 'A' Block, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, BMTC Building, K.H. Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-27 for information.

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No. M1/MNG/KSPCL/ML No.2605/Road/2020-21

Dated: 26.08.2024

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

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Sir,

**Sub:** Renewal of 10.00 hectares of forest land for Approach Road from Muraripura Village (Ingress) and Krishna Nagar Village in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District for Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2605 in favour of M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd) (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51647/2020 [FORM-B]) – Reg.

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  - 3) Letter No.KRC1393/2022-BAN Dt. 12/13.12.2022 & 13.10.2023 of the Government of India.
  - 4) Letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/33/2020-FC Dt.06/07.01.2023, 24.07.2023, 17.11.2023, 03.05.2024 & 22.05.2024 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore
  - 5) Letter No.M1/MNG/Renew/CR-02/2008-09/MML Dt. 09.01.2023, 25.07.2023 & 22.11.2023 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.
  - 6) This office letter No. M1/MNG/KSMCL(MML)/Change of Name/2021-22 Dt.24.07.2023 & 31.05.2024 [Change of Name proposal].
  - 7) M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited Letter No. KSMCL/TIOM/Renewal/10HA/2024-25/313 Dated : 30.07.2024

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With reference to the above subject, the Government of India has raised EDS query vide letter Dt.13.10.2023 under Ref(3). The same has been forwarded by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari and directed to provide the details / information / documents / clarification vide letter under Ref(4) & (5).

In this regard, the undersigned has directed to submit the information / documents as sought by the Government of India vide letter Ref(2) & (6). The same has been submitted by the M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited vide letter under Ref(7).

Therefore, I am herewith submitting the information as EDS query raised by the Government of India.

Sl. No.	Information Sought	Information submitted
1	It is informed that the compliance report on conditions stipulated in forest clearance approval letter dated: 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2001 and 8th November, 2004 for diversion of 78.50 ha and 98.224 ha of forest land furnished by the State Government is found to be incomplete with respect to notification CA land as PF/RF.	The CA area for both the approvals of diversion of 78.50 ha and 98.224 ha, declared as 'Protected Forest' under Section-33 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 vide Notification No. APAJI 79 FAF 2024 Dated : 19.07.2024 over an extent of 371.40 ha. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-1</b> ).

Yours Faithfully,

  
Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Ballari Division, Ballari

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E-office File No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/44/2019-FC

**E-81928**

Date 13-09-2024

To,

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

Sir,

**Sub:** Change of name from Mysore Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Government of Karnataka undertaking) in respect of Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine (ML No.2629) in Swamymalai (SM) Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District

- Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 22-08-2023 [*communication of EDS reply to GoK*], 07-12-2023 [*communication of the EDS query*] and 22-05-2024 [*reminder*]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 46 FMM 2019 (e) dated 06-09-2023 [*communication of EDS reply to GoI*] and 03-11-2023 [*communication of EDS query raised by GoI*]
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi letter F.No.8-28/2000-FC dated 05-10-2023 [*sought additional information and clarification*]
4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/KSMCL(MML)/Change of Name//2021-22/757 dated 04-09-2024 [*EDS reply*]
5. The Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No. M1/MNG/Renew/CR-3/2008-09/MML dated 11-09-2024 [*EDS reply*]

The Government of India vide letter dated 05-10-2023 has sought some information / clarification / documents to the State Government for further consideration of the proposal. The Government of Karnataka communicated the query to this office vide Ref (2) letter dated 03-11-2023. This office vide letter dated 07-12-2023 communicated the same to the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle and directed to inform the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests to provide the details / information / documents sought by the Government of India to this office.

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In response, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4) and (5) have submitted the information / clarification / documents for the points raised by the Government of India is submitted as follows.

Sl. No.	Information sought by the Government of India	Information submitted
i.	The KML/shape file of the CA area which was carried out in past for both approvals as sought vide this Ministry's letter dt 29.09.2022 is not submitted by the State Government. In this regard, the State Government is requested to submit the KML files of the previous CA areas wrt both the approvals.	The KML/shape file of the CA area which was carried out in past for both approvals are enclosed in <b>Anneuxre-1</b> in CD format.
ii.	From the information submitted by the State Government vide its letter dt 06.09.2023, it is observed the survival percentage of the plantation carried out in the CA lands are very poor. In this regard, the State Government is requested to offer its comments wrt the corrective measures been taken.	The plantation is raised in 2004-05 & 2007-08 rains. However due to multiple factors like soil conditions, topography, scanty of rainfall and heavy biotic pressures, the survival is very poor.  The corrective measures are being proposed which includes site specific interventions of SMC measures, plantations of native species etc.
iii.	The copy of the justification submitted by the User Agency wrt to this Ministry's letter dt 29.09.2022 is in vernacular language i.e., Kannada. In this regard, the State Government is requested to submit the translated copy along with its comments on the justification given by the user agency.	The same has been translated in English language and submitted herewith as <b>Annexure-2</b> .
iv	The State Government has informed that the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division vide letter dated: 18.07.2023 has submitted the proposal to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for declaration as 'Protected Forest' under Section-33 of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 wrt the CA land mutated in the name of Forest Department. The letter dated: 18.07.2023 mentioned in the State Government is letter is in in vernacular language i.e., Kannada. In this regard, the State Government is requested to submit the copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land into RF/PF under	The said land has declared as 'Protected Forest' under Section-33 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 vide Notification No. APAJI 79 FAF 2024 Dated: 19.07.2024 over an extent of 371.40 ha. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-3</b> ).

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	Section-4 or 29 of the Indian Forest Act 1957, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act / Local Acts as the case may be as per the condition stipulated in approval letters dated: 18.04.2001 and 08.11.2004.	
v	With reference to the status of safety zone as sought by this Ministry's letter dated: 29.09.2022, the State Government vide letter dated: 06.09.2023 has informed that the user agency has taken approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for safety zone area and the approved land use plan is enclosed. But the details of approvals and the approved land use plan as mentioned in the State Government letter is not received in the Ministry. The same requires submission.	Approved land use plan is enclosed herewith as <b>Annexure-4</b> .

**The facts are submitted for kind information and further needful.**

Yours faithfully,

**Signed by Brijesh Kumar**

**Date: 13-09-2024 16:55:36**

**Reason: Approved**

(Brijesh Kumar IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

**Copy to the:**

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
2. Managing Director, M/s Mysore Minerals Ltd., TTMC 'A' Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, K.H.Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru – 560 027 for information.
3. File No.KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/33/2020-FC (356401) for reference.
4. File No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/58/2019-FC (**108646**) for reference.

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Office of the  
Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari,  
Dated: -09-2024.

To, ✓  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation)  
Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram,  
BENGALURU.

Sir,

Sub: Change of name from Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Government of Karnataka undertaking) in FC approval in respect of ML No. 2629 & 2605.

Ref: 1) Letter No.11/86/2021-FC dt. 29-9-2022 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) New Delhi.  
2) Your office letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/44/2019-FC dtd. 06-12-2022  
3) Letter No. M1/MNG/KSMCL(MML)/Change of Name/2021-22 dtd. 04-9-2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari.

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11 SEP 2024  
With reference to the above subject, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi in its letter cited (1) above, has sought following information regarding Change of name from M/s. Mysore Minerals Limited to M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Government of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approval in respect of ML No. 2629 & 2605.

Accordingly, your good office in letter (2) cited above, has been directed to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari to provide the details/information/ documents as raised by the Government of India.

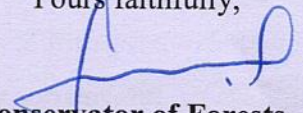
As such, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari has obtained the point wise details/information/ documents from the user agency and got it verified by the jurisdictional field officers and submitted the following information/documents to this office vide letter (3) cited above for further action.

Sl. No.	Information sought by the Government of India	Information submitted
i.	The KML/shape file of the CA area which was carried out in past for both approvals as sought vide this Ministry's letter dtd. 29.09.2022 is not submitted by the State Government. In this regard, the State Government is requested to submit the KML files of the previous CA areas w.r.t. both the approvals.	The KML/shape file of the CA area which was carried out in past for both approvals are enclosed in <b>Anneuxre-1</b> in CD format.

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

Yours faithfully,

  
Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

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No: M1/MNG/KSMCL(MML)/Change of Name/2021-22

Dated: 04.09.2024

To,

✓ Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

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3) This office even number letter Dt.04.05.2023

4) M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd letter Dt.22.09.2021 & 07.04.2022 & 29.04.2023.

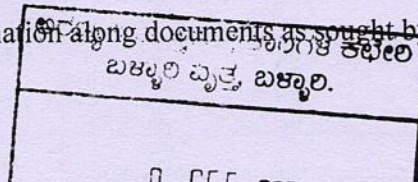
5) Letter No. RFO/BR/Plantation/2023-24/55 Dt. 28.06.2023 of the Range Forest officer, Ballari Range, Ballari.

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With reference to the above subject, the Government of India has sought following information regarding Change of name from M/s Mysore Minerals Limited to M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (a Government of Karnataka Undertaking) in FC approval in respect of ML No. 2629 & 2605 vide letter under Ref (1).

Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Bangalore has directed the undersigned to submit the above information as sought by Government of India vide letter under Ref (2).

Office of the undersigned had directed the User Agency and field officers to submit information/documents vide letter under Ref (3). The same has been received vide letters under Ref (4) & (5). Upon perusal of the said information so submitted, I am herewith submitting the following information along documents as sought by Government of India;




Sl. No.	Information sought by the Government of India	Information submitted
i.	The KML/shape file of the CA area which was carried out in past for both approvals as sought vide this Ministry's letter dt 29.09.2022 is not submitted by the State Government. In this regard, the State Government is requested to submit the KML files of the previous CA areas wrt both the approvals.	The KML/shape file of the CA area which was carried out in past for both approvals are enclosed in <b>Anneuxre-1</b> in CD format.
ii.	From the information submitted by the State Government vide its letter dt 06.09.2023, it is observed the survival percentage of the plantation carried out in the CA lands are very poor. In this regard, the State Government is requested to offer its comments wrt the corrective measures been taken.	The plantation is raised in 2004-05 & 2007-08 rains. However due to multiple factors like soil conditions, topography, scanty rainfall and heavy biotic pressures, the survival is very poor.  The corrective measures are being proposed which includes site specific interventions of SMC measures, plantations of native species etc.
iii.	The copy of the justification submitted by the User Agency wrt to this Ministry's letter dt 29.09.2022 is in vernacular language i.e. Kannada. In this regard, the State Government is requested to submit the translated copy along with its comments on the justification given by the user agency.	The same has been translated in English language and submitted herewith as <b>Annexure-2</b> .
iv	The State Government has informed that the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division vide letter dated: 18.07.2023 has submitted the proposal to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for declaration as 'Protected forest under Section-33 of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 wrt the CA land mutated in the name of Forest Department. The letter dated: 18.07.2023 mentioned in the State Government is letter is in in vernacular language i.e. Kannada. In this regard, the State Government is requested to submit the copy	The said land has declared as 'Protected Forest' under Section-33 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 vide Notification No. APAJI 79 FAF 2024 Dated : 19.07.2024 over an extent of 371.40 ha. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-3</b> ).

	of the original notification declaring the non-forest land into RF/PF under Section-4 or 29 of the Indian Forest Act 1957, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act / Local Acts as the case may be as per the condition stipulated in approval letters dated : 18.04.2001 and 08.11.2004.	
v	With reference to the status of safety zone as sought by this Ministry's letter dated: 29.09.2022, the State Government vide letter dated: 06.09.2023 has informed that the user agency has taken approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for safety zone area and the approved land use plan is enclosed. But the details of approvals and the approved land use plan as mentioned in the State Government letter is not received in the Ministry. The same requires submission.	Approved land use plan is enclosed herewith as <b>Annexure-4</b> .

This is submitted for information and needful action,

Yours Faithfully,

  
Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Division, Ballari.