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

Dated:07.04.2025

To,

Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 19.3044 hectares (Revised from 19.652 hectares) of forest land in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at 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/47146/2020 [FORM-A]) – Reg.

Ref: 1) Online Application No. FP/KA/MIN/47146/2020 [FORM-A]

2) This office even number Dt. 08.09.2021 & 22.11.2024

3) Letter No.FEE 48 FFM 2022(e) Dated:25.10.2024 of the Government of Karnataka

4) Letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/12/2018-FC Dated : 06.11.2024 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru.

5) M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited letter Dated:29.03.2025.

6) Single Window Committee meeting Proceedings on 18.02.2025

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With reference to the above subject, the undersigned has submitted the proposal for diversion of 19.3044 hectares (Revised from 19.652 hectares) of forest land in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine ML No.2605 in favour of M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd) vide letter under Ref (2).

Further, the Government of Karnataka has raised following the EDS query on this proposal vide letter under Ref(3)

“ಅರಣ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ತೆರಿಗೆ, ಅದಿರನ್ನು ಹೊರದೇಶಗಳಿಗೆ / ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮಗ್ರವಾಗಿ ಕ್ರೋಢೀಕರಿಸಿ ವಾಸ್ತವವಾಗಿ M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯೂ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು, ಈ ಬಾಕಿ ಉಳಿದಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕಾರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಸದರಿ ಬಾಕಿಯನ್ನು ಮರುಪಾವತಿಗೆ ಕೈಗೊಂಡ ಕ್ರಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ಕ್ರಮದ ಕುರಿತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ.”

Further to this, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru has directed the undersigned to submit the information as EDS raised by the Government of Karnataka vide letter under Ref(4). In this regard, undersigned had directed the User Agency to submit information as raised EDS query vide letter under Ref (4).

It is pertinent to mention here that, a decision was taken in the Single Window Committee meeting held on 18.02.2025 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, the Government of Karnataka, proceedings of the meeting is reproduced as below;

“After detailed discussions and deliberations Chairman informed DFO, Ballari to process the proposal for Stage-I and send the proposal to Government with a condition that final approval will be accorded after FDT issue is resolved. In the meanwhile, KSMCL is informed to get clarification order from the Hon’ble High Court with regard to FDT payment exemption issue for the exported quantity of ore”.

M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited has requested the undersigned to process the FC proposal for Stage-I without linking to FDT vide letter under Ref(5). The Request of the User Agency is reproduced as below;

“In connection to the FC proposal mentioned in the subject and as you are aware, few queries were raised by the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government, Forest Ecology & Environment (ACS-FEE), Govt of Karnataka, regarding the details of the payments to the Forest Department. The FC proposal has been reverted back to the user agency due to pending Forest Department Development Tax(FDT) issue which has been linked to the queries raised pertaining to the FC proposal for conveyor belt installation at TIOM.

Further, the reconciliation efforts were taken up by KSMCL on war footing basis to arrive at the final quote for FDT payment at the earliest and the recalculated FDT calculations have been submitted to your kind self for audit and approval which is still pending. The pendency in reconciliation of FDT is delaying the processing of the Forest Clearance proposal for installation of Conveyor Belt at TIOM.

In the meantime, during the single window meeting chaired by the ACS-FEE held on 18.02.2025 to address the pendency of FC proposals, the same was mentioned & the ACS-FEE has directed to process the FC proposal for Stage-I and send the proposal to the Government with a condition that the final approval will be accorded after FDT issue is resolved.

Therefore, it is requested to process the FC proposal for Stage-I without linking to FDT, considering the urgency in complying to the Supreme Court Order and to install the Conveyor belt system at the earliest to mitigate the degradation of the surrounding environment.

Therefore, I am herewith submitting their request letter alongwith Proceeding of the Single Window Meeting held on 18.02.2025 for your kind information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

- 1) Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru for kind information.
- 2) Copy to the M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited [erstwhile M/s. Mysore Minerals Limited, Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine ML No.2605, Sandur for information.

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