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No. M1/MNG/KSMCL(MML)/ML No.2629/2021-22

Dated: 13.02.2025

To,

Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 22.2887 hectares (Revised from 23.863 hectares) of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine ML No.2629 in favour of M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd) (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/48923/2020 [FORM-A]) – Reg.,

- Ref:** 1) This office even number letter Dt.01.06.2022, 12.07.2023, 31.05.2024, 19.08.2024, 26.08.2024 & 27.01.2025
2) Letter No. F.No.4-KRC1495/2024-BAN dated : 26.11.2024 of the Government of India
3) Letter KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/11/2018-FC Dated : 03.01.2025 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore.
4) Your letter Dated : 03.01.2025 & 10.02.2025.

With reference to the above subject, the undersigned has submitted the proposal for diversion of 22.2887 hectares (Revised from 23.863 hectares) of forest land in Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine ML No.2629 in favour of M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd) vide letter under Ref(1).

Further, the Government of India has sought following clarification / information vide letter under Ref(2). The same has been forwarded by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) Bangalore and directed the undersigned to provide the details / information / documents /clarification vide letter under Ref(3).

In this regard, the undersigned has directed [vide letter under dated : 27.01.2025] the User Agency to submit the information as sought by the Government of India. The same has been submitted by the User Agency vide letters under Ref(4).

Therefore, I am herewith submitting following information as sought by the Government of India.

Sl. No.	Information sought	Information submitted
1	The State Government has processed this proposal as per FC Rule 2022. However, Ministry in supersession to Forest (Conservation) Rule, 2022 has notified the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023, as per the said rule and as per the Ministry guidelines dated 25th January, 2024, instant proposal requires recommendation of Project Steering Committee. Therefore, it is requested to provide the recommendation of Project Steering Committee for this proposal. (PSC will be scheduled shortly by Member Secretary, Aranya Bhavan).	This proposal was discussed in 48 th Project Screening Committee Meeting conducted on 10-01-2025. Copy of the recommendation of Project Screening Committee is not available in this office. However, copy of the agenda is enclosed as Annexure-1 .
2	The cost benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters provided in comprehensive guidelines issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule, 2023. It is requested to furnish the revised C:B ratio considering the parameters given in the comprehensive guidelines under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule, 2023.	The User Agency has submitted the Revised cost benefit ratio and same has been enclosed as Annexure-2 .
3	The approved Catchment Area Treatment Plan as suggested by the State Government has not found enclosed with the proposal. Therefore, the same may be provided.	The undersigned has already submitted the Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CATP) for approval vide letter dated : 12.07.2023. The same is being re-submitting herewith for approval from the Competent Authority.(Annexure-3).
4	There is also a discrepancy with regard to total forest area proposed for diversion mentioned in PART-I of the proposal as well as with the corresponding KML file submitted for each component. Therefore, the same may be rectified and also the correct KML file of each component may be provided	The User Agency has uploaded correct KML file of each component in Form-A of Part-I. Copy of the Form-A is enclosed as Annexure-4 .
5	The MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide its letter No. 8-114/1992FC (VOL) dated 15/10/2019 had already accorded in-principle approval for diversion 19.898 ha for the installation of conveyor belt. Therefore, the State Government is requested to clarify whether the any work	No work has been carried out by the User Agency in the field.

on carried out as per the said approval or otherwise, along with specific comments of State Government for submission of new proposal	
State Government is also requested to clarify whether proposal has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal in-principle approval for which MoEF&CC has already granted in-principle approval on 15/10/2019, if so the status of the same may be furnished	The User Agency has already requested the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru for withdrawal in principle approval vide letter dated : 18.09.2020. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-5)
The State Government is requested to provide the status of the proposal of change of name of the User Agency, which is under correspondence with MoEF&CC and State Government	The Government of India has accorded Change of name approval vide letter dated : 19.12.2024. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-6). However, M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited has requested the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru for issuance of corrigendum to the name change approval letter vide letter dated : 03.01.2025 (Copy enclosed as Annexue-7)

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.

Copy to the M/s. Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited [erstwhile M/s. Mysore Minerals Limited, Subbarayanahalli Iron Ore Mine ML No.2629, Sandur for information.

Deputy Conservator of Forests
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17-02-2025