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Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari,
Date: 20-5-2026.

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 32.49 Ha of forest land (30.09 Ha for mining lease and 2.40 Ha for Approach Road) In Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District (Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML No 2563: erstwhile C-category mine e-auctioned), in favour of M/s. MSPL Limited, the Preferred Bidder. **(Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/50114/2020 [FORM-A]) – Reg.**

Ref: 1) Letter No. 4-KRC1387/2022-AN/920 Dated. 31.01.2025 of the Government of India
2) Your office letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/32/2020-FC, dated. 13-02-2025.
3) This office letter No. M1/MNG/MSPL(LMC)/Renew/CR-22/2022-23/302, dated.03-03-2025
4) Letter No. M1/MNG/MSPL.ML 2563/2019 dtd.15-5-2026 the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari.

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With reference to the above cited subject, the Government of India has sought the following information / documents vide letter under Ref (1). Accordingly, directions have been issued to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari by your good office vide letter (2) cited above to submit the information/clarification as sought by the GOI.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari has obtained point wise information/clarifications from the user agency and got verified by him and submitted the following report vide letter (4) cited above.

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1	The specific comments of the State Government with regard to the use of road which was used by erstwhile lessee, as requested by this office vide letter dated: 06 th December, 2022.	Before 2010 Erstwhile lessee used the approach road from mine to Ramghad railway siding but now it is covered fully with vegetation & is not in use since 2010. Also, it is longer route involving more forest diversion. Further, the undersigned has verified the alternative roads in the field, the

		proposed route requires the least forest diversion Covering shortest possible distance. The EDS reply submitted by UA along with Map of the alternative routes is enclosed as Annexure-1 .
2	The approach road now proposed by the State Government passes through mining lease of M/s. Laksmi Minerals and it involves re-diversion of 1.30 ha apart from 2.40 ha proposed for diversion. Therefore, the user agency is required to submit a consolidated proposal as per the extant rules / guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam), 1980.	The user agency has applied 2.40 ha for approach road in parivesh-1 portal in this instant (FP/KA/MIN/50114/2020) proposal. Further, the user agency has submitted for re-diversion over an extent of 1.30 ha vide online application No.FP/KA/REDIV /477450/2024 through Parivesh-2 portal. The same is under consideration.
3	The Regional Office vide letter dated 9th October 2023 accorded approval for transfer of Forest Clearance involving diversion of 30.09 ha of forest land from erstwhile FC lease holder M/s. Kanhaiyalal Dudheria to M/s MSPL Limited with working permission of period of one year for fulfilling the conditions. Therefore, State Government is requested furnish the details of the road used by the lessee during the working permission period.	The Regional Office vide letter dated 9 th October 2023 accorded approval for transfer of Forest Clearance involving diversion of 30.09 ha of forest land from erstwhile FC lease holder M/s. Kanhaiyalal Dudheria to M/s MSPL Limited with working permission for a period of one year for fulfilling the conditions i.e., upto 08.10.2024. However, to access this Mine by using existing road (Existed prior to 1980 and earlier used by cluster of Mines in Ramgad Forest Block) M/s MSPL Limited has taken temporary permission from State Government vide letter No.FEE 29 FFM 2024(e) Dated: 24.07.2024 with a condition for paying user fee. Hence, user agency has carried out mining operations from 26.07.2024 to 08.10.2024 only with Temporary permission given by State Government for usage of existing Approach Road.

Further, it is reported that, initially, the User Agency has identified CA land in Sy No. 6/4, 6/5 & 6/6 of Amagon village, Jamboti Hobli, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District. The said land was under discrepancy. Later on, they have identified Compensatory Afforestation(CA) land in Sy.No. 8/3 Part, 7 and 4 of Holada Village, Khanapura Taluk Belagavi District over an extent of 2.40 hectares. In this regard, the

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Division, Belagavi has issued CA Suitability Certificate vide letter dated: 19/22.04.2025 over an extent of 2.40 hectares. The said land was transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department and declared as 'Protected Forests' vide Notification No. APAJI 71 FAF 2025 Dated: 19.09.2025 [RTC, Mutation, Sale deed, CA suitability Certificate, Maps, PF Notification & KML files are enclosed as **Annexure-2**].

Therefore, while agreeing with the report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, I am herewith submitting the copy of the same for your kind information and further needful action.

Yours faithfully,

**Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.**