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Date: As per signature

To,

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 9.5474 hectare of forest land in Hirekandavadi Village Sy No. 107 and Thanigehalli village Sy No. 35, Beedurga Hobli, Holalakere Taluk and Dinadadahalli village Sy No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Approach Road, Loading Area and Conveyor Pipeline for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited, Chitradurga

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020 [FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office even letter dated 04-11-2024 [*proposal seeking Stage-I approval*] and letter dated 29-03-2025 [*addressed to DCF Chitradurga Division reg communication of EDS query*]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 20 FLL 2023(e) letter dated 03-02-2025 [*proposal seeking Stage-I approval*] and letter dated 15-03-2025 [*EDS query*]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office letter 4-KRC 1507/2025-BAN/707 dated 19-02-2025 [*addressed to GoK, seeking essential information*]
 4. M/s Vedanta Ltd., (M/s Sesa Goa Iron Ore), Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga letter dated 19-05-2025 and letter dated 26-12-2025 [*reply to the EDS query raised by GoI*]
 5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division letter No. M1/MNG/KSMCL(MML)/ML No.2629/2021-22 dated 16-08-2025 and 05-01-2026 [*reply to the EDS query raised by GoI*]
 6. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No. .M1:MNG/Conveyor/CR-4/2018-19 dated 09-01-2026 [*reply to the EDS query raised by GoI*]

In response to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 20-06-2024 to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, RO, Bengaluru. The Government of India, MoEF & CC, RO, Bengaluru vide Ref (3) letter dated 19-02-2025 addressed to the Government of Karnataka has raised the online EDS seeking some additional documents / information / clarification, the Government of Karnataka on 15-03-2025 has forwarded to this office. The same has been

forwarded by this office vide letter dated 29-03-2025 to the DCF Chitradurga Division to submit the details / information / documents / clarification.

In this regard, the reply to the query raised by the Government of India is furnished by the Use Agency, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4), (5) and (6) to this office which is as below.

Sl. No.	Information sought	Information submitted
1.	As per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 25/1/2024, the instant proposal requires recommendation of Project Steering Committee. Therefore, it is requested to provide the same.	The said proposal has been discussed and have been approved in 68 th Project Screening Committee Meeting conducted on 05-02-2026. Copy of the MoM is enclosed as Annexure-1 .
2.	The user agency has not submitted C:B ratio. It is requested to furnish the C:B ratio considering the parameters given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.	User Agency has provided C:B ratio in Table-A, Table- B and Table-C. Copies are enclosed Annexure-1a .
3.	The MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide its letter No. 8-81/1992FC (VOL) dated 15/10/2019 had already accorded in-principal approval for diversion of 7.798 ha of forest land for establishment of Conveyor Belt system to the ML No.2667. Therefore, the State Government is requested to clarify whether any work has been carried out as per the said approval or otherwise, along with specific comments of State Government for submission of new proposal.	Since, No Objection Certificate (NOC) was not issued by the Director, Department of Mines and Geology sighting that, the propose alignment of Conveyor Belt is passing through the mineralized zone of the adjoining non-working mine M/s Janthakal Enterprises, which is proposed for auction post completion of mineral exploration. In this regard Stage-II clearance was not obtained. Hence in the absence of Stage-II/Final clearance, user agency could not initiate the execution of the project work. The copy of the letter No.DMG-17011/29/2017/2019-20 dated:20-01-2020 from Director Mines and Geology in this regard is enclosed.
4.	The reason given for not going ahead with earlier proposal is stated to be that the DMG has refused to give its permission for conveyor belt passing through a closed mine. In this regard, it is requested to provide the alternatives explored and the reason for selecting an alignment through the forest land involving felling of more than 7000 trees, instead of a closed mine.	As per the revelation of topographical Survey by M/s KIOCL, the non-working mine M/s Janthakal Enterprises is a mineralized area. Therefore, The Director, Department of Mines and Geology had not issued No Objection Certificate (NOC). Therefore, the mineralized zone and by maintaining rest of the earlier alignment same as earlier. Revised alignment plan is enclosed.
5.	The State Government may clarify whether any request has been	User Agency has submitted that, due to an error in the portal, unable to withdraw the proposal in Parivesh Portal after the NOC

	submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal of the proposal for which MoEF&CC, New Delhi has already granted in-principle approval on 15/10/2019. and if so, the status of the same may be furnished.	was not granted. However, the withdrawal letter for the said project has been uploaded under the new proposal in the Parivesh portal. Hence, Withdrawal letter is enclosed as Annexure-2 .
6.	The State Government is requested to provide the status of the proposal of change of name of the user agency, as per the condition stipulated in in-principle approval letter No. 8-81/1992FC (VOL) dated 15/10/2019.	A recommendation letter No.FEE 27 FFM 2018 dated:05-06-2018 was sent from ACS office to MoEF & CC for the change of name from M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited to M/s Vedanta Limited. Copy of the above letter is enclosed.
7.	As per the proposal, plantation will be taken up in the DFL identified i.e.19.094 ha identified on Sy. No. 84 Molakalmuru taluk, Chitradurga District since the non-forest land identified is not suitable for carrying out plantation. However, as per the CA land suitability certificate issued by DCF & Director, BRT Tiger Reserve, the identified non forest land is having natural growth in major extent and therefore, planting is not necessary. In this regard, it may be noted that as per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, if the non-forest land being made available for compensatory afforestation already bears vegetation of 0.4 canopy density or more, there shall not be an additional requirement of planting of trees on such land but a programme for improvement of the forest crop shall be implemented by the Forest Department in a time-bound manner. Further, in case the non-forest land or portion thereof provided by the user agency is not fit for raising compensatory afforestation of a specified density, then additional compensatory afforestation shall be raised on a degraded notified or unclassified forest land under the management control of the Forest Department which is twice in size of such shortfall in the given compensatory afforestation land and the user agency shall also bear the additional cost on such account. Therefore, the State Government may revisit the CA scheme as per the	Revised CA scheme is enclosed.

provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023	
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In view of the above, **it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi for further consideration of the proposal for according the In-principle Stage-I approval.**

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
MAHESH BASAVARAJ SHIRUR
Date: 19-02-2026 17:29:35

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

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.

Copy to M/s Vedanta Limited, Sesa Goa Iron Ore, Megalahalli Office Complex, Megalahalli village, Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga – 577 520 for information.

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No.M1/MNG/Conveyor-Belt/CR-4/2018-19
(Vedanta)



Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari,
Dated: 09-01-2026.

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

Sir,

Sub:-Diversion of 9.547 Ha. Of forest land in Hirekandavadi Village Sy.No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy.No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluka and Dindadahalli Village Sy.No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluka, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favour of M/s. Vedanta Limited Chitradurga
Proposal No.FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020 [FORM-A]-reg.

- Ref:-1) Letter No. FKRC 1507/2025-BAN/707 dtd. 19-2-2025 of MoEFF & CC, Regional Office, Bengaluru.
2) Letter No. FEE 20 FFM 2023(e), dated. 15-3-2025 of the GoK.
3) Your office letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/28/2018-FC dtd. 01-4-2025
4) Letter No. A6/FC/Vedanta/CB/CR-03/2021-22, dtd. 16-8-2025 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.
5) This office letter even No. dated. 17-11-2025.
6) Letter No. A6/FC/Vedanta/CB/CR-03/2021-22, dtd. 05-01-2026 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga

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With reference to the above cited subject, in the light of the directions issued by your goodself vide letter (3) cited above, and followed by the letters of the MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bengaluru and Government of Karnataka in its letters (1) and (2) respectively, having sought additional information/clarification/documents for further action in the above proposal.

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Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga has obtained additional information/clarification/documents as sought by the GOI, from the user agency and got it verified by him and submitted the same to this office vide his letter (4) cited above for further needful action.

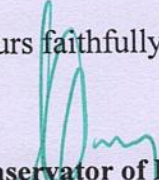
Further, clarification was asked to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga vide this office letter (5) cited above on point No. 2 and point No. 5 which are not complied by the user agency and directed to obtain the accurate information and documents from the user agency and submit the latest condition wise report as sought by the MoEF & CC New Delhi.

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Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga has submitted the revised information as sought by the MoEF & CC New Delhi and this office, vide his letter (6) cited above for further action.

Therefore, I am submitting herewith the copy of the letters dated. 16-8-2025 & 05-1-2026 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga along with its enclosures for taking further needful action.

Yours faithfully,


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

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

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 9.5474 Ha of forest land in Hirekandavadi village Sy No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy No. 35, Beedurga Hobli, Holalkere Taluk and Dindadahalli village Sy No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favor of M/s Vedanta Limited, Chitradurga. **(Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51389/ 2020) [FORM-A].**

- Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru online communication to this office Dated: 07-09-2021.
2. This office even letter dated:27-05-22, 05-06-2023, 06-12-2023, 04-12-2024 and 16-08-2025.
3. Letter No.A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2018-19 Dated:01-04-2025 of Principal Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), aranya Bhavan Bengaluru.
4. Letter No.M1:MNG:Conveyor-Belt/CR-4/2018-19 dated:17-11-2025 of Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.
5. Letter dated:26-12-2025 of M/s Vedanta Ltd., (M/s Sesa Goa Iron Ore), Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga. (Received Date:31-12-2025).

With reference to the above subject, M/s Vedanta Ltd., has submitted a proposal through web portal mode for diversion of 9.5474 Ha of forest land in Hirekandavadi village Sy No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluk and Dindadahalli village Sy No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 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 specific opinion vide ref (1).

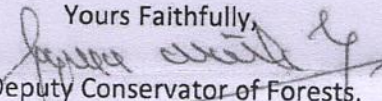
The report on this proposal has already been submitted from this office vide reference (2) and (4). The Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari have instructed to submit a report to the following points vide reference (4).

In this regard, this office had directed the User Agency and requested to furnish the information/documents vide this office letter dated:01-12-2025. The same has been received vide letter under Ref. (5) as below. (Copy enclosed).

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SI No	Particulars	Compliance
1	The user agency has not submitted C:B ratio. It is requested to furnish the C:B ratio considering the parameters given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.	User Agency has provided C:B ratio in Table-A, Table- B and Table-C. Copies are enclosed Annexure-1 .
2	The State Government may clarify whether any request has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal of the proposal for which MoEF & CC, New Delhi has already granted in-principal approval on 15-10-2019. And if so, the status of the same may be furnished.	User Agency has submitted that, due to an error in the portal, unable to withdraw the proposal in Parivesh Portal after the NOC was not granted. However, the withdrawal letter for the said project has been uploaded under the new proposal in the Parivesh portal. Hence, Withdrawal letter is enclosed as Annexure-2 .

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

Yours Faithfully,

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

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To,
Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Chitradurga Division,
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Ref: Your office letter no: A6/FC/VEDANTA/CB/CR-03/2021-22/3176 dated: 08.12.2025.

Sir,

With reference to the above subject, we had submitted our proposal through web portal on 31.12.2023 mode for diversion of 9.5474 Ha of forest land in Hirekandavadi village Sy no.107 and Thanigehalli village Sy no.35, B-durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluk and Dindadahalli village Sy no. 18, Hireguntanuru hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor belt project for Iron ore Mine ML no. 2677 for approval under section-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Now we are in receipt of your letter referenced above, directing us to furnish the point wise response/information/documents required for further processing of the proposal.

- i. The user agency has not submitted C:B ratio. It is requested to furnish the C:B ration considering the parameters given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.

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Response: Attached as annexure

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- The state Government may clarify whether any request has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal of the proposal for

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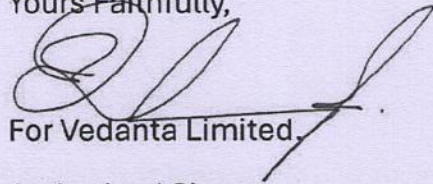
which MoEF&CC, New Delhi has already granted in-principal approval on 15.10.2019. and if so, the status of the same may be furnished.

Response: Due to an error in the portal, we were unable to withdraw the proposal in Parivesh Portal after the NOC was not granted. However, the withdrawal letter for the said project has been uploaded under the new proposal in the Parivesh portal. Please find the withdrawal letter enclosed for your reference.

We request you to please consider the above responses favourably and do the needful.

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,



For Vedanta Limited.

Authorised Signatory.



Table-A: Cases under which a cost-benefit analysis for forest diversion are required

Sl. No	Nature of Proposals	Applicable / Not applicable	Remarks
1	All categories of proposals involving forest land up to 20 Ha in plains and up to than 5Ha in hills.	Not applicable	These proposals are to be considered on case-to-case basis and value judgment.
2	Proposals for defenses installations purposed and oil prospecting (prospecting only)	Not applicable	In view of National priority accorded to these sectors the proposals would be originally assessed to help ascertain these the utmost minimum forest land above is diverted for non-forest use.
3	Habitation, establishment of industrial units, tourist lodges/complex and other buildings construction.	Not applicable	These activities being detrimental to protection and conservation to forests as matter of policy such proposals would be rarely entertained.
4	All other proposals involving forest land are more than 20 Ha. in plains and more than 5 Ha. in hills including roads, transmission lines, minor and major irrigation projects lines located specific installations like microwave stations auto repeater centers T.V towers etc.,	Applicable	These are cases where a cost benefit analysis is necessary to determine whether diverting the forest land to non-forest land use is in the overall public interest. This is a Conveyor Belt project proposal submitted for Forest Diversion under FC Act 1980 as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order



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Table-B: Estimation of cost of forest diversion

Sl. No	Parameters	Remarks
1	Ecosystem services loss due to proposed forest diversion	The details of environmental losses are identified as per the given thumb rule for the forest area required for the project are as follows: 1. Density of the forest: 0.2 2. Avg. density of the forest land to be diverted:0.2 3. Thumb rule for the environment losses per Ha. for density 1.0 over a period of 50 yrs (in lacs): 126.74 Lacs 4. Environmental loss per ha. of forest land to be diverted:0.2X126.74= 25.348 Lacs. 5. Total forest area required to be diverted: 9.5474 6. Total Environmental loss due to forest land diversion:25.348X9.5474 7. Total environmental loss due to forest land diversion: 242 Lacs 8. Total Environmental loss due to forest land diversion per year:242/50= 4,84,000/- 9. Total Environmental loss due to forest land diversion for 50 years: 2.42cr
2	Loss of animal husbandry productivity, including loss of fodder	10% of the Net Present Value (environmental services losses) = 0.10X4.84= 0.242 cr
3	Cost of human resettlement	There is no loss involved on account of human resettlement.
4	Loss of public facilities and administrative infrastructure (road, building, School, dispensaries, electric lines, railways etc.,) on forest land, or which would require forest land if these facilities were diverted due to the project.	Not applicable
5	Possession Value of forest land diverted.	30% of NPV (environmental services losses) = 0.30X2.42= 0.726 Cr
6	Suffering to oustees	There will not be any losses on this account as diversion of the forest land to this project will not affect any house or structure.
7	Habitat Fragmentation Cost	50% of the NPV (environmental services losses) = 0.50X2.42= 1.21cr
8	Compensatory afforestation, soil & moisture conservation cost.	The actual cost of compensatory afforestation, soil & moisture conservation its maintenance in future at present discounted value. CA costs 18.36 l/Ha X 9.5474=1.752 cr
Total Loss to environment		Rs. 6.35 cr


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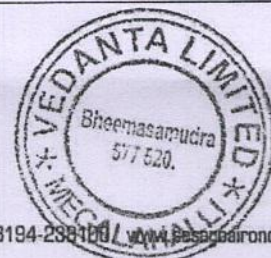
Table-C: Existing guidelines for estimating benefits of forest diversion in CBA

Sl. No	Parameters	Remarks
1	Increase in productivity attributable in the specific project	<p>1. Total mineable reserves= 128.39MT</p> <p>2. Estimated cost of transport if ore is transported through truck to Railway siding is Rs.120</p> <p>3. Estimated cost of transport through Conveyor belt is Rs.45</p> <p>4. Profit to the project proponent after starting this project for 50 years is Rs.75/ton (Rs. 120-45)</p> <p>5. Payments to be made against various royalties, taxes to NMET, DMF and Royalty on total mineable reserve as per the IBM sale price is Rs.599/ ton (a+b+c+d)</p> <p>Average Sale Price (ASP) approx. Rs. 2000/ton</p> <p>a. Royalty- 15% of ASP: Rs.300/ton</p> <p>b. SPV- 10% of ASP: Rs. 200/ton</p> <p>c. DMF-30% of Royalty Rs. 90/ton</p> <p>d. NMET- 3% of Royalty Rs. 9/ton</p> <p>Net benefit to the project proponent for 50 years = Rs. 963 Cr. (Rs. 75* 128.39 Mil. Ton)</p>
2	Benefits to economy due to the specific project	<p>a. Total mineable iron ore reserve=128.39MT</p> <p>b. Average Sales Price of iron ore as per IBM(Karnataka)-last 12 months Rs.2000 Approx</p> <p>Levies</p> <p>a. Royalty- 15% of ASP: Rs.300/ton</p> <p>b. SPV- 10% of ASP: Rs. 200/ton</p> <p>c. DMF-30% of Royalty Rs. 90/ton</p> <p>d. NMET- 3% of Royalty Rs. 9/ton</p> <p>Grand total: 29.95%</p> <p>c. Total benefit to economy of GoK in 50 years =Rs. 7691 Cr.</p>
3	No. of population benefited due to specific project.	Nil
4	Economic benefits due to direct & indirect employment due to project	Total benefit to the employee per annum= 5.76 Lakhs Total benefit to the employee for 50 yrs= 28 Cr
5	Economic benefits due to compensatory afforestation.	Benefits from such compensatory afforestation accruing over the next 50 years monetized & discounted to present Value i.e 1.752 Cr

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Summary of Cost Benefit Analysis for the project

Sl. no	Loss	Total amount	Benefit	Total amount In Crore Rs.
1	Eco-system loss	2.24	Benefit to the project proponent	963
2	Loss of animal Husbandry including fodder	0.242	Benefits to Economy	7961
3	Possession value of forest land diverted	0.726	Population benefited due to the specific project	0
4	Habitat Fragmentation cost	1.21	Benefit to the employees	28
5	Compensatory afforestation, soil & moisture conservation cost	1.752	Economic benefit due to compensatory afforestation cost	1.8
	Total loss	6.35	Total Profit	8684

Total loss to the Forest: 6.35

Total Benefits: 8684

Therefore, Net Benefit from the project is 1: 137 for 10MTPA



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To,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (FC),
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
Malleshwaram
Bangalore 560003.

Date: 27.10.2020

Sir,

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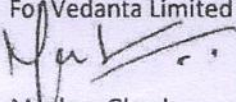
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Accordingly, we have reapplied new FC proposal vide application No FP/KA/MIN/45833/2020 dated 08.06.2020 over 9.547 on the alignment verified by DMG and KIOCL. Hence, we request you to kindly withdraw the proposal no: FP /KA /MIN /34838/2018.

Thanking you
For Vedanta Limited


Meghna Ghosh
Authorized Signatory

VEDANTA LIMITED

Sesa Goa Iron Ore, Karnataka No 15, SNS Chambers, 1st Floor, Sankey Road, Sedashivanagar, Bangalore - 560080. T: 08023612755 | www.sesagoaironore.com
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CIN: L13209MH1965PLC291394

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Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
Malleshwaram
Bangalore 560003.

Date: 27.10.2020

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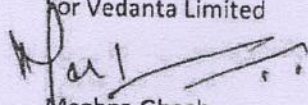
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As per the instructions from Forest Department we are informed to modify the applicant details as the applicant is different from the authorized signature. As the applicant is no longer the part of the company and as there is no provision in Forest portal to modify the applicant name and details, we have reapplied as new FC proposal vide application No FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020.

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FORM - A

Form for seeking prior approval of Central Government under section 2 of the Forest(Conservation) Act,1980 for Diversion of fresh forest area

PART - I

(To be filled up by User Agency)

A. General Details**A-
1. Project Details**

(i). Proposal No. : FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020

(ii). Name of Project for which Forest Land is required : Conveyor Project of Vedanta Ltd ML No. 2677 in Village Megalahalli, Hollkere & Chitradurga Taluk, District Chitradurga.

(iii). Short narrative of the proposal and Project/scheme for which the forest land is required : Iron Ore ML No 2677 of Vedanta located in Megalahalli vill, Chitradurga dist. As per the Hon'ble SC order in IA247 dated 7.12.17 we propose to implement conveyor belt for transporting Iron Ore from our mines to our private rly siding. Original proposal No.34838 granted stage 1 was denied NOC by GoK

(iv). State : Karnataka

(v). Category of the Proposal : Mining

(vi). Shape of forest land proposed to be diverted : Linear

(vii). Estimated cost of the Project(Rupees in lacs) : 10000

(viii). Area of forest land proposed for diversion(in ha.): 9.5474

(ix). Non-forest land required for this project(in ha.): 0.034

(x). Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted(in years): 30

**A-
2. Details of User Agency**

(i). Name : VEDANTA LIMITED

(ii). Address1 : Megalahalli office Complex, Bheemasamudra post, Chitradurga

(iii). Address2 : NIL

(iv). State : Karnataka


(v). District : Chitradurga

(vi). Pin : 577520

- (vii). Landmark : sirigere mata
- (viii). Email address : meghna.ghosh@vedanta.co.in
- (ix). Landline Telephone No. : 80-23612756
- (x). Fax No. : 80-
- (xi). Mobile No. : 9303134310
- (xii). Website (if any) : www.vedanta.com
- (xiii). Legal status of User Agency : Private

A-
3. Details of Person Making Application

- (i). First Name: Meghna
- (ii). Middle Name: NIL
- (iii). Last Name: Ghosh
- (iv). Gender: Female
- (v). Designation: head
- (vi). Address 1: Vedanta limited No.15,SNS chambers,1st floor, sankey road,Sadashivanagar Karnataka bangalore - 560080 Karnataka
- (vii). Address 2: NIL
- (viii). State: Karnataka
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(xvii). Copy of documents in support of the competence/authority of the person making this application to make application on behalf of the User Agency: 

B. Details of land required for the Project

B- Details of proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Act for
1. diversion of forest land for the Project already submitted in the past

List of proposal submitted in Past							
S.no	Proposal Status.	Proposal No.	Moef File No.	Area Proposed for Diversion(Ha.)	Area Diverted(Ha.)	Date of In-Principle Approval	Date of Final Approval
NIL							

B-
2. Details of forest land proposed to be diverted

B-2.1 Details of Divisions involved

Details of Divisions involved			
S.no	Division Name	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1.	Chitradurga	9.5474	0.034
Total		9.5474	0.034

B-2.2 Details of Districts involved

District wise breakup			
S.no	District Name	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1.	Chitradurga	9.5474	0.034
Total		9.5474	0.034

B-2.3 Village wise breakup


Villages wise breakup			
S.no	Village	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1	Hirekandavadi Sy No. 107	3.791	0
2	Thanigehalli Sy. No. 35	4.642	0
3	Dinadahalli Sy. No.18	1.114	0
4	Dinadahalli Sy. No.20	0	0.034
Total		9.547	0.034

B-2.4 Component wise breakup

Component wise breakup			
S.no	Component	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1	Conveyor Pipeline	6.6635	0

2	Approach Road	0.1337	0
3	Loading Area	2.7502	0
4	Discharge Point	0	0.034
Total		9.5474	0.034

C. Maps of forest land proposed to be diverted


Segment wise details		
Segments	Segment Area(In ha.)	Kml File of Segments (To view KML file on google the same may be downloaded and then open if in google earth install in your computer).
1.	9,547	 View File


Division 1. : Chitradurga

(i). Area of forest land proposed to be diverted(in ha.) : 9.5474


(ii). Nature of the Project: Linear

(b). No. of Segments : One


(iii). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed to be diverted: 

(iv). Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed to be diverted prepared by using GPS or Total Station: 

D. Justification for locating the Project in forest land and details of alternatives examined:

(i). Copy of note containing justification for locating the Project in forest land: 

(ii). Whether a copy of map indicating location of alternative examine is required to be provided:
Yes

(a). Copy of map indicating location of alternative examined: 

E. Employment likely to be generated

(i). Whether the Project is likely to generate employment ?: Yes

(ii). Permanent/Regular Employment(Number of persons): 15

(iii). Temporary Employment(Number of person-days): 50000

F. Displacement of People due to the Project, if any.

(i). Whether Project involves displacement?: No

G. Details of Cost-Benefit analysis for the Project

(i). Whether the Project requires Cost-Benefit analysis?: No

H. Status of Environmental Clearance

(i). Whether the Project requires Clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 ? : No

I. Status of Wildlife Clearance

(i). Whether the Project or a part thereof is located in any Protected Area or their Eco sensitive zone? : No

J. Applicability of special provisions governing Scheduled Areas

(i). Whether the Project or a part thereof is located in a Scheduled Area? : No

K. Status of settlement of rights under the Forest Rights Act,2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted

(i). Whether the process for settlement of Rights under the Forest Rights Acts 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted has been completed? : No


L. Details of land identified for Compensatory Afforestation


(i). Whether non-forest or Revenue forest land is required to be provided by User Agency?: Yes


(ii). Whether the area of non-forest land or Revenue forest land required to be provided by User Agency for raising Compensatory Afforestation is less than area of forest land proposed to be diverted ?: No


(iii). No. of districts involved for raising Compensatory Afforestation: 1


(iv). No. of patches: One


District 1. : Chamarajanagar	
(a). Village:	Maddur
(b). Area(in ha.):	9.547
(c). Copy of KML file of the patch:	 View File
(d). Khasra details:	960, 961, 962, 963, 967, 968, 969, 970
(e). Present owner:	Others

(f). Copy of ownership proof: 

(g). Copy of Mou/agreement executed between the Present owner and the User Agency: 

(h). Copy of non encumbrance certificate for the forest land: 

(v). Scanned copy of the map of the land identified for creation of Compensatory Afforestation prepared by using GPS or Total Station: 

(vi). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet in 1:50,000 scale indicating location of the land identified for creation of Compensatory Afforestation: 


M. Mining Details

M-
1. Details of Mineral Concessions

(i). Whether the forest land is acquired under Coal Bearing Areas Act: No

(a). Reference number of Letter of Intent for grant of mining lease.(approval letter of the State Mines and Geology Department): CI 166 MMM 2014

(b). Date of issue of the Letter of Intent(LOI) for grant of mining lease: 07 Jan 2015

(c). Copy the Letter of Intent(LOI): 


(d). Total area of the mining lease(In ha.): 160.59


(e). Area of forest land located in the mining lease(In ha.): 160.59

M-
2. Details of Mining Plan


(i). Date of approval of mining plan: 20 Jun 2018


(ii). Approval authority: IBM

(iii). Copy of approval of mining plan: 

(iv). Copy of approved mining plan: 

(v). Nature of mining (underground/opencast): Opencast

(vi). Copy of the detailed land use plan in 1:4,000 scale prepared by using GPS or Total Station : 

(vii). Copy of map of the outer boundary of mining lease area: 

[View file](#)

ENCLOSURE! A Set's. 1676

Office of the
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.
Date: 16-08-2025.

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

Sir,

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ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಬಿಳ್ಳಾರಿ ವೃತ್ತ, ಬಿಳ್ಳಾರಿ.
30 AUG 2025
ಅವಕ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಶಾಖೆ M/ - ಸ.ವ್ಯ. ಅ.ಸಂ

- Ref: 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru online communication to this office Dated: 07-09-2021.
2. This office even letter dated:27-05-22, 05-06-2023, 06-12-2023 and 04-12-2024.
3. Letter No.A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2018-19 Dated:01-04-2025 of Principal Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), aranya Bhavan Bengaluru.
4. Letter dated:19-05-2025 of M/s Vedanta Ltd., (M/s Sesa Goa Iron Ore), Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga.

With reference to the above subject, M/s Vedanta Ltd., has submitted a proposal through web portal mode for diversion of 9.5474 Ha of forest land in Hirekandavadi village Sy No. 107 and Thanigehalli Village Sy No. 35, B-Durga Hobli, Holalkere Taluk and Dindadahalli village Sy No. 18, Hireguntanuru Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 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 specific opinion vide ref (1).

The report on this proposal has already been submitted from this office vide reference (2). The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru have instructed to submit a report to the following points vide reference (3).

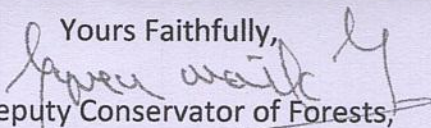
In this regard, this office had directed the User Agency and requested to furnish the information/documents vide this office letter dated:01-04-2025. The same has been received vide letter under Ref. (4) as below. (Copy enclosed).

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SI No	Particulars	Compliance
1	As per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No:FC-11/118/2021-FC dated:25-01-2024, the instant proposal requires recommendation of Project Steering Committee. Therefore, it is requested to provide the same.	In this regard there is a need of directions from the Nodal officer (FCA), Bengaluru.
2	The user agency has not submitted C:B ratio. It is requested to furnish the C:B ratio considering the parameters given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.	The C:B ratio of the subject project is 1.15 for 10 MTPA.
3	The MoEF& CC, New Delhi vide its letter No:8-81/1992-FC (VOL) dated: 15-10-2019 had already accorded in-principal approval for diversion of 7.798 ha of forest land for establishment of Conveyor Belt system to the ML No. 2667. Therefore, the User Agency is requested to clarify whether any work has been carried out as per the said approval or otherwise, along with specific comments.	Since, No Objection Certificate (NOC) was not issued by the Director, Department of Mines and Geology sighting that, the propose alignmhint of Conveyor Belt is passing through the mineralized zone of the adjoining non-working mine M/s Janthakal Enterprises, which is proposed for auction post completion of mineral exploration. Further in the absence of the Stage-I, no Stage-II clearance is granted. Hence in the absence of Stage-II/Final clearnce, we could not initiate the execution of the project work. The copy of the letter No.DMG-17011/29/2017/2019-20 dated:20-01-2020 from Director Mines and Geology in this regard is enclosed. <i>Annexure-I</i>
4	The reason given for not going ahead with earlier proposal is stated to be that the DMG has refused to give its permission for Conveyor Belt passing through a closed mine. In this regard, it is requested to provide the alternatives explored and the reason for selecting an alignment through the forest land involving felling of more than 7000 trees, instead of a closed mine.	As per the revelation of topographical Survey by M/s KIOCL, the non-working mine M/s Janthakal Enterprises is a mineralised area. Therefore, The Director, Department of Mines and Geology had not issued No Objection Certificate (NOC). Therefore, the mineralized zone and by maintaining rest of the earlier alignment same as earlier. Revised alignment plan is enclosed. <i>Annexure-2</i>

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5	The State Government may clarify whether any request has been submitted to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for withdrawal of the proposal for which MoEF & CC, New Delhi has already granted in-principal approval on 15-10-2019. And if so, the status of the same may be furnished.	Post non-grant of NOC, the withdrawal letter for the said project was uploaded in the Parivesh portal on 27-10-2020. Withdrawal letter is enclosed. <i>Annexure-3</i>
6	The State Government is requested to provide the status of the proposal of change of name of the user agency, as per the condition stipulated in in-principal approval letter No:8-81/1992 FC (VOL) dated:15-10-2019	A recommendation letter No.FEE 27 FFM 2018 dated:05-06-2018 was sent from ACS office to MoEF & CC for the change of name from M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited to M/s Vedanta Limited. Copy of the above letter is enclosed. <i>Annexure-4</i>
7	As per the proposal, plantation will be taken up in the DFL identified i.e. 19.094 ha identified on Sy No.84 Molakalmuru taluk, Chitradurga District since the non-forest land identified is not suitable for carrying out plantation. However, as per the CA land suitability certificate issued by DCF & Director, BRT Tiger Reserve, the identified non forest land is having natural growth in major extent and therefore, planting is not necessary. In this regard, it may be noted that as per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, if the non-forest land being made available for compensatory afforestation already bears vegetation of 0.4 canopy density or more, there shall not be an additional requirement of planting of trees on such land but a programme for improvement of the forest crop shall be implemented by the Forest Department in a time-bound manner. Further, in case the non-forest or portion thereof provided by the user agency is not fit for raising compensatory afforestation of a specified density, then additional compensatory afforestation shall be raised on a degraded notified or unclassed forest land under the management control of the Forest Department which is twice in size of such shortfall in the given compensatory afforestation land and the user agency shall also bear the additional cost on such account. Therefore, the State Government may revisit the CA Scheme as per the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.	Revised CA scheme is enclosed <i>Annexure-5.</i>

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

Yours Faithfully,

 Deputy Conservator of Forests,
 Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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C- 29372. 4953.

Office of the Director

Dept. of Mines and Geology,
Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road
Bangalore-1, dtd: 20.01.2020.

To,
M/s Vedanta Ltd.,
Sesagoa Iron Ore, Sesa Ghor,
20 EDC Complex, Patto,
Panjim, Goa-403 001.

Speed-Post Annexure-1
POST
ON 20 JAN 2020
Date

Sir,

Sub: Proposal for installation of Conveyor belt system to transport iron from ML No. 2677 - reg.

Ref: Your letter dated: 14.08.2019.

The issue related to installation of conveyor belt system has been indicated in your letter cited under reference has been examined in detail.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated: 07.12.2017 in IA No. 247 in WP No. 562/2009 has directed KMERC to submit detailed project report on the construction of conveyor belts. As per the letter cited at reference, it is noticed that the proposed conveyor belt of M/s Vedanta Ltd, is passing through category "B" mine i.e M/s Janthakal Enterprises which has been recommended for cancellation by this Directorate.

Further, the said mine M/s Janthakal Enterprises area has already been entrusted to M/s KIOCL for conducting mineral exploration and reserve estimation. M/s KIOCL has prepared Geological Map and has conducted Topographical survey, which reveals that the proposed conveyor belt alignment as proposed by M/s Vedanta Ltd is passing through the mineralized area. This issue was also deliberated in the Technical Committee and the Committee has recommended to shift alignment of the conveyor belt system.

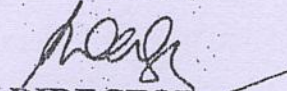
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Hence, the matter was placed before the State Empowered Committee held on 27.12.2019 for discussion and decision. The Committee suggested to inform the lessee to find out alternate alignment immediately to avoid further delay.

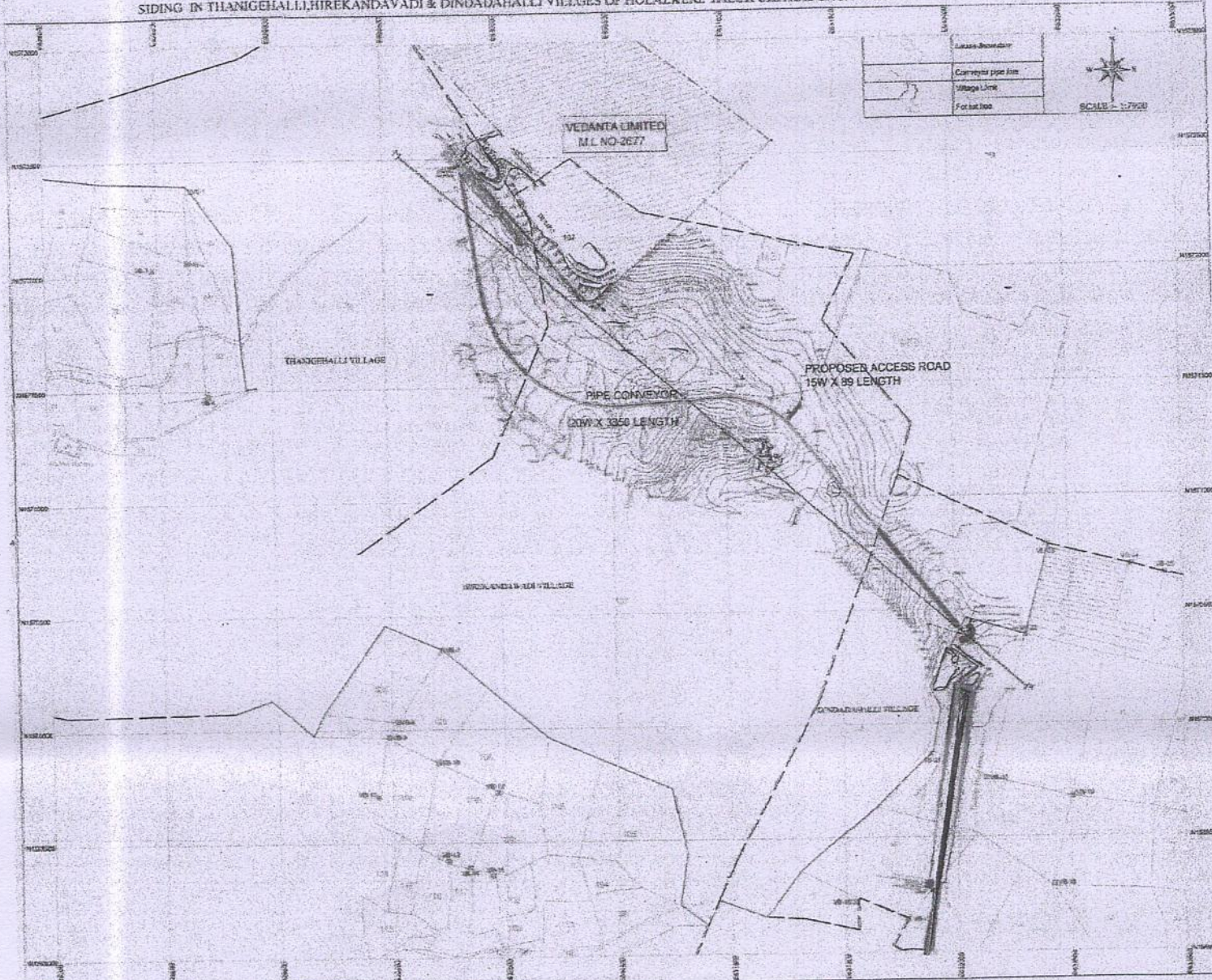
In the light of above mentioned facts and circumstances, you are hereby informed to change / shift the alignment of conveyor belt installation in consultation with Deputy Director, Department of Mines and Geology Chitradurga and mineral exploration agency i.e, KIOCL to avoid overlapping issues.

Yours faithfully,


DIRECTOR.

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MAP SHOWING FOREST DIVERSION PROPOSAL FOR DOWN HILL PIPE CONVEYOR BELT FROM M.L.No 2677 OF M/s. VEDANTA LIMITED TO NIMFEC RAILWAY SIDING IN THANIGEHALLI, HIREKANDAVADI & DINDADAHALLI VILLAGES OF HOLALKERE TALUK CHITRADURGA DISTRICT.



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	Conveyor pipe line
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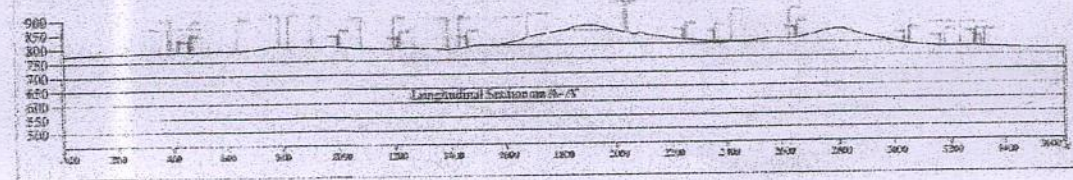
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Forest Land					
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Holalkere	Hirekandavadi	31	27	0.110	
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Total Forest Land			652	2.613	9.347

Revenue Land					
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VEDANTA LIMITED.

MINE - M.L.No-2677 OF VEDANTA LIMITED

SUBJECT - CONVEYOR CORRIDOR

APPROVED BY:

FOR VEDANTA LIMITED:



vedanta

transforming elements

sesa goa iron ore

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Accordingly, we have reapplied new FC proposal vide application No FP/KA/MIN/45833/2020 dated 08.06.2020 over 9.547 on the alignment verified by DMG and KIOCL. Hence, we request you to kindly withdraw the proposal no: FP /KA /MIN /34838/2018.

Thanking you
For Vedanta Limited

Meghna Ghosh
Authorized Signatory

VEDANTA LIMITED

Sesa Goa Iron Ore, Karnataka No 15, SNS Chambers, 1st Floor, Sankey Road, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore - 560080. T: 08023612755 | www.sesagoaironore.com

Registered Office: Vedanta Limited, 1st Floor, 'C' wing, Unit 103, Corporate Avenue, Atul Projects, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400093, Maharashtra, India.

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TABLE NO. 1



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. FEE 27FFM 2018

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Karnataka Government Secretariat,
M.S.Building,
Bengaluru, Dated: 05.06.2018

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From:

Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Bangalore.

To:

Secretary, Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi—110003.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of forest land over an area of 164.79 hectare (161.54 hectare for renewal of mining lease and 3.25 hectare for approach road) in favour of M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited (earlier known as M/s Sesa Goa Limited) Chitradurga in Nirthadi Reserved Forest, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga District-Change of name-reg.

- Ref:**
1. Letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2011-12 dated: 06.04.2018, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Head of forest Force), Bengaluru.
 2. Letter F.No: 8-81/1992-FC(Pt), dated: 30.12.2014 of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
 3. Letter No. FEE 91 FFM 2012 dated: 07.01.2015 of the Government of Karnataka.

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change vide letter cited under reference (2) above have accorded final approval under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for renewal of mining lease over an area of 164.79 hectare (161.54 ha for renewal of mining lease and 3.25 ha for approach road) of forest land in favour of M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited (earlier known as M/s Sesa Goa Limited)Chitradurga in Nirthadi Reserved Forest, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga Districtsubject to conditions detailed therein. Accordingly, the Government of Karnataka vide order cited under reference (3) above have accorded sanction for the above said project subject to the conditions detailed therein.

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User Agency has requested to take on record change in name of "Sesa Sterlite Limited" to "Vedanta Limited" in the records and to forward the same to Government of India, MoEF &CC for amending the name of lease in forest clearance granted for ML No. 2677. From the enclosures to the letter dated: 31.05.2017 of M/s Vedanta Limited the following information is forthcoming.

- 1) Deputy Secretary to Government (opn-2), Law Department vide his nothing dated: 07.06.2016 has opined that "if the change of the name of the company as M/s Vedanta Limited has taken place in accordance with law, certainly, the lease can be recorded in the said changed name, not with standing the repeal of MCR, 1960. The lease in the name of M/s Vedanta Limited has to be continued as per the prevailing law".
- 2) A copy of the above mentioned opinion was communicated from the Secretary to Government (MSME), C & I Department, Bengaluru to the Director, Department of M&G, Bengaluru vide letter no. CI 16 MMM 2016 dated: 27.09.2016.
- 3) The Director, DMG vide his letter dated: 27.01.2017 has informed M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited, Chitradurga about the above mentioned opinion of Law Department regarding change of name of the company.
- 4) Government of Karnataka in Department of Commerce & Industries and Department of Mines & Geology have already agreed for change of name of the company.
- 5) The User Agency vide letter dated: 20.02.2017 has informed this office that the name of the company has been changed from M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited to M/s Vedanta Limited w.e.f. 21.04.2015 by the Registrar of Companies, Goa duly enclosing a copy of certificate of incorporation.

In light of the facts mentioned above, the request of the User Agency may be considered to take on record the change of name of "Sesa Sterlite Limited" to "Vedanta Limited" and changing the name of the User Agency in the approval accorded for forest clearance vide letter cited under reference (2) above.

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Yours faithfully,

o/c  05.06.18
(SANJAY B.S.)

Under Secretary to Government(I/C)
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003.

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Model Estimate for Raising & maintenance of Compensatory Plantation (Based on KFD CSSR for 2025-26)

ABSTRACT (Amount in Lakhs)

Diversion of 9.574 Ha of Forest Land in Nirthadi Reserve Forest, Holalkere Taluk, Chitradurga District for establishment of Conveyor Project for Iron Ore Mine ML No. 2677 in favor of M/s Vedanta Limited, Chitradurga. (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51389/2020).

Circle: Ballari.

Division: Chitradurga

Range: Molakalmuru

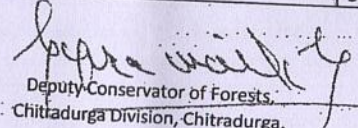
Location: Nerlahalli Sy No.64

Extent: 19.094 HA

	Advance Work Year	Raising Year	I Year	II Year	III Year	IV Year	V Year	VI Year	VII Year	VIII Year	IX Year	X Year	Grand Total
A: Advance Works													
1 Advance works (including raising of Pbs of 8x12 size)	3074134												3074134.00
B. Raising of Plantation													0.00
1 Raising plantation in advance worked area		1756648											1756648.00
2 Maintenance of Seedlings before planting (8"x12" size pbs 1200 pbs @ Rs. 8.40 each)		192467.5											192467.52
3 Raising nursery for replacement of casualities next year 10% (8"x12" size pbs 100 pbs @ Rs. 30.3 each)		57854.82											57854.82
C: Maintenance of Plantation (with Casualty Replacement, Cultural Operations and Manuring)													0.00
1 Maintenance of the plantation during 1st Year.			937515.4										937515.40
Maintenance of seedlings raised for casualty replacements (8"x12" size 100 pbs @ Rs.8.00=800.00)			15275.2										15275.20
D: Maintenance of Plantation (With Cultural Operations and Manuring)													0.00
1 Maintenance of Plantation during 2nd Year				779035.2									779035.20
E: Maintenance of plantation (With cultural operations but without manuring)													0.00
1 Maintenance of Plantation during 3rd Year					641558.4								641558.40
2 Maintenance of Plantation during 4th Year						641558.4							641558.40
3 Maintenance of Plantation during 5th Year							641558.4						641558.40
F: Maintenance of Plantation (Without Cultural Operations)													0.00
1 Maintenance of Plantation during 6th Year								189030.6					189030.60
2 Maintenance of Plantation during 7th Year									189030.6				189030.60
3 Maintenance of Plantation during 8th Year										189030.6			189030.60
4 Maintenance of Plantation during 9th Year											189030.6		189030.60
5 Maintenance of Plantation during 10th Year												189030.6	189030.60
Total (A to F)	3074134	2006970	952790.6	779035.2	641558.4	641558.4	641558.4	189030.6	189030.6	189030.6	189030.6	189030.6	9682758.34
Total (A to F) Amount after taking 10% escalation cost for each year (Compounding factor at 10%)	3381547.4	2428432	1268166.198	998005.192	1033233.622	1136551.256	1250198.744	405212.868	445711.242	490276.638	538546.27	593250.58	13969151.31

Annexure.

	Advance Work Year	Raising Year	I Year	II Year	III Year	IV Year	V Year	VI Year	VII Year	VIII Year	IX Year	X Year	Grand Tot
II Soil and Moisture conservation measures (15% on total plantation cost)	2095375.56												2095375.56
III Resurveying, redemarcation and other works for Section 4 notification (LS) (S&D) 105345 per km=0.4km for 1 Ha (36790.75*0.4=14716)	280987.304												280987.30
IV Chainlink Fencing (Considering 150 meter average periphery) (10% escalation over rates adopted for 2024-25)/Compound wall/Stone wall/RCC Pillar fencing	18738927.98												18738927.91
Total Advance Work Year to 10th Year of maintenance (I+II+III)	24496838.24	2428432	1268166.198	998005.192	1033233.622	1136551.256	1250198.744	405212.868	445711.242	490276.638	538546.27	593250.58	35084442.15
Administration & Supervision Charges @ 5% of above (91839)+round off for miscellaneous (370)													1766977.85
GRAND TOTAL													36851420.00


 Deputy Conservator of Forests,
 Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment
Authority(SEIAA), KARNATAKA)

To,

The Head IOK
M/S. VEDANTA LIMITED
Sesa Goa Iron Ore Mine, Meghalahalli Office Complex Bheemasamudra
Village, Chitradurga, Karnataka -577520

Subject: Grant of Environmental Clearance (EC) to the proposed Project Activity
under the provision of EIA Notification 2006-regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Environmental Clearance (EC)
in respect of project submitted to the SEIAA vide proposal number
SIA/KA/MIN/435232/2023 dated 10 Jul 2023. The particulars of the environmental
clearance granted to the project are as below.

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| 1. EC Identification No. | EC23B001KA196226 |
| 2. File No. | SEIAA 131 MIN 2023 |
| 3. Project Type | Expansion |
| 4. Category | B |
| 5. Project/Activity including
Schedule No. | 1(a) Mining of minerals |
| 6. Name of Project | Iron Ore Mine of M/s. Vedanta Limited |
| 7. Name of Company/Organization | M/S VEDANTA LIMITED |
| 8. Location of Project | KARNATAKA |
| 9. TOR Date | N/A |

The project details along with terms and conditions are appended herewith from page
no 2 onwards.

Date: 24/08/2023

(e-signed)
Sri. B. P. Ravi., IFS
Member Secretary
SEIAA - (KARNATAKA)

*Note: A valid environmental clearance shall be one that has EC identification
number & E-Sign generated from PARIVESH. Please quote identification
number in all future correspondence.*

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State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority-Karnataka

(Constituted by MoEF, Government of India, under section 3(3) of E(P) Act, 1986)

No. SEIAA 131 MIN 2023

To,

M/s. Vedanta Limited
Megalahalli Office Complex,
Bheemasamudra Post,
Chitradurga,
Karnataka - 577520.

Sir,

Sub: Expansion of Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2677 (RML - 2236)) at Megalahalli Village, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka by M/s. Vedanta Limited - Issue of Environmental Clearance - Reg.

This has reference to your online application dated 10th July 2023 bearing proposal No. SIA/KA/MIN/435232/2023 addressed to SEIAA, Karnataka and subsequent letters addressed to SEIAA/SEAC, Karnataka seeking prior environmental clearance for the above project under the EIA Notification, 2006. The proposal has been appraised as per prescribed procedure in the light of the provisions under the EIA Notification, 2006 on the basis of the mandatory documents enclosed with the application viz., the Application in Form 1, Pre-feasibility Report, EMP /EIA Report, Mining Plan for the proposed A Narrain Iron Ore Mine and the additional clarifications furnished in response to the observations of the SEAC, Karnataka.

2. Iron Ore Mine: Extent: 160.59 Hectares (ML No. 2677 (RML - 2236)) at Megalahalli Village, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka. The total mine lease area of the project is 160.59 Hectares, which is a Forest land. Out of 160.59 Ha, 76.00 Ha area is for Mining Excavation, 64.75 Ha area is for OB/Waste dump, 6.89 Ha area is for Mineral Storage, 2.80 Ha area is for Infrastructure (Workshop, office, etc), 0.41 Ha area is for Road, 4.71 Ha area is for Mineral Separation Plant, 5.03 Ha area is for Greenbelt/Safety Zone. The water requirement for the project is 554.5 m³/day will be met by Bore wells. Working will be of open cast fully mechanized method. The Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore has approved mining plan on 01.02.2023. The capital cost of the project is about Rs. 272.0 Crores. It is reported that the lease area does not attract General Conditions specified in the EIA Notification, 2006 and the amendments made thereon.

3. The project proposal was granted Standard ToR by SEIAA, Karnataka vide letter No SEIAA 131 MIN 2023 dated 27.03.2023.

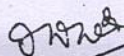
4. It is inter-alia, noted that, M/s. Vedanta Limited got the EIA study conducted through Horizon Ventures, 4, Anaga, Devasandra, New BEL Road, Opposite MS Ramaiah Hospital, Bangalore - 560 094, Karnataka, who have been accredited from NABET vide certificate No: NABET/EIA/2225/RA 0263 and EIA report has been submitted to SEIAA on 10th July 2023 in accordance with Notification F. No. IA3-22/10/2022-IA.III (E 177258) dated 11th April 2022

5. Based on the information submitted by you, presentation made by you and your consultant, the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) examined the proposal in the meeting held on 14th July 2023 and has recommended for issue of Environmental Clearance as per the approved mining plan.

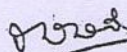
6. The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Karnataka has considered the application in their meeting held on 9th August 2023 in accordance with the EIA Notification 2006 and hereby accords environmental clearance under the provisions there of to the above-mentioned Iron ore Mine [ML. No. 2677 (RML - 2236)] of M/s Vedanta Limited as recommended by State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) for production capacity of 7.2 MTPA. The working will be open cast and fully mechanized method involving mine lease area of 160.59 Hectares subject to implementation of the following conditions and environmental safeguards.

A. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

1. Validity of this Environmental Clearance is co-terminous with the lease period or 16 years from the date of issue of Environment Clearance letter, whichever is earlier.
2. Mine plan approved by the Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore shall be strictly implemented and shall not be operated beyond the validity period of the approved mining plan.
3. Baseline data on health profile of each of the workers shall be maintained.
4. PAs should get the health check-up done for the mine workers on regular basis and submit report periodically.
5. The SEIAA, Karnataka reserves the right to withdraw the environmental clearance subject to any change in the mining policy by the State Government as may be applicable to this project.
6. Mining shall be undertaken strictly in accordance with provisions of MM (D&R) Act 1957.
7. All the conditions stipulated in the Consent for establishment issued (If applicable) by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board should be effectively implemented.
8. The mining operations shall not intersect ground water table. Prior approval of the SEIAA / Ministry of Environment & Forests and Central Ground Water Authority shall be obtained for mining below water table.



9. The topsoil if any should be stacked at earmarked site only and should not be kept unutilized for a period more than 3 years. The topsoil should be used for reclamation and plantation.
10. Waste rock shall be stacked at earmarked site (s) only. The maximum height of the stack should not exceed 30m from the topography duly providing suitable terraces. The overall slope of the dump shall not exceed 28°. A retention wall shall be built around the waste rock dump to prevent sliding.
11. Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from mine working area and rock dumps. The water so collected should be utilized for watering the haulage area, roads, green belt development etc., the drains should be regularly de-silted particularly after monsoon and maintained properly.
12. Dimension of the retaining wall at the toe of dumps within the mine to check run off and siltation should be based on the rainfall data.
13. The project authority should implement suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area in consultation with the Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board within 3 months and report be submitted to the Authority.
14. Appropriate mitigation measures should be taken to prevent pollution of nearby water bodies in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.
15. The project proponent shall submit commitment from the competent authority for drawl of requisite quantity of water for the project before starting work on the project.
16. Suitable rainwater harvesting measures on long-term shall be planned and implemented in consultation with Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board for complete rain water harvesting by constructing check dams/converting quarried pits to rain water harvesting ponds.
17. Vehicular emissions should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Measures shall be taken for maintenance of vehicles used in mining operations and in transportation of blocks.
18. Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique should be done regularly once in three years for monitoring land use pattern and report submitted to SEIAA Karnataka, Department of Environment and Ecology, Govt. of Karnataka and the APCCF, Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore.
19. This environmental clearance does not confer any right to the proponent on the land proposed for mining until and unless mine lease and all other statutory clearance are obtained from the respective department/agencies.
20. The project authorities should undertake sample survey to generate data on pre-project community health status within a radius of 1 km from proposed mine.
21. Consent to operate if applicable shall be obtained from State Pollution Control Board prior to start of production from the mine.
22. Proper sanitary facilities should be installed for the colony/work place. Domestic waste generated should be disposed in a scientific manner. Proper first aid facilities and health care facilities should be provided for the labourers.



23. The project proponent shall take all precautionary measures during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna spotted in the study area. Action plan for conservation of flora and fauna shall be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department. The proponent shall contribute towards the cost of implementation of the plan and / or Regional Wildlife Management Plan for conservation of wild life. The amount so contributed shall be included in the project cost. A copy of the action plan may be submitted to the SEIAA, Department of Environment and Ecology, Govt. of Karnataka, and the Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore within 3 months.
24. The project proponent shall delineate Mine Closure Plan/ exit protocol to rehabilitate the quarried out land to match its surrounding land use including removal, storage and reuse of waste rock from mine area to cover reclaimed area. Post Mine Land Use Plan with rehabilitation of quarried out area (with Plan and Section) provided and submit to SEIAA.
25. Plantation monitoring programme during post project period for ensuring survival and growth rate of plantation in reclaimed area.
26. A Final Mine Closure Plan along with details of Corpus Fund should be submitted to the SEIAA Karnataka, Department of Environment and Ecology, Govt. of Karnataka and the Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore 5 years in advance of final mine closure for approval.
27. Retention walls should be a minimum of 2.5 mtr height with base of 3 mtr.
28. Check dams and gully plugs along the smaller streamlets in the area, should be constructed to arrest the loose soil flow from the mine area.
29. Particulars of dimensioned block production and dispatch shall be provided by the mine owner yearly.
30. The infrastructure of transport roads should be improved collectively by the mine owners of the area.
31. Village road from mine site to main road shall be maintained and black topped by the project proponent.
32. The mine lease area to be properly demarcated using the last-long coordinates and duly erecting 4 feet concrete/granite pillars on the ground.
33. No mining shall be undertaken outside the lease area.
34. The project Authorities shall maintain a margin of 7.5 meters along the lease boundary except in case where common boundary working permission is obtained from the competent authority.
35. The project authority shall avoid stagnation of water in the mine pits which would turn out to be mosquito breeding centres resulting in spreading of diseases such as malaria, dengue, etc.
36. The project proponent shall prevent damage to adjoining land, from fire due to activities during mining operation.
37. Haulage approach road should not be through village till the main road is reached.
38. The project authorities shall get the health check-up of mine workers as well as people in the nearest vicinity of the mine for respiratory diseases such as silicosis



and maintain records. Appropriate care shall be taken for remedy in case of prevalence of such health disorders.

39. Clearance/NOC from the competent authority shall be obtained for transportation of water by tankers in order to avoid hardship to the competitive users
40. This Environmental Clearance is granted subject to obtaining prior clearance from Forestry and Wild Life angle including clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife if applicable. Further this Environmental Clearance does not necessarily implies that Forestry and Wildlife Clearance shall be granted to the project and that the proposal for Forestry and Wildlife Clearance shall be considered by the respective Authorities on their merits and decision taken. The investment made in the project if any based on Environmental Clearance so granted in anticipation from the forestry and wild life angle shall be entirely at the cost and risk of the project proponent and the SEIAA-Karnataka shall not be responsible in this regard in any manner.
41. Solid waste/hazardous waste generated in the mines needs to addressed in accordance to the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 / Hazardous & Other Waste Management Rules, 2016
42. Ambient air quality monitoring stations as prescribed in the statue be established for monitoring of pollutants, namely PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ and NO_x. Location of the stations shall be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board wherever applicable.
43. Regular monitoring of ground water level and quality shall be carried out in and around the mine lease area by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the Mining operations. The monitoring of ground water levels shall be carried out four times a year i.e. pre-monsoon, monsoon, post-monsoon and winter. The ground water quality shall be monitored once a year, and the data thus collected shall be sent regularly to MoEF&CC/RO.
44. Monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of water bodies shall be carried out once in six months and record of monitoring data shall be maintained and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/Regional Office
45. Controlled blasting techniques shall be practiced in order to mitigate ground vibrations, fly rocks, noise and air blast etc., as per the guidelines prescribed by the DGMS.
46. The noise level survey shall be carried out as per the prescribed guidelines to assess noise exposure of the workmen at vulnerable points in the mine premises, and report in this regard shall be submitted to the Ministry/RO on six-monthly basis.
47. The company / project proponent shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approved by the Board of Directors. The environmental policy should prescribe for standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental / forest / wildlife norms / conditions. The company / Project proponent shall have defined system of reporting infringements / deviation / violation of the environmental / forest / wildlife norms / conditions and / or shareholders / stake

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holders. The copy of the board resolution in this regard shall be submitted to the MoEF&CC as a part of six-monthly report.

48. Action plan for implementing EMP and environmental conditions along with responsibility matrix of the company shall be prepared and shall be duly approved by competent authority. The year wise funds earmarked for environmental protection measures shall be kept in separate account and not to be diverted for any other purpose. Year wise progress of implementation of action plan shall be reported to the Ministry/Regional Office along with the Six-Monthly Compliance Report
49. Self-environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.
50. The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and update the same on half-yearly basis.
51. The project proponent shall submit the environmental statement for each financial year in Form-V to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently and put on the website of the company.
52. The project authorities shall inform to the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC regarding commencement of Mining operations.
53. No further expansion or modifications in the project shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)/ SEIAA, Karnataka.
54. The project proponent shall comply with provision contained in OM vide F.No. 22-65/2017-IA.III dated 20th October 2020, of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as applicable, regarding Corporate Environment Responsibility and shall execute action plan of Rain Water Harvesting, Solar Panels & Water Heaters, Plantation, Medical health checkup camps in the Government School & Public Areas of Megalahalli and Tanigehalli & Conducting Swatch Bharath Abiyan drive campaigns in nearby villages as submitted vide letter dated 10.08.2023

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

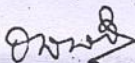
1. No change in mining technology and scope of working should be made without prior approval of the SEIAA Karnataka.
2. No change in the calendar plan including excavation, quantum of mineral and waste should be made.
3. It shall be ensured that the Ambient Air Quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the MoEF, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
4. Data on ambient air quality (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, NO_x) should be regularly submitted to the SEIAA Karnataka and the Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore and the State Pollution Control Board / Central Pollution Control Board once in six months.

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5. Fugitive dust emission from all the sources should be controlled regularly. Water spray arrangement on haul roads, loading and unloading and at transfer points should be provided and properly maintained.
6. Measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc should be provided with earplugs / muffs.
7. Waste water from the mine should be properly collected, treated so as to conform to the standards prescribed under GSR 422 (E) dated 19th may 1993 and 31st December, 1993 or as amended from time to time. Oil and grease trap shall be installed before discharge of effluents.
8. Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects.
9. Occupational health surveillance program of the workers should be undertaken periodically i.e. once in 3 months to observe any contractions due to exposure to dust and take corrective measures, if needed. Quarterly report in this regard should be submitted to the Department of Environment and Ecology, Govt. of Karnataka and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and the Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore.
10. A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified personnel shall be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive, who will report directly to the Head of the organization. The Environment management committee should be constituted with one of the member representing nearby village.
11. The funds earmarked for environmental protection measures should be kept in separate account and should not be diverted for other purpose. Year wise expenditure should be reported to the SEIAA Karnataka, the Department of Environment and Ecology, Govt. of Karnataka, and Ecology, Government of Karnataka, and the Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore.
12. The project authorities should inform the SEIAA Karnataka, Department of Environment and Ecology, Govt. of Karnataka, and the Regional Office, MoEF, Bangalore regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.
13. The APCCF, Regional Office of MoEF, Bengaluru; the Department of Environment and Ecology, Govt. of Karnataka and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board shall monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full co-operation to the Officer (S) of these offices by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.
14. The project proponent shall submit six monthly report on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards to the SEIAA Karnataka, Department of Environment and Ecology, Government of Karnataka and the APCCF, Regional Office, MoEF, Bengaluru; the Central Pollution Control Board and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.
15. The Half Yearly Compliance Reports (HYCRs) with its contents of a covering letter, compliance reports, and environmental monitoring data has to be in PDF

format merged into a single document. The email should clearly mention the name of project, EC No. & date, period of submission and to be sent to the Regional Office of MOEF&CC by email only at email ID rosz.bng-mefcc@gov.in Hard copy of HYCRs shall not be acceptable.

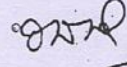
16. A copy of the clearance letter will be marked to the concerned Panchayat. Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestion / representation has been received while processing the proposal.
17. The project proponent should display the conditions prominently at the entrance of the project on a big panel board for the information of the public.
18. The project authorities should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned, within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and a copy of the clearance letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board and also at <http://environmentclearance.nic.in> website of the MoEF&CC and <http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in> website of SEIAA, Karnataka. A copy of the same should be forwarded to the Department of Environment and Ecology, Government of Karnataka and the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bangalore.
19. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional office, District Industry Centre and Collector's office/ Tehsildar's office for 30 days.
20. Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.
21. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within a period of 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.
22. The SEIAA or any other competent authority may alter / modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.
23. Failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
24. The above conditions will be enforced inter-alia, under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules made there under.
25. In case of any material supported by documents/ court orders which is contrary to the claim of the applicant and material facts produced, the SEIAA reserves the right to withdraw the EC at any point of time.



Additional Conditions:

1. Dust suppression measures have to be strictly followed.
2. The PP shall strengthen the approach road to the quarry and the road leading to the crusher as per standard norms.
3. The PP shall comply with the observations made in the Certified Compliance report of MoEF&CC
4. The PP shall Adhere to the compliance given to issues raised in the public hearing.
5. The PP shall comply with the recommendations in R&R plan.
6. The PP shall provide PHC facilities in near by villages.
7. The PP shall establish conveyor belt system from mine head to railway siding.
8. The PP shall look into the possibilities for installing mineral beneficiation plant in project site.

Yours faithfully,



(B.P. Ravi)

Member Secretary
SEIAA Karnataka

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110 003.
2. The Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Khanija Bhavan, Race course road, Bangalore - 560 001.
3. The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore.
4. The APCCF, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment & Forests (SZ), Kendriya Sadan, IV Floor, E & F Wings, 17th Main Road, Koramangala II Block, Bengaluru - 560 034.
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