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No. M1/MNG/KSPCL/ML No.2605/PCB/2020-21/1159

Dated:06.03.2026

To,

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 19.3044 hectares (Revised from 19.652 hectares) of forest land in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range, Sandur taluk, Ballari District for pipeline Conveyor belt at Thimmappanagudi Iron Ore Mine ML No.2605 in favour of M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd) (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/47146/2020 [FORM-A]) – Reg.

- Ref:** 1) Online Application No. FP/KA/MIN/47146/2020 [FORM-A]
2) This office even number Dt. 08.09.2021, 22.11.2024, 07.04.2025 & 17.11.2025
3) Letter No. F.No.4-KRC1521/2025-BAN Dated : 23.10.2025 of the Government of India
4) Letter No.FEE 48 FFM 2022(e) Dated:05.11.2025 of the Government of Karnataka
5) Letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/12/2018-FC Dated : 15.11.2025 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru.
6) M/s. Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited letter dated : 20.02.2026.

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

Further, the Government of India has raised following the EDS query on this proposal vide letter under Ref(3). Further to this, the Government of Karnataka and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru have directed the undersigned to submit the information as EDS raised by the Government of India vide letter under Ref(4) & (5).

In this regard, the undersigned has directed vide letter dated : 17.11.2025 under Ref(2) the user agency to submit information as EDS raised by the Government of India. The same has been submitted by the user agency vide letter under Ref(6).

Therefore, I am herewith submitting following information as EDS raised by the Government of India ;

Sl. No	Information sought	Information submitted
i	The State Government is requested to submit the recommendation of PSC as per rule 9(5) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.	Copy of the proceeding of PSC is enclosed as Annexure-1 .
ii	The cost : benefit ratio has not been calculated as per the parameters/format provided in comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023. It is requested to furnish the revised C:B ratio considering the parameters/format given in the comprehensive guideline issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rule 2023.	The user agency has submitted revised C:B ratio which is enclosed as Annexure-2 .
iii	The State Government is requested to submit the CA suitability certificate of the CA land identified	CA suitability certificate of the CA land identified is enclosed as Annexure-3 .
iv	Number of trees enumerated for felling is on the higher side. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to explore the possibilities to reduce the number of trees to be felled	The area proposed for Conveyor corridor and the number trees required to cut are bare minimum and unavoidable.
v	The details of the alternatives examined is not provided. Therefore, the State Govt. is requested to submit the alternatives examined and the reason for its rejection	Alternative alignment for the installation of Conveyor belt have been examined and the shorter route with the lease forest area has been selected as per the terrain of the location. The map showing the alternative along with detailed have been attached as Annexure-4 .
vi	The State Government is requested to submit the justification for proposing the stock yard in the forest land. Further State Govt, is also requested to explore the possibilities to shift the stockyard to a non-forest land	As the information submitted by the user agency, "the stock yard has been proposed in the forest area only because it is adjacent to the proposed railway siding as shared by the RITES. The railway network for transportation of Iron ore through conveyor belt as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated :07.12.2017 is a site specific project and therefore the stock yard cannot be shifted".
vii	It has been informed by the DCF in Form A part-II, that the area proposed for diversion is situated on a ridge, the proposed area is having steep slope. Hence, Soil erosion could be an issue. Therefore, User Agency may be suggested to take necessary steps to prevent soil erosion. In this regard, the user agency is requested to submit the SMC plan approved from the component authority	The user agency has submitted the SMC plan vide letter dated : 10.02.2026. It is under consideration.

viii	It has been informed by the DCF in Form A, Part-II, that the area proposed for diversion have rare, endangered, or unique species of flora and fauna. In view of this, the State Government is requested to obtain and submit specific comments from the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) regarding the potential impact of the proposed project on these species. Further, a site-specific Wildlife Mitigation Plan may be prepared and submitted with the approval of the CWLW	The user agency has submitted the Wildlife Mitigation Plan vide letter dated:10.02.2026. It is under consideration.
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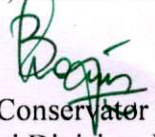
This is submitted for kind information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ballari Division, Ballari

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


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