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Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.
Dated:17-02-2023.

To,

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

Sir,

Sub:-Diversion of 28.299 ha forest land (26.999 ha for mining + 1.60 ha for approach road) in favour of the successful bidder i.e. M/s MSPL Ltd., Hosapete, Ballari district (erstwhile 'C' category mine ML No.2559 of M/s Karthikeya Manganese & Iron Ore Pvt. Ltd.,) in Subbarayanahalli village, Sandur Range, Ballari District. (FP/KA/MIN/31348/2018)

Ref:-1)Letter No.F.No.11.6/26/WP/KAR/567 dated:27-07-2022 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change(Integrated Regional Office), Bengaluru. (Sought additional information and clarification)

2)Letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/16/2018-FC dated:06-10-2022 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation), Bengaluru.

3)This office letter of even No. dated: -10-2022.

5)Letter No.M1/MNG/MSPL/Karthikeya/ML No.2559/2021-22 dated: 10-02-2023.(submitted additional information)

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In light of the directions issued by your goodself in the letter (2) cited under reference supra and in compliance of the shortcomings as noticed by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change(Integrated Regional Office), Bengaluru vide its letter (1) cited above, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari was directed to submit the additional information / clarifications along with his specific opinion on the two points as raised therein, duly obtaining from the user agency for onward submission of the same to the higher authorities vide this office letter (3) cited under reference.

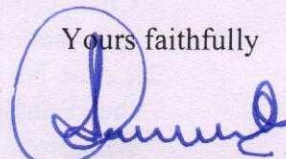
Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari in his letter (4) cited above has submitted the additional information /clarifications on the two points as raised therein duly obtaining from the user agency and later on got it verified from the concerned jurisdictional field officers for taking further needful action in the matter.

1. As regards to EDS No.1, it is reported that the above user agency has since uploaded the revised KML file of the area proposed for diversion duly depicting the area proposed for safety zone in PARIVESH portal.

2. It is explicitly reported that the erstwhile lessee i.e., M/s Karthikeya Manganese & Iron Ore Pvt. Ltd., have not paid any levies such as NPV amount and loss caused due to mining activity on forest and environment to the tune of Rs.81,14,55,517/-. However, the user agency has given an undertaking to remit the said NPV amount which was not paid by the erstwhile lessee.

Apart from this, it is reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, as sought for in similar cases, the location of the degraded forest land has been selected in Sy.No.120 of Gollalingammanhalli village, Gollalingammanagalli Reserve Forest, Sandur South Range, Sandur for raising the plantation in safety zone area over an extent of 2.69 ha ($1.79 \text{ ha} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ times} = 1.79 \text{ ha} \times 0.895 = 2.69 \text{ ha}$). In this regard, Geo-referenced map, Google map, Village map, TOPO sheet map & KML file of the identified area are submitted alongwith this letter. Hence, the additional information / clarifications as submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, are submitted herewith alongwith the pertinent documents for taking further needful action in the matter. This is for your kind information.

Yours faithfully



Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.