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No. M1/MNG/Kirloskar/ROAD/2021-22 (5.4476 ha)

Dated: 18.04.2026

To,

Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

**Sub:** Diversion of 4.035 Ha (Revised from 5.4476 ha) of Approach Road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli – Reg., [Online proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021].

**Ref:** 1) Online proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021.

- 2) This office even number letter Dt. 30.09.2022, 17.12.2022, 31.05.2024 07.08.2024, 27.03.2025, 04.09.2025 & 14.11.2025
- 3) Letter No.4-KRB1496/2024-BAN Dated: 03.03.2025 of the Government of India
- 4) Letter No. FEE 47 FFM 2024(e) dated: 19.03.2025 of the Government of Karnataka
- 5) Letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/10/2021-FC Dated: 28.03.2025 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore.
- 6) Letter No. M1/MNG/Kirloskar/Approach Road/CR-28/2022-23/386 Dated: 08.10.2025 of the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari
- 7) M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli letter dated: 02.01.2026 & 02.03.2026.

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With reference to the above subject, the undersigned has submitted the proposal and information on EDS raised by Government of India with respect to diversion of 4.035 Ha (Revised from 5.4476 ha) of new Approach Road to ML No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, Swamymalai Block, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli vide letters under Ref(2).


Further, the Government of India has raised following EDS query vide letter under Ref(3). The same has been communicated by the Government of Karnataka and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore vide letter under Ref(4) & (5).

Therefore, I am herewith submitting the following information.

Sl. No.	Information sought	Information submitted
<b>I.</b>	<b>Information sought by Government of India</b>	
1	<p>State Government has forwarded the justification furnished by the user agency without any specific comments. Therefore, the State Government may kindly examine the instant proposal in more detailed manner including its inescapability and provide specific comments for submission of above-mentioned fresh proposal which involves felling of large number of trees when there is already approved road in place for approach to mining lease.</p>	<p>In this regard, the user agency has submitted a detailed technical justification supporting their request to reconsider the originally proposed approach road alignment towards the Nandihalli side. The justification outlines the practical and logistical advantages of the alignment, including site-specific constraints, accessibility requirements, and engineering feasibility. A copy of this justification has been enclosed as <b>Annexure-1</b> for reference. Furthermore, in their earlier correspondence, the user agency has stated their willingness to surrender an extent of 3.862 hectares of forest land, which had previously been obtained under Forest Clearance after approval of the present proposal.</p> <p>The proposal has been examined in light of the user agency's submission. The justification for realignment towards the Nandihalli side, citing site constraints are found to be correct. Hence, accessibility and engineering feasibility, may be considered on merit as per applicable guidelines and impact on forest land. The user agency may be directed to surrender 3.862 hectares of forest land.</p>
2	<p>It is also informed that proposed road involves re-diversion of 1.389 ha already diverted in favour of M/s KIOCL. Therefore, State Government is also requested to clarify whether the user agency has applied for re-diversion for the said area or otherwise</p>	<p>M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli has submitted proposal for Re-Diversion of 1.389 Ha area passing through FC approved lease area of M/s. KIOCL for approach road to Mining Lease No.0016 in Swamymalai Forest Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District vide online proposal No. FP/KA/REDIV /536519/2025. Site inspection done. It will be submitted within a week.</p>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Information sought by CCF, Ballari</b>	
1	<p>1748 Tree enumeration list not enclosed which will be felled for this instant proposal.</p>	<p>1748 Tree enumeration list is enclosed as <b>Anneuxre-2</b>.</p>
3	<p>Your comments not mentioned on the petition of Smt. Kalavathi</p>	<p>Smt. Kalavathi has requested that the proposal be rejected, citing the presence of thick vegetation in the area and also stated that M/s. Kirloskar has already obtained Forest Clearance for an extent of 3.862 hectares for the approach road.</p> <p>However, in this regard, the user agency has</p>

		<p>submitted a detailed technical justification supporting their request to reconsider the originally proposed approach road alignment towards the Nandihalli side. The justification outlines the practical and logistical advantages of the alignment, including site-specific constraints, accessibility requirements, and engineering feasibility. A copy of this justification has been enclosed as Annexure-1 for reference. Furthermore, in their earlier correspondence, the user agency has stated their willingness to surrender an extent of 3.862 hectares of forest land, which had previously been obtained under Forest Clearance after approval of the present proposal</p>
<p><b>III. Information sought by CCF (FC), Bangalore</b></p>		
	<p>Chief Conservator of Forests and Technical Assistant to the PCCF (FC), Bangalore, has instructed to re-examine the proposed alignment and revise the proposal during the field visit on 09.10.2025</p>	<p>In response to the above directions, the user agency has submitted a detailed technical justification supporting their request to reconsider the originally proposed approach road alignment towards the Nandihalli side. The justification outlines the practical and logistical advantages of the alignment, including site-specific constraints, accessibility requirements, and engineering feasibility. A copy of this justification has been enclosed as <b>Annexure-1</b> for reference.</p> <p>Also examined alternate route connecting FC obtained road of NMDC, However this road is further passing through NMDC's private land for which M/s. NMDC has not given concurrence for usage by M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited.</p> <p>Furthermore, in their earlier correspondence, the user agency has stated their willingness to surrender an extent of 3.862 hectares of forest land, which had previously been obtained under Forest Clearance after approval of the present proposal. So the user agency may be directed to surrender 3.862 hectares of forest land.</p>

Yours Faithfully,

  
 Deputy Conservator of Forests  
 Ballari Division, Ballari