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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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E-office File No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/28/2018-FC

Date -12-2024

Encl.

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department  
M.S. Building, Bengaluru-560 001

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. Government of Karnataka letter No.FEE 20 FLL 2023 (e) dated 25-06-2024 [EDS Query]
  2. This office letter of even number dated 03/12-07-2024 to CF Ballari Circle [[communication of EDS query raised by GoK] and 04-11-2024 [reply to GoK]
  3. M/s Vedanta limited, Chitradurga letter dated 21-11-2024 [addressed to DCF, Chitradurga reg submission of the information sought by the GoK]
  4. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division letter No. A6/FC/VEDANTA/CB/CR-03/2021-22/ dated 04-12-2024 [EDS reply]
  5. The Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle letter No. No. M1/MNG/Conveyor-Belt/CR-4/2018-19 dated 12-12-2024 [EDS reply]

With regard to the above subject, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (1) has raised the EDS query seeking to submit the actual amount/quantity of ore excavated and transported with respect to the said proposal by the user agency to the Government. Further, the same has been communicated to the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division and User Agency.

In this regard, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division had directed the User Agency and requested to furnish the actual quantity of ore excavated and transported information/documents. The same has been furnished by the user agency to the DCF, Chitradurga Division vide Ref. (3) which is as below.

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Monthly details are mentioned below.

Year wise	Production (in tonne)	Available Stock at Mine	Dispatch (in tonne)
2021-22	5589610	708580.730	6240282
2022-23	5889615	380161.980	5440187
2023-24	5889615	690969.910	6642749.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>17368868.76</b>	<b>1779712.62</b>	<b>18323218.38</b>

Month	Production (in tonne)	Available Stock at Mine	Dispatch (in tonne)
Apr-24	465269.51	76163.480	448110.70
May-24	210711.46		125116.16
Jun-24	765752.55		564516.39
Jul-24	340515.52		457950.06
Aug-24	529724.64		271888.40
Sep-24	551999.90		479392.34
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2863973.58</b>		<b>2346974.05</b>

Further, the same has been communicated to this office by the DCF, Chitradurga Division and the CF, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4) and (5).

**The facts are hereby submitted for kind information and requested to move to the Government of India for seeking Stage-I clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.**

Yours Faithfully,

**Signed by Brijesh Kumar**

**Date: 24-12-2024 13:58:47**

**Reason: Approved**

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

Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga for information.
3. M/s Vedanta Limited, Sesa Goa Iron Ore, Megalahalli Office Complex, Megalahalli village, Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga – 577 520 for information.



To,  
The 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, 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 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 no dated: 27-05-2022, 05-06-2023, 18-10-2023, 06-12-2013 and 14-11-2024.

3. Letter No.A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2018-19 dated: 15-07-2024 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

4. Your office letter dated: 14-10-2024 and online EDS raised sdated: 04-12-2024.

5. Letter dated: 21-11-2024 of M/s Vedanta Ltd., Megalahalli office complex, Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga.

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With reference to the above subject, M/s Vedantha 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 and your office have instructed to submit a report to the following points vide reference (3) and (4).



In this regard, the under signed had directed the User Agency and requested to furnish the actual quantity of ore excavated and transported information/documents. The same has been received vide letter under Ref. (5) as below. (Copy enclosed).

Monthly details are mentioned below.

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Hence, hereby submitting the reply of User Agency as above for your kind perusal and further needful action.


Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Chitradurga division, Chitradurga.

✓ **Copy Submitted with respects to the** Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru for information.

**Copy to** M/s Vedantha Ltd., [ML No.2677], Megalahalli Office Complex, Bheemasamudra [P], Chitradurga [T &D] for information.

  
Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Chitradurga division, Chitradurga.



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

Office of the  
Conservator of Forests.  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.  
Dated: 12-12-2024.

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  
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Karnataka  
2) Your office letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1/(MNG)/28/2018-FC dtd. 15-7-2024  
3) This office letter even No. dated. 14-8-2024.  
4) Letter No. A6/FC/Vedanta/CB/CR-03/2021-22 dtd.04-12-2024 of the Deputy  
Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga

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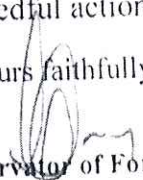
With reference to the above cited subject, in the light of the directions issued by your  
goodself vide letter (2) cited above, and followed by the letter the Government of Karnataka  
in its letter (1) above, having called for verify and submit the actual quantity of ore  
excavated and transported by the above user agency.

As such, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga has  
since been directed vide this office letter (3) cited above to go through the points as raised  
therein and to submit the actual quantity of ore excavated and transported by the above user  
agency for onward submission..

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga  
has obtained the actual quantity of ore excavated and transported information from user  
agency and submitted the same to this office vide his letter (4) cited above for further  
needful action.

Therefore, I am submitting herewith the copy of the letter of Deputy Conservator of  
Forests, Chitradurga along with its enclosures for taking further needful action.

Yours faithfully,

  
Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

