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Date:20-08-2025.

No:A6/FC/Vedanta/144881/CR-16/2023-24

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To,

The Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of Ex-post facto approval for 3.331 Ha (4.3013 Ha) under Section-2 of FCA-1980 for approach road to ML No.2677 through Gate-3 project of Vedanta Ltd., in Megalahalli Village & Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District.

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/144881/2021.

Ref:

- 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru online communication to this office Dated: 30-08-2023.
- 2. Revised online proposal received to this office dated: 02-12-2024.
- 3. This office even letter dated:04-12-2024.
- Letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-1(MNG)/21/2018-FC Dated:30-05-2025 of Principal Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer (FCA), aranya Bhavan Bengaluru.
- 5. Letter dated:14-05-2025 of M/s Vedanta Ltd., Megalahalli office Complex, Bheemasamudra, Chitradurga.

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With reference to the above subject, M/s Vedanta Ltd., has submitted a proposal through web portal mode for Ex-post facto approval for approach road to M L No.2677 through gate-3 for 3.331 Ha of Forest land in Sy No.20 of Megalahlli, Sy No.9 of Marijogihalli and Sy No.6 of Bedarbommenhalli village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Hireguntanur Hobli, Chitradurga taluk, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga district 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 a specific opinion vide ref (1). Further, user agency has submitted revised proposal vide ref (2).

The report on this proposal has already been submitted from this office vide reference (3). 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 (4).

In this regard, this office had directed the User Agency and requested to furnish the information/documents vide this office letter dated:05-06-2025. The same has been received vide letter under Ref. (5) as below. (Copy enclosed).

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SI No	Particulars	Compliance
1	The CA area over NFL has been mentioned 6.069 ha as per the forwarding letter of the PCCF dated:03-02-2025 however, in the part-II the DFO has mentioned NFL area for CA as 4.538 ha. The State Government may provide a clarification. The area of the CA land is less than 5.0 ha and it is far from the nearest boundary of the Reserve Forest, therefore, as per the Para 2.3 (iv) of the Consolidated guideline dated:29-12-2023 the CA scheme with 20 years maintenance may be	The user agency has submitted revised proposal to an extent 3.331 Ha (Revised from 4.538 Ha). The User Agency has identified as extent of 6.069 ha non forest (Private) land in Sy No. 1191 (2.023 Ha), Sy No.1192 (2.023 ha) and Sy No.1193 (2.023 Ha) of Madduru Village, Agara Hobli, Yelandur Taluk, Chamarajanagara District for CA purpose. The Part-II is corrected and enclosed. Revised CA scheme is enclosed.
3	Observation based on Google Earth image: cultivation land is visible. Therefore, the State Govt. shall submit its comments on the same and ensure the suitability of the proposed CA land.	The said land is suposed to handover to the department with due procedings which is identified by the user agency through memorandum of understanding between formers and user agency. The Deputy Conservator of Forests and Director BRT Tiger Reserve, Chamarajanagar is issued FORMAT-B CA land suitability certificate and mention the remarks as below, "The Proposed CA land is sharing 25% or more border with the deemed forest area (Sy NO.943 of Maddur Village) under the control of BRT Tiger Reserve. The area is having some vegetation with some blank places. But this area is having wild animals' moment. Survial of planted seedlings is doubtful. So instead of planting it is better it use these blank areas as grasslands for herbivours such as Elphants, Samber Deer, Spotted deer.
4	The Ministry vide F.No.8-81/1992-FC (Pt), dated:30-12-2014 has accorded the final approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adihiniyam, 1980 for renewal of mining lease over 164.79 ha of forest land (161.54 ha for mining lease + 3.25 ha for approvach road) in Nirthadi Reserve Forest in 8-81/1992-FC Vol.I I/108815/2025 favour of M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited (formerly M/s Sesa Goa Limited). The State Government shall submit the compliance roport of conditions stipulated in this approval.	The copy of the latest compliance report ated:20-05-2025 is enclosed.

SI No	-3- Particulars	Compliance
5	The Ministry vide letter No.8-81/1992-FC-FC)pt)	The copy of the latest compliance report
	dated: 17-01-2019 has accorded 'in Principle'	ated:20-05-2025 is enclosed.
	(Stage-I) approval for ex-post facto approval of	ded.20 05 2025 is chelosed.
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	2.0215 ha of forst land for approach. The SG vide	
	letter No: FEE 73 FFM 2014 dated:04-11-2024 has	
	submitted the compliance report and the Ministry	
	after the examination of the said compliance	
	report has asked the SG to submit the additional	
	information/Documents vide letter dated:05-12-	
	2024 (Copy enclosed). The reply of the same still	
	awaited. The reply to the same letter shall be	
6	As reported by the State Government an FOC	FOC No. 18/2022-23, dated:01-10-2022
	No.18/2022-23, dated:01-10-2022 against the	booked and charge sheet submitted to
	authorities of M/s Vedanta Limited for using the	Hon'ble Civil judge & JMFC Court Holalkere.
	forest portion of Gate-3 approach road has	Proceedings in Hon'ble Civil judge & JMFC
	been registered and has submitted the Charge	Court Holalkere vide CC No.662/15 copy is enclosed.
	sheet to the Jurisdictional JMFC Court. This case	enclosed.
	is pending in JMFC Court. The transporation of	
	M/s Vedanta ore has since been stopped, after	
	registering FOC No. 18/2022-23 dated:01-10-	
	2022. In this regard, the State Government shall	
	provide the latest updated status of the Case.	
7	The state shall submit the present status of the	The user agency has submitted in the mining
	mining operations in the area.	lease No.2677 of Vedanatha Ltd., is
		conducting mining operations in compliance
		to the provisions of the applicable Acts,
		Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of State
,		and Central Government. Copy is enclosed.

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

Yours Faithfully, Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

1. **Copy Submitted to the** Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Conservation and Nodal Officer FCA, Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru for kind pserusal.

2. **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

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