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E-509333

Date 19-05-2026

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment
M. S. Building, Bengaluru

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 hectares of Forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near Hilikunte Village, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Approach Road to mining lease No. 0016 [e-auctioned C-category mine] in favour of M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Pune

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021 [Form-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office even letter dated 05-09-2024 [proposal seeking Stage-I Approval], letter dated 21-01-2025 [reply to latest EDS query raised by GoI vide letter dated 09-12-2024] and letter dated 28-03-2026 [communication of latest EDS query raised by GoI dated 03-03-2026]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 20 FLL 2024(e) letter dated 22-03-2024 [submission of FC proposal], letter dated 12-02-2025 [reply to latest EDS query raised by GoI vide letter dated 09-12-2024] and letter dated 19-03-2025 [communication of latest EDS query raised by GoI]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi letter dated 03-03-2025 [latest EDS query]
 4. M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited letter dated 11-09-2024 [addressed to DCF Ballari Division reg submission of reply to the query raised by the GoK vide letter dated 10-09-2024], letter dated 30-12-2024 [addressed to this office reg submission of reply to the query raised by the GoI vide letter dated 30-12-2024] and letter dated 02-01-2026 & 02-03-2026 [addressed to DCF Ballari w.r.t query raised by GoI dated 03-03-2025]
 5. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/KSPCL/ML No.2605/2020-21/33 dated 06-03-2026 [reply to the EDS query raised by GoI] and 18.04.2026
 6. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No. .M1:MNG/KSMCL/Conveyor/CR-15/2021-22/1895 dated 13-03-2026 (received on 22-04-2026) and 27.04.2026 [reply to the EDS query raised by GoI]

In response to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 05-09-2024 to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi. The Government of India, MoEF & CC,

New Delhi vide Ref (3) letter dated 03-03-2025 addressed to the Government of Karnataka has Stated that “*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.*”

Further, 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.”

Further, the Government of Karnataka vide letter dated 19-03-2025 has directed this office to submit the information sought by the Government of India. The same has been communicated to DCF Ballari to provide the details / information / documents / clarification to this office sought by the Government of India.

In this regard, the reply to the query raised by the Government of India is furnished by the Use Agency, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and the Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4), (5) and (6) to this office which is as below.

Sl. No.	Information sought by GoI	Information submitted
i.	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>In this regard, the DCF Ballari Division vide letter dated 18-04-2026 has stated that “<i>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 Annexure-1 for reference.</i>”</p> <p><i>The User Agency has 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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore, in their earlier correspondence,</i></p>

		<i>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. The user agency may be directed to surrender 3.862 hectares of forest land.”</i>
ii.	Further, 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.	M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli has submitted the 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 and presently pending with the DCF Ballari Division. Further, the DCF Ballari Division vide letter dated 18-04-2026 has stated that the Site inspection has been done and the said proposal will be submitted at the earliest.

The above facts are hereby submitted for further onward submission for the same to the Government of India for further needful.

Yours Faithfully,

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MAHESH BASAVARAJ SHIRUR
Date: 19-05-2026 16:13:56
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, Ballari Division for information.
3. M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanaro Kirloskar Road, Khadki, Pune, Maharashtra – 411 for information.

No.M1/MNG/Kirloskar/Approach Road/CR-
28/ 2022-23



Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari,
Dated: 27-4-2026.

To,
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA),
Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 ha (Revised from 5.476) 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.
Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021

Ref: 1) Letter No. 4-KRB1496/2024-BAN, dated. 03-03-2025 of the
Government of India, MoEF & CC.
2) Letter No. FEE 47 FFM 2024(e), dated. 19-3-2025 of the Government
of Karnataka.
3) Your office letter No. KFD/HOFF/A5-1(MNG)/10/2021-FC, dated:
28-3-2025
4) Letter M1/MNG/Kirloskar/ROAD/2021-22 (5.4476 ha)/830 dated.
28-9-2024 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari.

With reference to the above cited subject, the Government of India, MoEF & CC has raised the EDS query on the above proposal vide letter (1) cited above. The Government of Karnataka vide its letter (2) above and directions has been issued by your good office vide letter (3) cited above to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari to submit the replies to EDS query as raised by the Government of India.

Accordingly, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari has obtained the point wise information/ clarification from the user agency and submitted the same to this office vide letter (4) cited above, for onward submission to the higher authority.

Therefore, while agreeing with the report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, I am herewith submitting the same alongwith its enclosures for kind perusal and further needful action.

Yours faithfully,
Digitally signed by
K CHANDRASHEKAR NAYAKA
Date: 27-04-2026 15:19:11

**Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.**

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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].

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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.

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.

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I. Information sought by Government of India		
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II. Information sought by CCF, Ballari		
1	1748 Tree enumeration list not enclosed which will be felled for this instant proposal.	1748 Tree enumeration list is enclosed as Annexure-2 .
3	Your comments not mentioned on the petition of Smt. Kalavathi	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. However, in this regard, the user agency has

		<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>
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	<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 Annexure-1 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>

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Dated: 18.04.2026

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

To,

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

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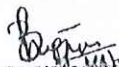
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Yours Faithfully,


 Deputy Conservator of Forests
 Ballari Division, Ballari

Annexure-1

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To,
The Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Ballari Division, Ballari.

Date: 02.03.2026

Respected Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.035 Ha of forest land for Approach Road to ML. No. 0016 in Hulikunte Village, in Swamymalai (SM) Block, near Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District in favor of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Bevinahalli-Reg., (Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021).

Ref: 1. Letter. No. M1/MNG/Kirloskar/ROAD/2021-22(5.4476 Ha) dated. 14.11.2025. from DCF Ballari.
2. DCF Letter dated 18.12.2025.

With respect to the subject cited above, the proposal pertains to the diversion of 4.035 ha of forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, near Hulikunte Village, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, for the purpose of providing an approach road to Mining Lease No. 0016 of M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited.

In this regard, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, vide reference cited above, has raised an Essential Details Sought (EDS) on 18.12.2025, directing re-examination of the proposed road alignment and revision of the proposal in accordance with the instructions conveyed during the field inspection conducted on 09.10.2025 by the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Technical Assistant to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru.

In compliance with the above directions, the following facts are respectfully submitted for kind consideration:

1. The existing approach road towards Ranjithpura (3.862 ha) passes through forest and revenue land that originally formed part of the erstwhile 'C' Category mining lease of M/s BMM. As M/s BMM has established a manufacturing facility on the adjoining revenue land, which commences immediately after the forest stretch, we have very restricted access to the said road citing plant safety and operational concerns. Since the present mining lease is an auctioned block granted for a period of 50 years, a separate and independent approach road without dependency on the erstwhile 'C' Category lessee is essential.
2. From the inception of the project, we being the lessee have consistently requested a dedicated approach road and the same was duly applied for and recommended by the State Government to the Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Bengaluru, for grant of Stage-I Forest Clearance.

Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited
A Kirloskar Group Company

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3. While Forest Clearance was obtained for the lease area of 24.47 ha and to facilitate commencement of mining operations, we were advised to temporarily use the existing approach road (3.862 ha) under Temporary Working Permission (TWP). Presently, we have obtained Stage II Forest Clearance for the existing approach road of 3.862Ha towards Ranjithpura. However, the same said road will be surrendered to Forest department once the Approach Road towards Nandihalli is granted/ Approved.
4. We have entered into an agreement with M/s KIOCL for use of the road towards the Nandihalli side, and the required No Objection Certificate (NOC) has already been obtained. Further, a re-diversion proposal for an extent of 1.389 ha has been duly submitted through the PARIVESH portal.
5. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 562 of 2009, mining lessees are encouraged to utilize rail-based transportation systems, such as railway sidings, conveyors, wagon loaders, etc., to minimize road congestion and environmental impacts. In line with these directions, the proposed approach road provides critical connectivity between the mine and the nearest railway siding at Nandihalli (Hulikunte Village).
 - i. The railway siding at Nandihalli is owned by M/s JSW, which presently operates a closed pipe conveyor system to transport material to its Tornagallu Integrated Steel Plant. As this infrastructure is not fully utilized, it offers an opportunity for shared use, fully consistent with the spirit of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions.
 - ii. Additionally, maintaining operational flexibility through both road and rail transportation is essential to meet raw material requirements of our Koppal and Hiriyyur plants.
6. The proposed road alignment does not pass through any villages and provides direct access to the Nandihalli railway siding. In contrast, the existing approach road (3.862 ha) towards Ranjithpura would require movement through the BMM plant premises and several habitations such as Narsinghpura/Narasapura, Ranjithpura, and Mudakalpet, thereby resulting in higher social, safety, and environmental impacts.
7. Similarly, in the event of road transportation, the proposed alignment towards Nandihalli involves passage through only one village (Laxmipura) before reaching the Sandur Bypass Road. Conversely, use of the existing road (3.862Ha) would necessitate truck movement through Mudakalpet, Ranjithpura, Narasapura, NMDC Donimalai, and Bhujanganagar, significantly increasing traffic load, safety risks, and public inconvenience.
8. As suggested by the inspection team during the site visit on 09.10.2025, connecting the existing 3.862Ha approach road to NMDC road, which connects to Kumarswamy mine of NMDC, bypassing the BMM plant was explored. However,

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a 300-400-meter private land stretch through NMDC land post-forest area poses an issue. Truck movement over the NMDC road is restricted.

9. The other options like routing via Nandihalli village or via Nandihalli University were also assessed but found unviable due to narrow village roads, safety concerns and the likelihood of objections from the concerned authorities and potential University objections.
10. All possible options have been explored and road towards Nandihalli Railway siding looks more feasible and viable considering the lease period of 50 years. We have considered this road after through survey work (old existing roads- which is unused for years now) with less tree felling.

In view of the above facts, technical justification, and alignment with the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it is most respectfully requested that the proposal for diversion of 4.035 ha of forest land for the approach road towards the Nandihalli side may kindly be reconsidered and processed favorably for grant of Forest Clearance.

Thanking You,

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Tree Enumeration list of M/s Kirloskar Bharath Mines ML No: 0016 Proposed for approach road over an extent of 4.035 Ha Forest area in Swamymalai Block Forest, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District.

Abstract								
Sl No.	Species	Botanical Name	Girth Classwise Details					Total
			Up to 30 Cms	31-45 Cms	46-60 Cms	61-90	91 Above	
1	Acacia	Acacia auriculiformis	1	1	5	2		9
2	Basari	Ficus infectoria				1		1
3	Bevu	Azadirachta indica	1	1		1		3
4	Bikke	Gardenia latifolia		1				1
5	Bilijola	Cordia macleodii	1					1
6	Budure	Terminalia tomentosa	44	33	37	11		125
7	Challe	Cordia dichotoma	1		1	4		6
8	Channangi	Lagerstroemia parviflora	39	13	4			56
9	Chillada	Strychnos potatorum	2	1				3
10	Dhupa	Boswellia Serrata	1	10	7	30	38	86
11	Dindala	Anogeissus latifolia	280	71	23	3	1	378
12	Hippe	Bassia longifolia	7	4		2		13
13	Honne	Pterocarpus marsupium	17	34	6	5	1	63
14	Jane	Grewia tiliaefolia	19	15	3	1		38
15	Kadaga	Mitragyna parvifolia					1	1
16	Kadubende	Tetrameles nudiflora	2	3	3	2		10
17	Kakke	Cassia fistula	6	4	1			11
18	Kamara	Hardwickia binata		1				1
19	Kothambri	Diospyros montana		2				2
20	Maddi	Morinda tinctoria	5	14	2	3		24
21	Masivala	Chaloraxylon swletenia	86	116	64	23	1	290
22	Mookarti	Elaeodendron glaucum	1					1
23	Murike	Buchanania latifolia		1			1	2
24	Nanju	Jungle Wood	1					1
25	Neelagiri	Eucalyptus spp	8	4	3	1		16
26	Neeli	Wrightia tinctoria	2	2				4
27	Nelli	Emblica officinalis		3	1			4
28	Noolve	Jungle Wood	10	6	2			18
29	Pacheri	Dalbergia paniculata	46	66	51	10	3	176
30	Rakthabhutala	Sterculia urens			1			1
31	Sandalwood	Santalum album	1	2				3
32	Seege	Acacia concina			1			1
33	Simarouba	Simarouba glauca	5	5	2	2		14
34	Sirasa	Albizia lebbeck	1	1	1			3
35	Some	Soyrnida febrifuga	9	14	3	3		29
36	Subabul	Leucaena leucocephala	9	11	10	2		32
37	Tapassi	Holeptelia integrifolia		2				2
38	Tega	Tectona grandis	18	12	8			38
39	Therreddu	Acacia catechu	75	90	32	9		206
40	Thugli	Albizia amara	1					1
41	Thuribre	Diospyros melanoxylon	8	5	3	1		17
42	Tondarati	Gymnosporia montana	3	2	2			7
43	Udaya	Stereospermum chelonoides	27	14	7	1	1	50
Grand Total			737	564	283	117	47	1748

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