



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

Date:28-04-2026.

To,

The Chief 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, 20-08-2025 and 08-10-2025.
 4. EDS raised dated:05-11-2025 of Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.
 5. Letter No.RFO/HLK/FC/Vedanta/CR/2026-27/34 dated: 27.04.2026 of Range Forest officer, Holalkere Range, Holalkere.
 6. Letter dated: 27.04.2026 of Assistant Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Sub-Division, 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 Megalahalli, Sy No.9 of Marijogihalli and Sy No.6 of Bedarabommenahalli 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 Chief Conservator of Forest Ballari Circle, Ballari have instructed to submit a report to the following points vide reference (4).

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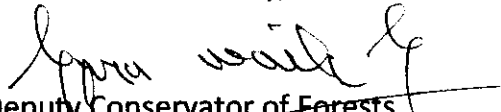
In this regard, the under signed had directed the user agency to submit latest compliance report through Range Forest officer, Holalkere vide this office letter dated:15-11-2025.

The Range Forest officer, Holalkere Range, Holalkere and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Sub-division, Chitradurga have submitted report to this office along with documents vide reference (5) and (6). Therefore, I am herewith submitting the following information with documents for your kind information and necessary action.

SI No	Particulars	Compliance
5	The Ministry vide letter No.8-81/1992-FC-FC (pt) dated: 17-01-2019 has accorded 'in Principle' (Stage-I) approval for ex-post facto approval of 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 submitted.	Letter No. No.8-81/1992-FC-FC (pt) dated: 17-01-2019 of Government of India, conditions (1) to (24) have been imposed to comply. Accordingly, verified the report submitted by the user agency through Range Forest officer, Holalkere Range, Holalkere. Hence, the imposed conditions are complied and taken up continues onservations for agreement made between user agency and Department. Accordingly, the copy of the latest compliance report for the period April-2025 to March-2026 is enclosed.

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

Yours Faithfully,


Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

Annual Self Compliance Report to condition of Forest Clearance issued by

**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Divisions),
Government of India for Vedanta Limited, Chitradurga (Mining Lease: 2677)**

Letter No: F. No. 8-81/1992-FC(Pt) Dated 30/12/2014

Period: April 2025- March 2026

S No	Clearance Condition	Compliance Status
1	Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged	Legal status of the diverted forest land is in the name of Forest Department.
2	All conditions- imposed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C)No.562/2009 (Samaj Parivartana- & others vs. State of Karnataka and others)- including R&R Plan prepared by ICFRE, Safety Zone Plan, other conditions imposed for re-opening of the mine, etc. shall be complied with.	<p>In adherence to the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 28.09.2012 for resumption of B category mines we have undertaken the following :</p> <p>We have paid the compensatory payment for the area outside lease area. Same was confirmed CEC in its letter Dated 13th Dec 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We have given under taking to CEC for payment of additional payment if held liable. ➤ Based on our authorization CEC had withheld an amount of 15 cr as guarantee money for R&R implementation. We had authorized CEC for deducting 15% of sale proceedings for SPV. Copy of the letter submitted to CEC has been submitted to your good office in the previous compliance report. <p>The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its final judgement dated 18.03.2013 has directed that SPV be collected at 10% of sale value and we are remitting the same.</p> <p>We have satisfactorily implemented the R&R plan prepared by ICFRE, Same was mentioned in CEC and Monitoring Committee report dated 15th Feb 2013. Monitoring Committee letter to APCCF dated 12.06.2014 have also mentioned satisfactory R&R implementation. Copy of the letter attached as Annexure-1.</p> <p>Monitoring Committee during their inspection on 30.08.2017 has also given a report stating satisfactory implementation of R&R. Report of inspection was submitted in the previous compliance reports. We have been refunded with an amount of 11.07 Crores of the guarantee money, pursuant to the directions of Hon'ble SC.</p>
3	User agency shall- pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	We undertake to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Already furnished in the proposal.
4	Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake by involving local community, the afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted	We are already carrying afforestation measures by involving local community. We undertake to carry out the afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval by involving local community and in consultation with State forest department. During the said period we have carried

	<p>under this-approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.</p> <p>5 The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval. Shall be for a period Co-terminus with the period of. The mining proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development-&Regulating) Act, 1957 or Rules framed thereunder, subject -to a maximum period of 20 years.</p> <p>6 User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease.</p> <p>7 The user agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per. the approved Mining plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the MoEF. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the user agency the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forest (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.</p> <p>8 "Following activities shall be undertaken by the user agency for the management of safety zone: a)User agency ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone(7.5 meter strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) and its protection by erecting adequate number of 4 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS coordinates and deploying adequate number of watchers under the supervision of the state forest department. b)In case of the mining leases adjoining the habitation stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease</p>	<p>out total 60,016 no's plantation on finalized dumps, Green Belt and Forest area Details of the plantation carried out in 2025-26 are attached as Annexure-2.</p> <p>We agreed for the same.</p> <p>Gap plantation is carried out every year with fruit bearing native species in nearby forest areas as per schedule of the approved R&R plan prepared by ICFRE under Supreme Court WP(Civil) No. 562/2009 to enhance the forest cover. Details of the plantation carried out in 2025-26 are attached as Annexure-2 (A).</p> <p>We undertake mining will be carried out in phased manner as approved in IBM Mining Plan.</p> <p>Safety zone development has been undertaken as per the MOEF vide circular no 8-25/2010-FC 12th July 2012, Which is also in line with R&R plan. The same has been marked on the plan attached in the proposal.</p> <p>The demarcated safety zone has been developed as Green belt all along the lease boundary except for the common boundary with RPC Mines. This green belt have been planted with Native fruit and shed bearing trees which is in line with the species approved under ICFRE Plan.</p>
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	<p>adjacent to the habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the user agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/regeneration activities in the safety zone.</p> <p>c) Safety zone shall maintained as green belt around the mining lease and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration shall be taken in this area by the user agency at the project cost under the supervision of State Forest department.</p> <p>d) Afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring, on and half times the area under safety zone shall also be done by the user agency at the project cost under the supervision of State Forest department."</p>	
9	<p>The user agency shall implement the Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy of the State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the state Government/Regional Office of MoEF&CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones.</p>	<p>The project area is already broken open completely as certified in R&R plan and Minutes of FAC, Hence no resettlement and Rehabilitation required.</p>
10	<p>The user agency shall undertake de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within 5Km, from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies whenever required.</p>	<p>We carry out de-silting of the village tank and other water bodies located within 5 Km of the lease. We have carried out de-silting even in the neighboring tanks time to time which were not affected by our mines. This year company has carried out desilting of settling ponds around the mining lease summing to 35,000 m³ of increase in catchment area. This has resulted in a trapping surface runoff and helped in ground water rejuvenation. Annexure-3</p>
11	<p>"Following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency at the project cost:</p> <p>a. Preparation and implementation of a plan containing appropriate mitigate measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams.</p> <p>b. Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion.</p> <p>c. Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls along the contour arrest sliding down of the excavated material.</p> <p>d. Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching so as to ensure that angles of repose/angle of waste dump at any given place is as per</p>	<p>We are taking up these activities as per the R&R Plan prepared by the ICFRE in WP(C) No. 562/2009.</p> <p>De-silting of nearby settling ponds and check dams is carried out periodically before the onset of monsoon to remove silt and increase the water holding capacity of the water bodies. Photos of desilting of the garland drain and construction of check dams attached as Annexure-4.</p> <p>Overburden dumps once finalized are covered with Geo-coir mat and broadcasted with Grass seeds along with manure to develop green cover to prevent it from erosion. Inward sloping is done at each bench of the dump and garland drains are constructed. A total of 70,000 m² area of Dump-3 and Dump-4 is covered with Geo-coir mat in the year 2025-26. Photo attached as Annexure-5. Details of the plantation carried out in 2025-26 along with the maintenance activity are attached as Annexure-2.</p>

	<p>R&R plan approved by Hon'ble supreme court and its orders in W.P (C) No.562 of 2009 and</p> <p>e.Strict adherence of the prescribed top soil management.</p> <p>f. Ample care shall be taken while reclaiming the mined area by employing suitable top soil management scheme and ensuring plantation of native species of the area.</p> <p>g.Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching so as to ensure the angle of repose at any given place is less than 28 degrees</p> <p>These activities shall be undertaken in consonance with the R&R Plan prepared by ICFRE in W.P.(C) No 562/2009 & approved by CEC by the user agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department."</p>	<p>As a part of the Vanmahotsava and Environment day celebrations we have conducted plantation by employees. Also, fruit bearing saplings were distributed to employees. To increase awareness of employees, we have organized poster making, slogan and poem competition for employees. Photos of the same attached as Annexure-6.</p>
12	<p>The user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the laborers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.</p>	<p>All the labors and staff are staying in surrounding villages. There is no staff and labor colony at mine held lease area. Hence no fuel wood depot is required. For other uses like canteen LPG is provided to canteen.</p>
13	<p>The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars each inscribed with its serial number forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar in consonance with the orders/judgment passed in W.P.(C) No.562/2009.</p>	<p>We have completed physical demarcation of the lease area sought for renewal as per the Lease Deed Sketch by the Joint Team and approved by CEC. Same is mentioned in the Minutes of FAC held on 10th -11th June 2013 vide Page no. 2, Point no 2.</p>
14	<p>The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.</p>	<p>We undertake that we will not change layout plan without the prior approval.</p>
15	<p>The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.</p>	<p>We undertake that we will not use forest land for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.</p>
16	<p>The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the central Government.</p>	<p>We undertake that diverted forest land will not be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.</p>
17	<p>No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.</p>	<p>Complied. For the reduction of damage to flora and fauna, we undertake initiatives which include plantation inside and outside lease area, construction of check dams, gully plugs. We are providing drinking water to wild animals and birds during the summer season. Copy of letter attached as Annexure-7.</p>
18	<p>Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest</p>	<p>We will follow the same.</p>



19	<p>Department.</p> <p>The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds nests artificially made. out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project</p>	<p>The area is totally broken up hence there is no nesting trees required to be cleared. However, we have installed 200 no's of Artificial Birds nest and Feeders in our mining lease, office and nearby schools.</p>
20	<p>All other conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which the user agency has submitted undertakings shall be complied with.</p>	<p>Complied.</p>
21	<p>The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly</p>	<p>Self-Compliance report will submitted in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly.</p>
22	<p>Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bengaluru may stipulate from time to time, in the interest of conservation protection and development of forests and wildlife.</p>	<p>All the conditions imposed by the Regional office, Ministry of Environment and forest, Bengaluru are capture in the agreement made between us and the DCF, Chitradurga. All the conditions will be complied in future as well</p>
23	<p>The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.</p>	<p>We have complied and will comply in future as well.</p>
24	<p>Stage-II approval shall be subject to in-principle decision of the authority in the State Government in terms of section 8(3) of MIMDR Act-1957 that in the interest of Mineral Development, if is necessary to renew the lease.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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 Deputy Conservator of Forests
 Chitradurga Division
CHITRADURGA.

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 Assistant Conservator of Forests And
 Technical Assistant to
 Deputy Conservator of Forests
 Chitradurga Sub- Division, Chitradurga.





To,
Range Forest Officer,
Holalkere,
Chitradurga Division,
Chitradurga

Date: 17.04.2026

Sub : Diversion of 3.331Ha. 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.

Ref : 1. Our Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/144881/2021
2. Your office letter No: Zonal Forest officer/Holalkere/Vedanta/CR/2025-26 dated 09.02.2026
3. Our office letter dated: 09.01.2026

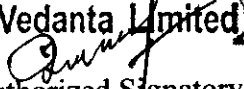
With reference to the above subject, we had submitted a proposal through the web portal for *ex-post facto* approval of the approach road to ML No. 2677 through Gate-3, covering 3.331 Ha of forest land in Sy. No. 20 of Megalahalli, Sy. No. 9 of Marijogihalli, and Sy. No. 6 of Bedarabommenahalli village in Nirthadi State (Reserved) Forest, Hireguntanur Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Holalkere Range, Chitradurga District, under Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

As per the letter dated 15.11.2025 received from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga, we were requested to submit the latest compliance report in six copies to the Range Forest Officer, Holalkere Range, Holalkere. Accordingly, the same was submitted from our office on 09.01.2026.

Subsequently, we were requested to resubmit the compliance report along with GPS readings of the plantation area.

In compliance with the above instructions, we are hereby resubmitting the compliance report along with the GPS details of the plantation for your kind consideration.

We kindly request you to process the Forest Clearance proposal at the earliest and forward the same to the Deputy Conservator of Forests for further recommendations towards Stage-I Forest Clearance.

Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,
For Vedanta Limited

Authorized Signatory

Authorised Signatory

Annexure 1
- 12/1/2014

MONITORING COMMITTEE

No: DMG/R&R/2012-13/V-II/4

No.49, Khanija Bhavan, R.C. Road,
Bangalore-560001. Date: 12:06:2014

To,
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bangalore-3.

Sir,

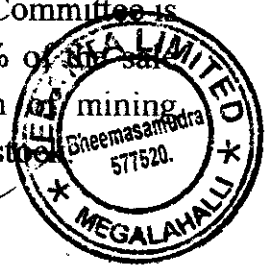
Sub: Implementation status of R&R Plan -reg.

Ref: Your letter No. A5(1).MNG.CR.6/2011-12 dated 27.05.2014

With reference to your letter dated 27-05-2014 on the above subject, it is to inform that the mining lease of M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited (ML No.2236) was inspected by the Convener, Monitoring Committee on 27th April, 2013 and the implementation of R&R plan was found to be satisfactory. Subsequently our team have again visited the mine on 06th June 2014 and found the progress of implementation of R & R plans to be satisfactory. Substantial growth has been observed in the plantations grown in various locations suggested by ICFRE. The waste dumps have been stabilized by covering these with geo coir mat, plantations have been raised and construction of retaining wall has been completed to satisfactory level. Works like engineering measures for dump management, surface water management such as construction of retaining wall, check dams, settling tanks and gully checks are found to be satisfactory. As proposed in R&R plan, the lessee has developed Safety zone all along the periphery of the lease boundary except the common boundary workings. On the whole, the lessee has implemented the prescriptions of the R & R plan quite satisfactorily.

The lease holder has complied with the order dated 28.09.2012 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P (C) No.562/2009, by making payments for committing various irregularities such as illegal mining pit and illegal dumping of waste in proportion to the area encroached outside the lease area. Lessee has also given undertakings to pay for any additional compensatory payment if liable.

As per the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court the Monitoring Committee is holding the guarantee money towards R&R implantation and 15% of the sale proceeds towards SPV for the stocks sold prior to resumption of mining operations and 10% of the sale proceeds towards SPV for the fresh stocks.



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Further, in pursuance of the Order dated 18.04.2013 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, lessee has furnished all the valid statutory clearances along with the Temporary Working Permission issued by the Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore, under rule 24A (6) of MCR, 1960.

This is for your kind information and further needful.

Yours faithfully

Sir/b
Convener

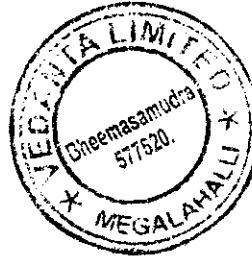
Monitoring Committee

Copy to:

1. Secretary to Government, (Mine, SSI, Textile), Commerce and Industry Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore-560001.
2. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore.

12 JUN 2014

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PLANTATION FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

VEDANTA LIMITED IRON ORE MINE (ML.No 2677)

S. No.	Local Name	Botanical Name	2025-26
1	Aane katthaale	Artocarpus hirsutus	1000
2	Arali	Ficus religiosa	500
3	Atti mara	Ficus racemosa	850
4	Baage	Albizia lebbeck	2200
5	Beeta mara	Terminalia arjuna	500
6	Bela	Aegle marmelos	950
7	Beppaale	Bauhinia purpurea	250
8	Bevu	Azadirachta indica / Melia dubia	3650
9	Biduru	Bambusa arundinacea	1100
10	Buguri	Randia dumetorum	1000
11	Coconut	Cocos nucifera	1000
12	Dalbergia sissoo	Dalbergia sissoo	1000
14	Grewia tiliifolia	Grewia tiliifolia	1000
16	Gulmor	Delonix regia	700
17	Halasu	Artocarpus heterophyllus	3150
18	Haldipavate	Ochna obtusata	400
19	Hole hippe	Calotropis procera	1210
20	Holle dasavalla	Ipomoea carnea	264
22	Honge	Pongamia pinnata	4860
24	Honne mara	Pterocarpus marsupium	2620
25	Hunise	Tamarindus indica	1100
26	Kaadu bhadami	Sterculia foetida	1000
28	Kaadu vala	Canthium parviflorum	400
30	Kakke	Cassia fistula	932
32	Kanagala gida	Gloriosa superba	900
33	Local amla	Phyllanthus emblica	500
34	Mahagani	Swietenia mahagoni	100
35	Mango	Mangifera indica	2900

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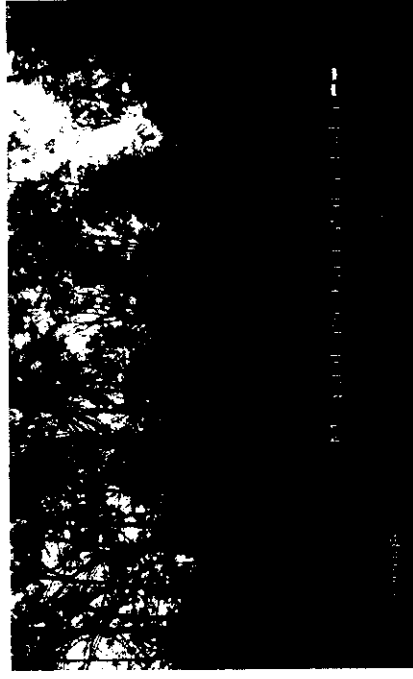
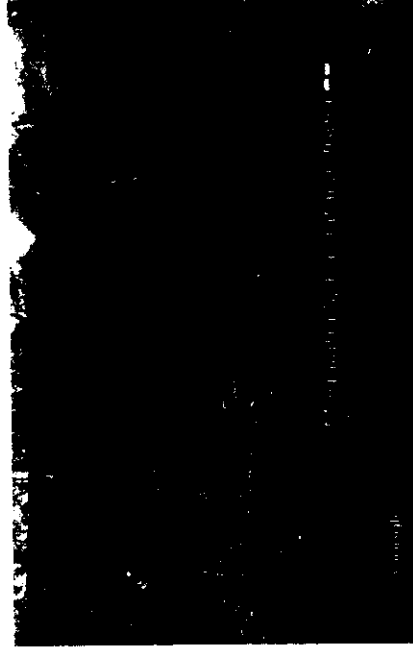
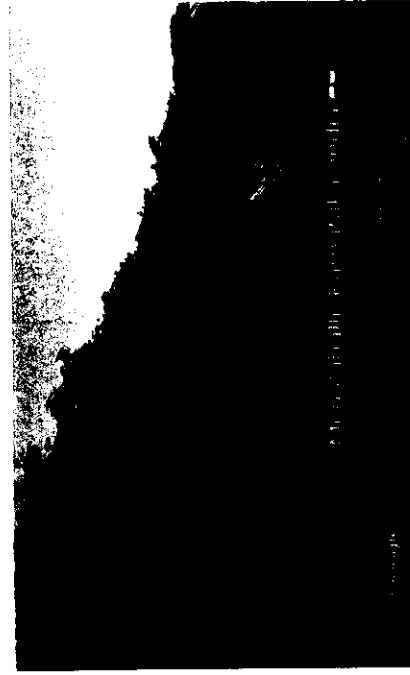
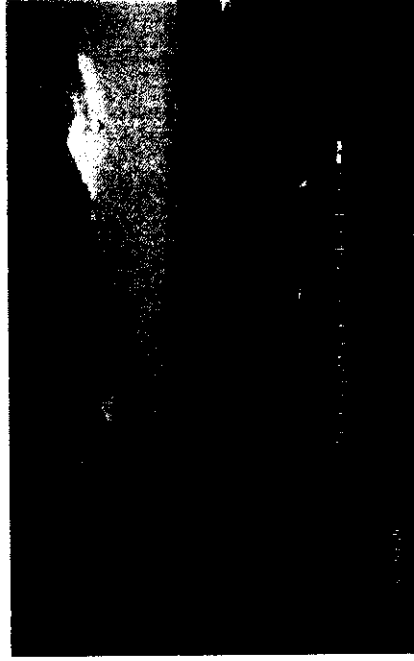
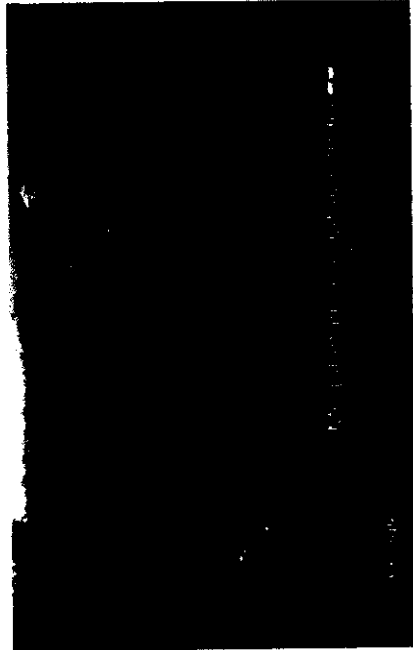
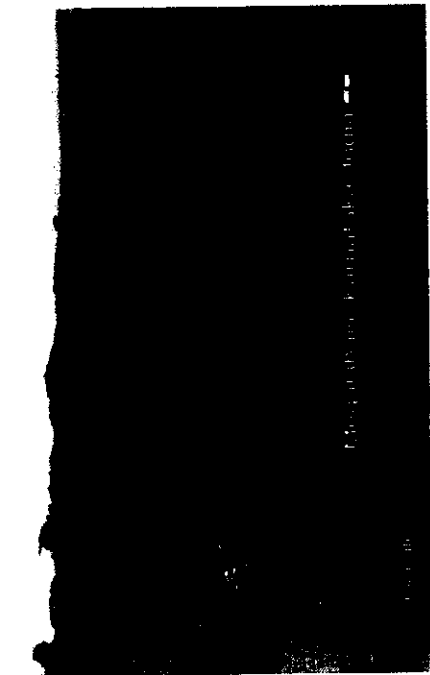
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40	Perale	Psidium guajava	2250
41	Sannudippe	Grewia tiliifolia	1500
42	Seema hunise	Dialium indum	2950
43	Seethapala	Annona squamosa	3750
44	Shishta bage	Albizia amara	500
45	Sisoo	Dalbergia sissoo	600
46	Tayga	Calotropis gigantea	2250
47	Thaare	Erythrina indica	800
48	Thapsee mara	Dalbergia latifolia	1500
49	Udide mara	Phaseolus mungo	1000
Total			60016

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PLANTATION IN DUMPS & GREEN BELT & FOREST AREA & OUTSIDE MINE LEASE



Annexure 2A



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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
INDIAN BUREAU OF MINES
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CONTROLLER OF MINES, BANGALORE**

No. MCDR-MPC0FE/21/2023-BNG-IBM_RO_BNG

Dt : 11/02/2025

Shri/M/s. Vedanta Limited ,
Sesa Ghor, EDC complex, Patto - Panaji Tiswadi

Sub Approval of Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan in respect of your A. Narrain Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2677) over an area of 160.59 Ha in Megalahalli village, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka State, submitted for approval under Rule 17(3) of MCR, 2016. (Mine Code: 30KAR07013) Private / Open / Non-Captive / 'A' Category Mechanized.

Ref :

1. Your Application No. 327 dated 18.10.2024 submitting herewith soft copy of draft of Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan through online portal MTM MPAS <https://miningplan.ibm.gov.in>.
2. Submission of final copies of Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan in Mining Tenement System / Mining Plan Approval System (MPAS) on 09.02.2025.

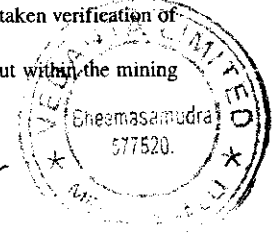
Sirs,

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 read with Govt. of India No. S.O.185 (E) dated 28.04.1987 and S.O.1857 (E) dated 18.05.2016, I hereby **Approve** the "Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan" in respect of your A. Narrain Iron Ore Mine (ML No. 2677) over an area of 160.59 Ha in Megalahalli village, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka State, submitted for approval under Rule 17(3) of MCR, 2016 for the period up to 31.03.2027. This approval is subject to the following conditions:

A.General Conditions:

1. The Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is approved without prejudice to any other laws applicable to the mine from time to time whether made by the Central Government, State Government or any other Authority.
2. The Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is approved without prejudice to any order or direction from any court of competent jurisdiction.
3. It is also clarified that the approval of your aforesaid Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan does not in any way imply the approval of the Government in terms of any other provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 as amended the rules framed there under.
4. It is further clarified that the approval of Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is subject to provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and other relevant statutes, order and guidelines as may be applicable to the lease area from time to time.
5. The Provisions of Mines Act, 1952 and Rules & Regulations made there under shall be complied with.
6. The execution of Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan shall be subjected to vacation of prohibitory orders / notices, if any.
7. Your attention is invited to the Supreme Court interim order in W.P. (C) No.202 dated 12.12.1996 for compliance. The Approval of above said Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is therefore, issued without prejudice to and is subject to the said directions of the Supreme Court as applicable.
8. If anything is found to be concealed as required by the Mines Act in the contents of this document and the proposal for rectification has not been made, the approval shall be deemed to have been withdrawn with immediate effect.
9. This department does not undertake any responsibility regarding correctness of the boundaries of the leasehold shown on the ground with reference to lease map & other plans furnished by the applicant/ lessee.
10. This approval for mining operation and mining related activities is restricted to the mining lease area only from this date. The mining lease area is as shown on the statutory plans by the Lessee/QP/Applicant and Indian Bureau of Mines has not undertaken verification of the mining lease boundary on the ground.
11. This Approval is given for received proposals as applicable from this date for the mining activities to be carried out within the mining lease area. The earlier instances of irregular mining/illegal mining, if any, shall not be regularized with this approval.

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12. The validity period of the Financial Assurance shall be renewed before the expiry of the same (31.03.2027) and should be submitted to this office.
13. At any stage, if it is observed that the information furnished, data incorporated in the document are incorrect or misrepresent facts, the approval of the document shall be revoked with immediate effect.
14. The Approval of Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is subject to condition that you shall maintain boundary pillars as indicated in Rule 12 (v) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.
15. The Environmental Monitoring Cell of the company shall be established. The Environmental Monitoring Cell so established shall continue monitoring ambient air quality, dust fall rate, water quality, soil sample analysis and noise level measurements on various stations established for the purpose both in the core zone and buffer zone as per MOEF guidelines and keeping in view IBM's circular's No.3/92, season wise every year or by engaging the services of an Environment Laboratory approved by MOEF/CPCB. The data so generated shall be maintained in a bound pagged register kept for the purpose and the same shall be made available to the inspecting officer on demand.
16. In case the mining lease falls within a radius of 10 kms of National Park/ sanctuary, recommendations of NBWL have to be obtained as per the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court in I A No. 460/2004.
17. A yearly report shall be submitted to this office before 1st July of every year setting forth the extent of protective and rehabilitative works carried out as envisaged in the approved mine closure plan.
18. As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition No.114/2014 dated 08.01.2020, the mining Lease holders shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
19. The Approval of Modifications to the Approved Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is without prejudice to the final order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dtd.18/04/2013 in W.P. No. 562/2009 and interim orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court from time to time in the said W.P. Nos. 25910/2009 and 26083/2009.
20. It shall be mandatory for the project proponent, abstracting ground water, to obtain "No Objection Certificate" from Central Ground Water Authority or, the concerned State/Union Territory Ground Water Authority, as the case may be.
21. The next Review of Mining Plan for the subsequent period of five years shall be conducted 180 days before the last day of fifth year plan period i.e. 31.03.2027.

B. Special Conditions:

1. The Approval of Modification of Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan is approved for the period from 2024-2025 to 2026-27 for total Mineral Reserves of 131.415 million Tonnes Iron Ore comprising of 76.087 million Tonnes of Hematitic Iron Ore (HIO), 28.103 million tonnes of Hematitic Silicious Iron Ore (HSIO) and 27.225 million tonnes of BHQ as on 30.09.2024 with Annual Production Capacity proposals valid for the following period with respective production capacity.

Year	Production of Iron Ore ROM (tonne)#
2024-25 *	5890000.00
2025-26	5888850.00
2026-27	199828.00

above approved production capacity is subject to periodical changes in permissible annual production capping by DMG, Karnataka.

* Production quantity mentioned for the year 2024-25 excludes the production quantity of 2864140 tonnes already achieved. The total production quantity of Iron Ore (ROM) proposed for this year 2024-25 is 5890000 tonnes.

2. The Banded Hematite Quartzite (BHQ) with Fe content below 35% is considered under Reserve/Resources as per point no. 8(a) of the Threshold Value Notification dated 25.04.2018, based on the beneficiation test results submitted by the lessee and the proposed beneficiation of BHQ outside the lease area for the purpose of Conservation of Minerals. Further, it must be ensured that the utilization of BHQ material with Fe content below 35% is not blended with higher-grade iron ore which may impact the State Exchequer and disposed of. BHQ should only be utilized after the proposed beneficiation or through direct sale.
3. The existing Environmental Clearance (EC) quantity is 7200000 tons, and the existing Central Empowered Committee (CEC) approved quantity is 5890000 tons. The proposed production quantity for the year 2026-27 is subject to obtaining approval from the CEC and all necessary permissions from other statutory authorities.
4. The Lessee shall inform this office after the exhaustion of mineralization in the permitted backfilling area, and will commence backfilling only after obtaining the necessary permission from this office.
5. The reserves/resources have been updated in the document by extending the Ultimate Pit Limit (UPL) beneath the existing waste dump, which is proposed to be relocated to an adjacent non-mineralized area outside the lease in accordance with the Ministry of Mines clarification regarding the inclusion of non-mineralized areas in existing mining leases for the purpose of dumping mine waste/overburden, as per letter No. 16/83/2024-Mines VI dated 28.11.2024, for which the letter dated 17.01.2025 has been received from the Dept. of Mines & Geology, State Govt. of Karnataka for the comments. The updated reserves and resources are subject to the grant of the additional proposed land by the State Government and the execution of the Supplementary Lease Deed.

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Yours Faithfully

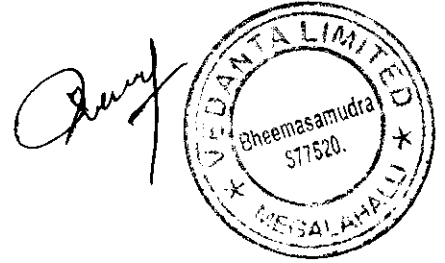
(Dr. Suresh Prasad)

Regional Controller of Mines,

Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore

Copy for information to :-

1. The Controller of Mines (South Zone), Indian Bureau of Mines, Bangalore.
2. The Director of Mines Safety, Directorate General of Mines Safety, Bellary Sub- Region, 31, Infantry Road, Cantonment, Bellary -584104.
3. The Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore.
4. Shri Sripad Pujar & Shri BVR Achar, Qualified Person, Ground Floor, Kaushika, Annapurna Badavane, Hosapete-- 583 201.



Approved

Background:

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, considering the severe and significant damage caused due to unscientific and unregulated mining in Bellary, Chitradurga and Tumkur districts in Karnataka and based on the Macro-Level EIA report submitted by ICFRE directed the Government of Karnataka to submit a Reclamation and Rehabilitation (R&R) plan for the mine affected districts within three months. The Government of Karnataka, keeping in view the National Environmental Standards and the commitment for holistic approach for sustainable management of the area affected has awarded the study of formulation of R&R plan to Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehra Dun, vide letter No.DMG/MLS/R&R/2011-12 dated 27.12.2011.

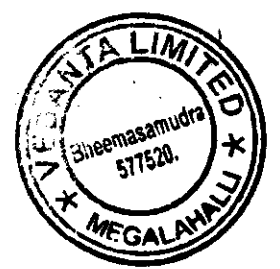
There are four waste dumps have been developed in ML 2677/2236 area. D1 (inactive dump), D2 (inactive dump), D3 (active dump), and D4 (active dump).

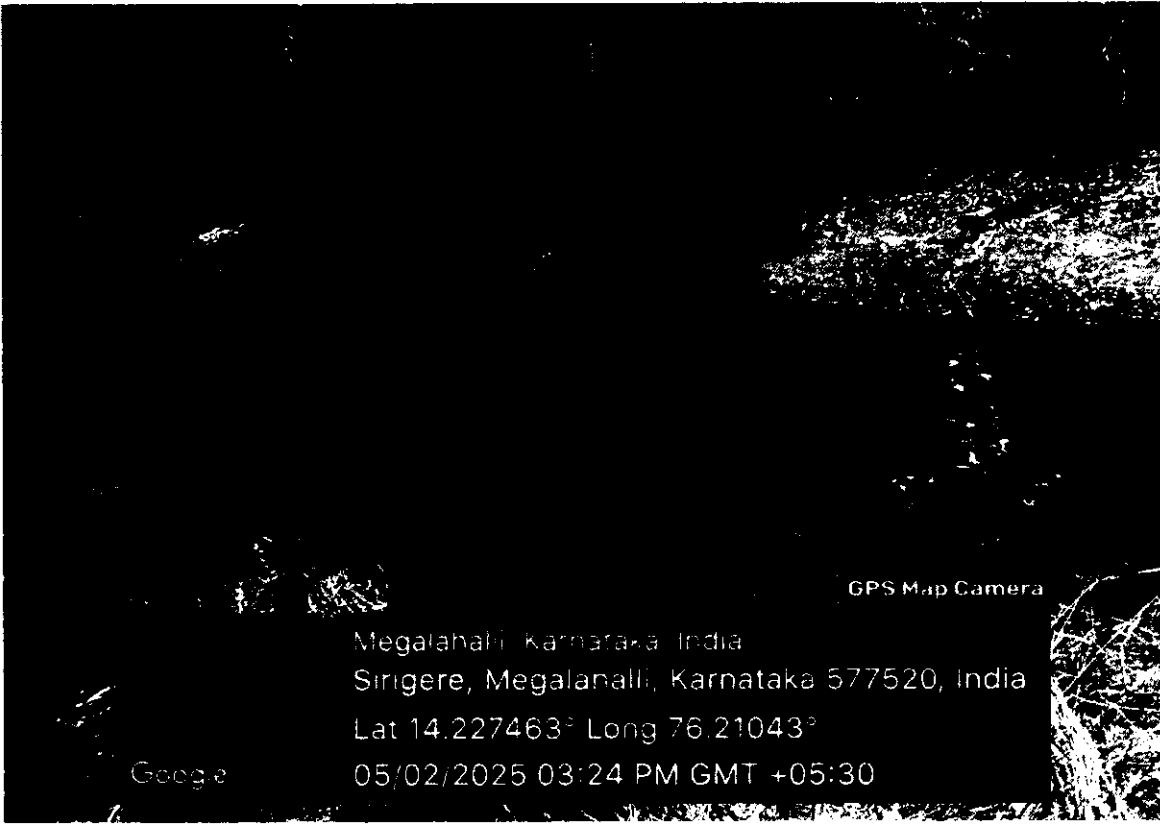
- a. D1 is located in the North block of the lease area and has been completely exhausted and stabilized.

As per the recommendations of ICFRE Retaining wall along with Garland drain was proposed to be constructed in this area along with plantation on the dumps. The specifications of civil structure constructed is as follows:

Sl. No.	Description of work		Dimension in M				Remarks
			Length	Width		Height	
				Top	Bottom		
Dump-1 (D-1)	Retaining walls at the toe of waste dump	R-R dry stone masonry	880/131 1	(1)/ 1	2.6/3	3.5/5	Constructed as per field condition. Due to Nallah & Steep Gradient remaining Construction of retaining wall & Garland drainage not feasible.
		C-C 1:4:8 in foundation	1311	3.3		0.15	
	Garland Drain	Garland drain 1 m bottom width, 2 m top width and 1 m deep in all terraces	819/131 1	1.8/ 2	1/0.5	1/1.5	

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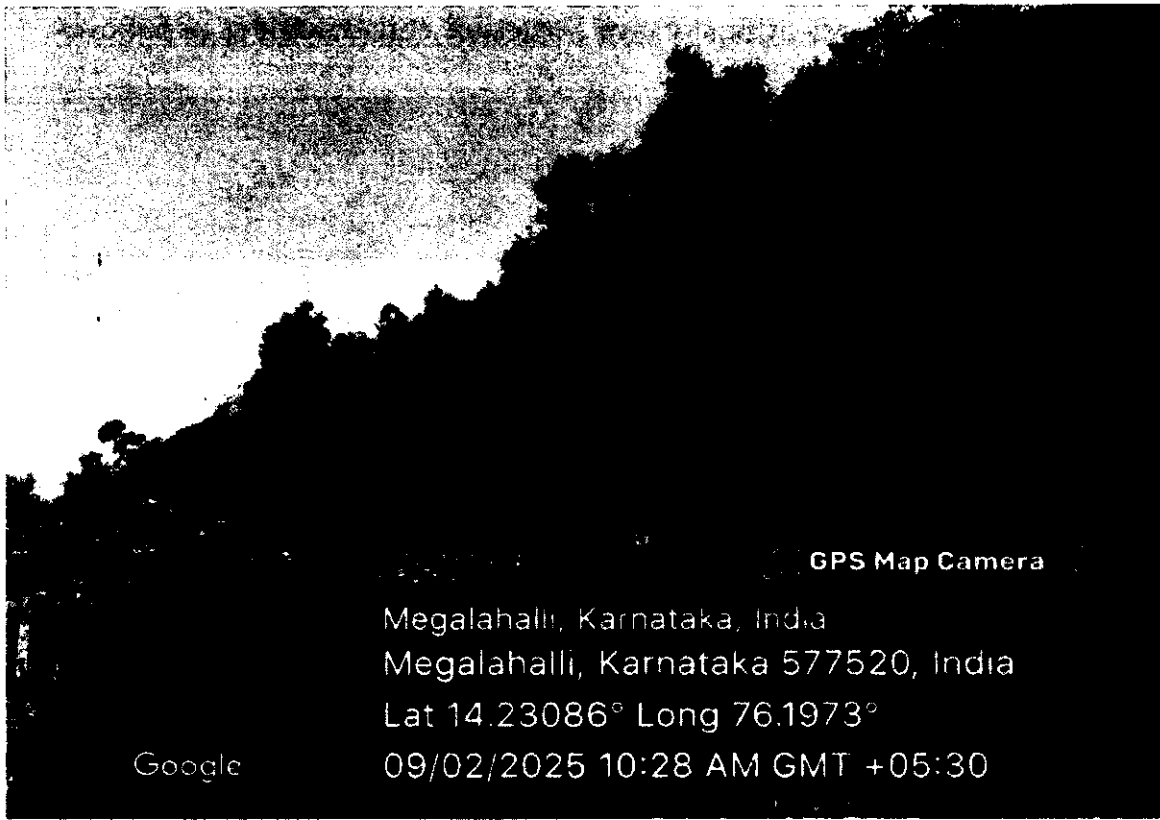




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Retaining Wall at the toe of dump D1


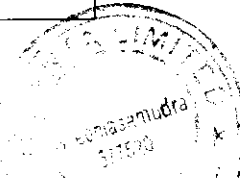


Around 880m of Retaining wall and garland drain has been constructed at the toe of Dump D1. This dump is 100% stabilized by laying geotextile and conducting plantation.

Plantation has been completed in the inactive dump and currently only gap plantation is carried out at targeted areas. Below is the view of dump D1 which has been stabilized with plantation.

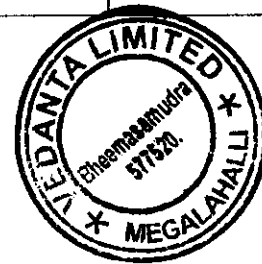
- b. **D2** is located in the Western boundary of the South block of the lease area in an extent of 13.0 ha, has been completely exhausted and stabilized. Retaining wall of ~150m along with garland drain has been constructed at the tole of dump D2.

Dump-2 (D-2)	Retaining walls at the toe of waste dump	R-R dry stone masonry	152.76/170	1.5/1	2.4/3	3.1/5	Remaining construction not required as per the field condition.
		C-C 1:4:8 in foundation	170	3.3		0.15	
	Retaining walls at the toe of waste dump on North West corner of South Block	R-R dry stone masonry	101.3/150	(1)/1	(2)/2	(3)/3	
		C-C 1:4:8 in foundation	101.3/150	2.3		0.15	
	Garland Drain	Garland drain 1 m bottom width, 2 m top width and 1 m deep in all terraces	152.8/170	2.4/2	1/0.5	1/1.0	
	Garland Drain at the toe of waste dump on North West corner of South Block	Garland drain 1 m bottom width, 2 m top width and 1 m deep in all terraces	496/150	(2)/2	(0.5)/0.5	1.6/1.5	
Construction of Chute at the Gully	CC 1:3:6 in foundation	188	3.1		0.3		

		R R stone masonry in cement Mortar 1:5 in side walls	188	0.5	1.5	
		R R stone masonry in bed of the drain	188	1.5	0.3	
		Stone pitching on both banks	133	0.5	1.5	
Constructio n of Sump and Drop wall		CC 1:3:6 in foundatio n of the sump	2.6	4.1	0.3	
		R R 1:5 in walls of the sump	2.5	0.5	1	
		R R 1:5 in front walls of the sump	3	0.5	1	
		R R 1:6 in drop wall	2.5	(2+1)/2	5	
		CC 1:3:6 in foundatio n of the dropwall	2.6	3.1	0.3	

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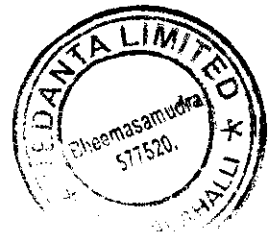


Retaining Wall at the toe of dump D2

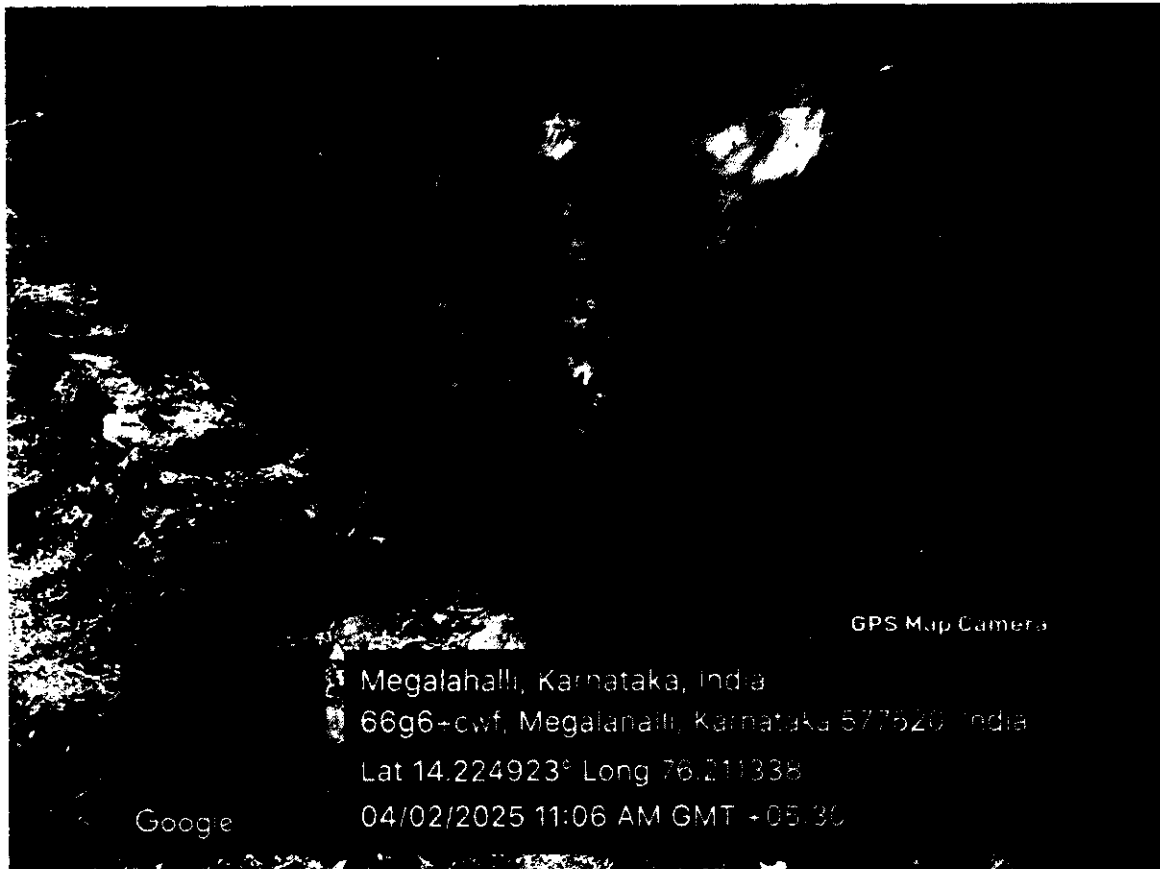
c. **D3** is located in the South block in East-South corner of the lease area, is an active dump. Currently around 1190m of retaining wall and 1364m of garland drain has been constructed in phased manner as per dumping progressed.

Dump-3 (D-3)	Retaining walls at the toe of waste dump	R-R dry stone masonry	1190/125 1	(1)/1	(2.9)/ 3	(3)/ 5	Remaining construction not feasible as per the field conditions due to Filled Material, Steep Slope
		C-C 1:4:8 in foundation	251	3.3		0.15	
	Retaining walls at intermediate locations of waste dump	R-R dry stone masonry	191/1364	1.5/1	3.1/2	2.7/3	
		C-C 1:4:8 in foundation	1364	2.3		0.15	

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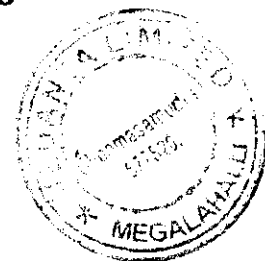


Garland Drain	Garland drain 1 m bottom width, 2 m top width and 1 m deep in all terraces	845/4615	(1.8)/2	1/0.5	1/1.5
	Garland drain 1 m bottom width, 2 m top width and 1 m deep in inclined Chutes)	80	2	0.5	1.5

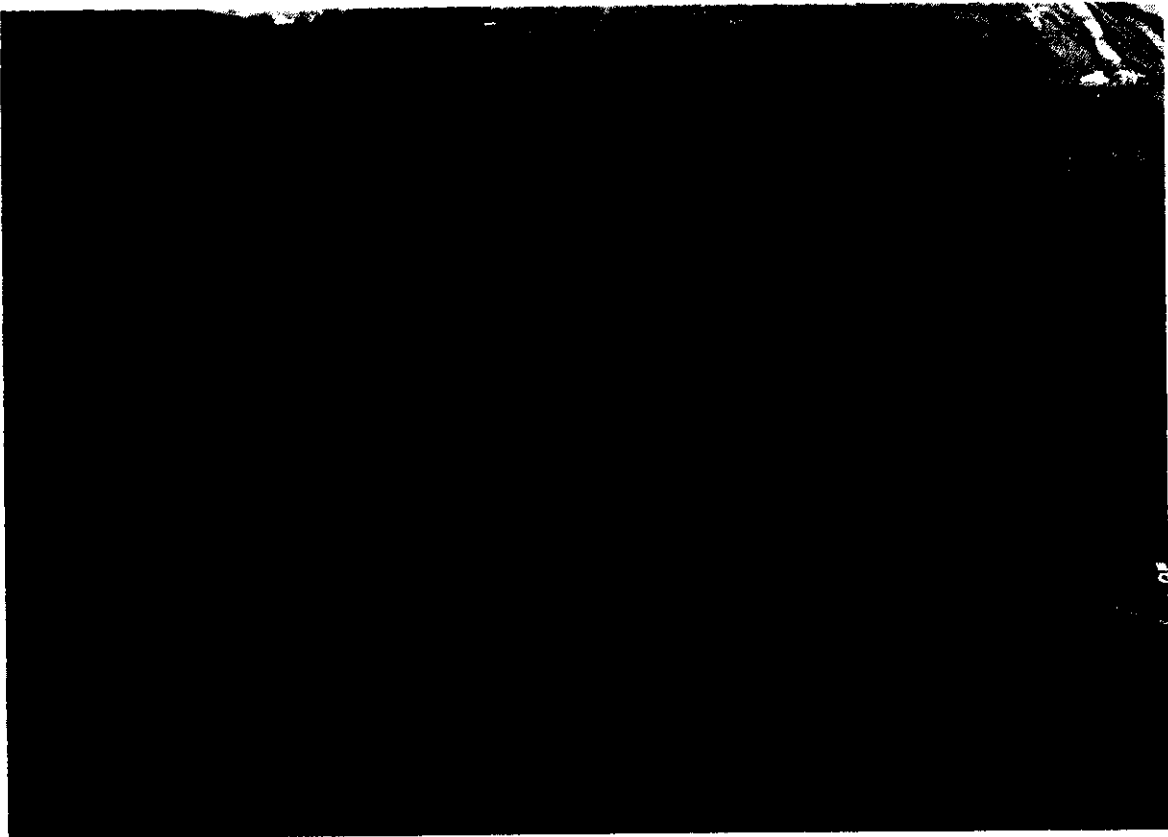


Retaining Wall at the toe of dump D3

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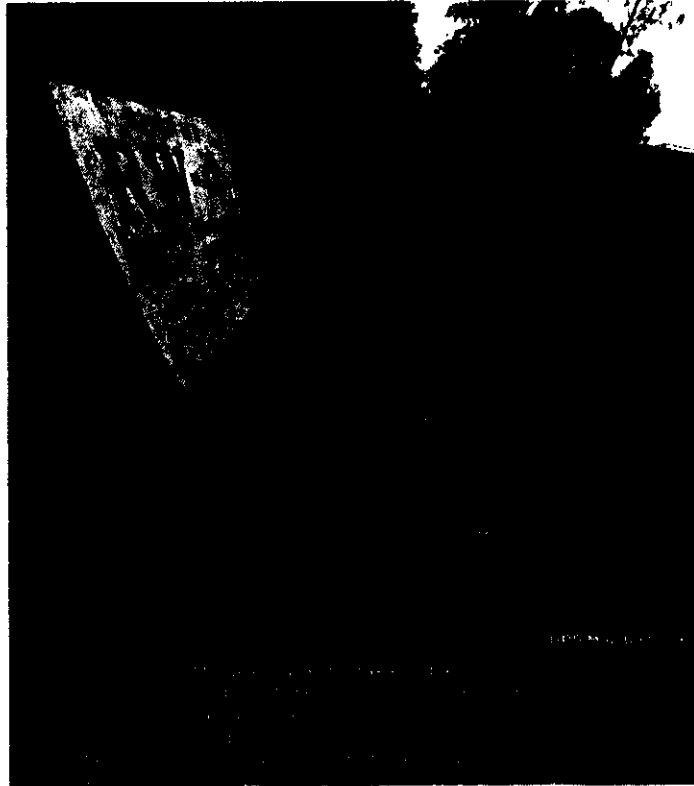
Bench stabilization is conducted in phased manner and plantation is conducted after geotextile laying on stabilized bench.



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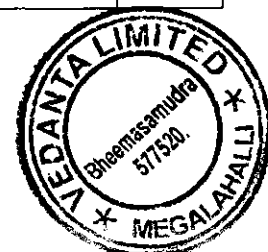
d. D4 is located in the South block in North-East corner of the lease area and around 607m of retaining wall and 443m of garland drains have been constructed.



Retaining Wall at the toe of dump D4

Dump-4 (D-4)	Retaining walls at the toe of waste dump	R-R dry stone masonry	607.53/672	1.9/1	2.7/3	3.1/5
		C-C 1:4:8 in foundation	672	3.3		0.15
	Retaining walls at intermediate locations of waste dump	R-R dry stone masonry	443	1	2	3
		C-C 1:4:8 in foundation	443	2.3		0.15
	Garland Drain	Garland drain 1 m bottom width, 2 m top width and 1 m	787.58/2000	2.1/2	1.2/0.5	1.5/1.5

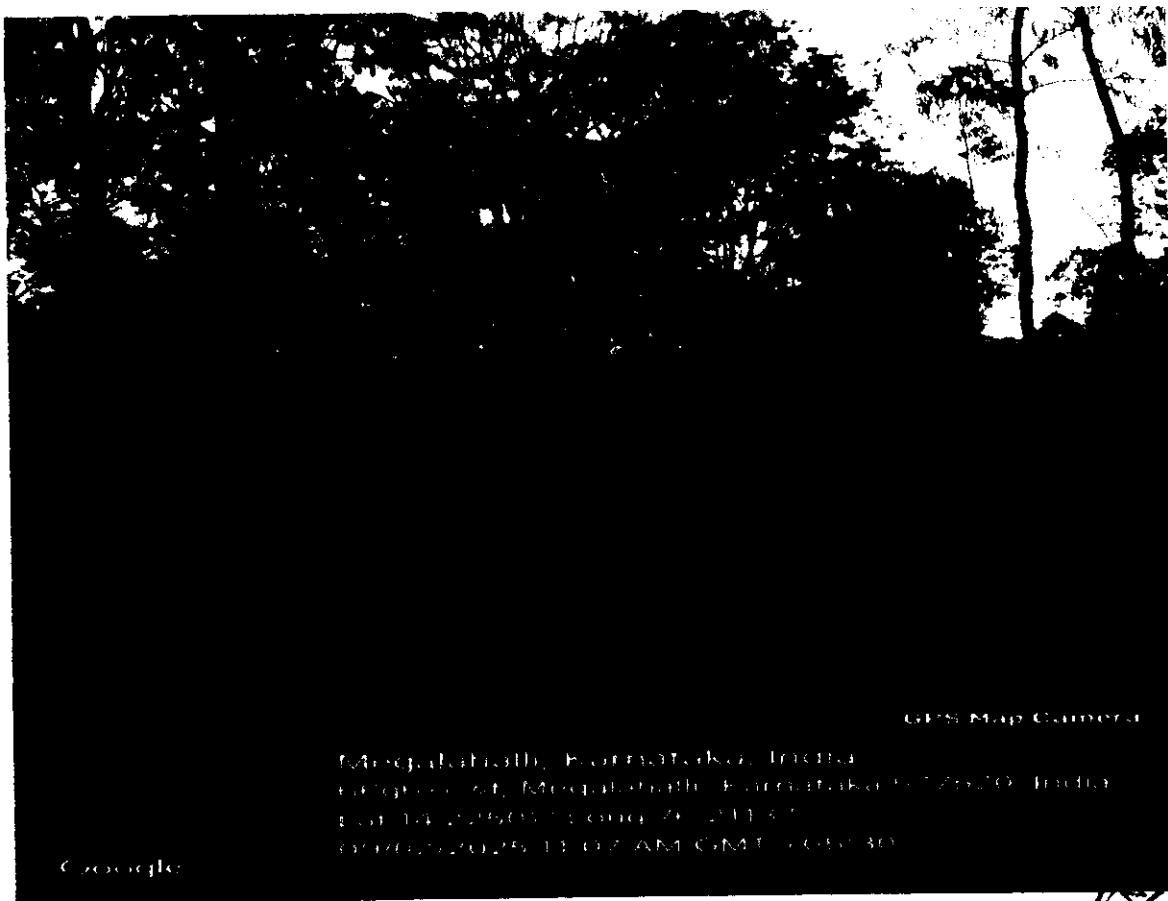
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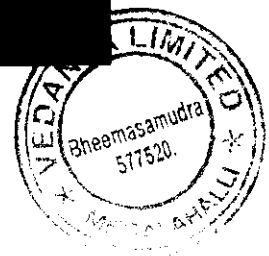
		deep in all terraces					
		Garland drain 1 m bottom width, 2 m top width and 1 m deep in inclined Chutes)	100	2	0.5	1.5	

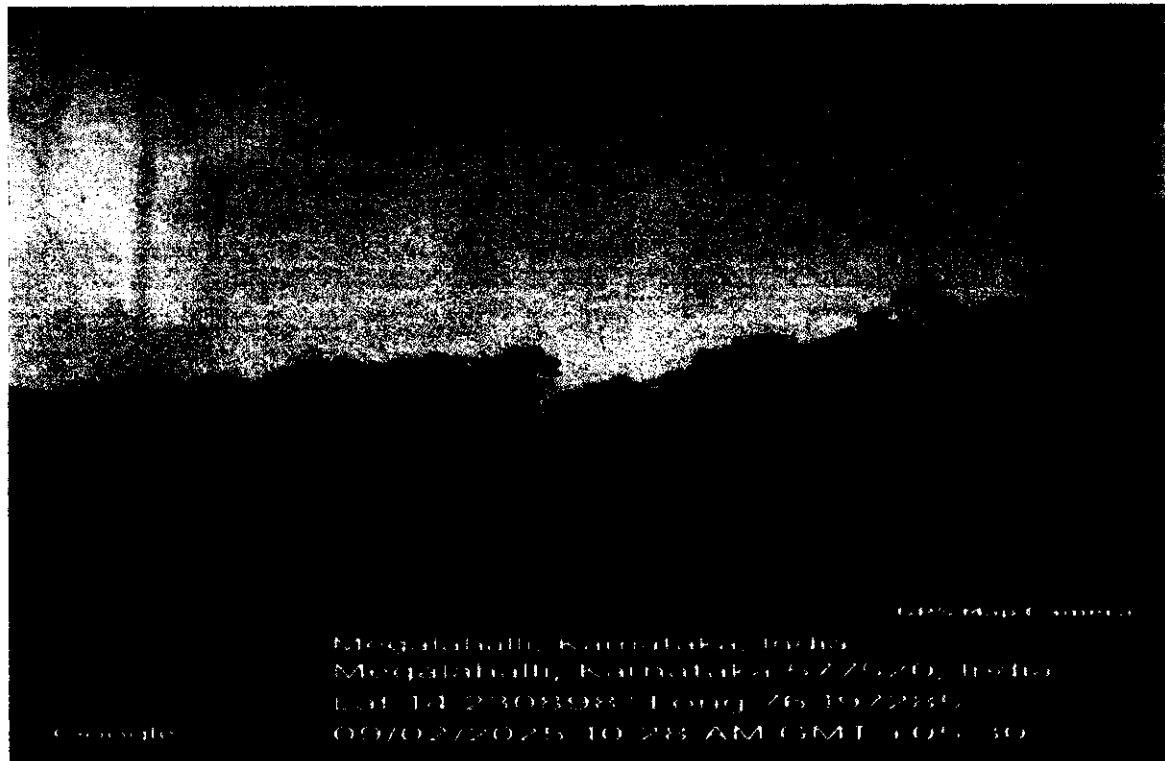
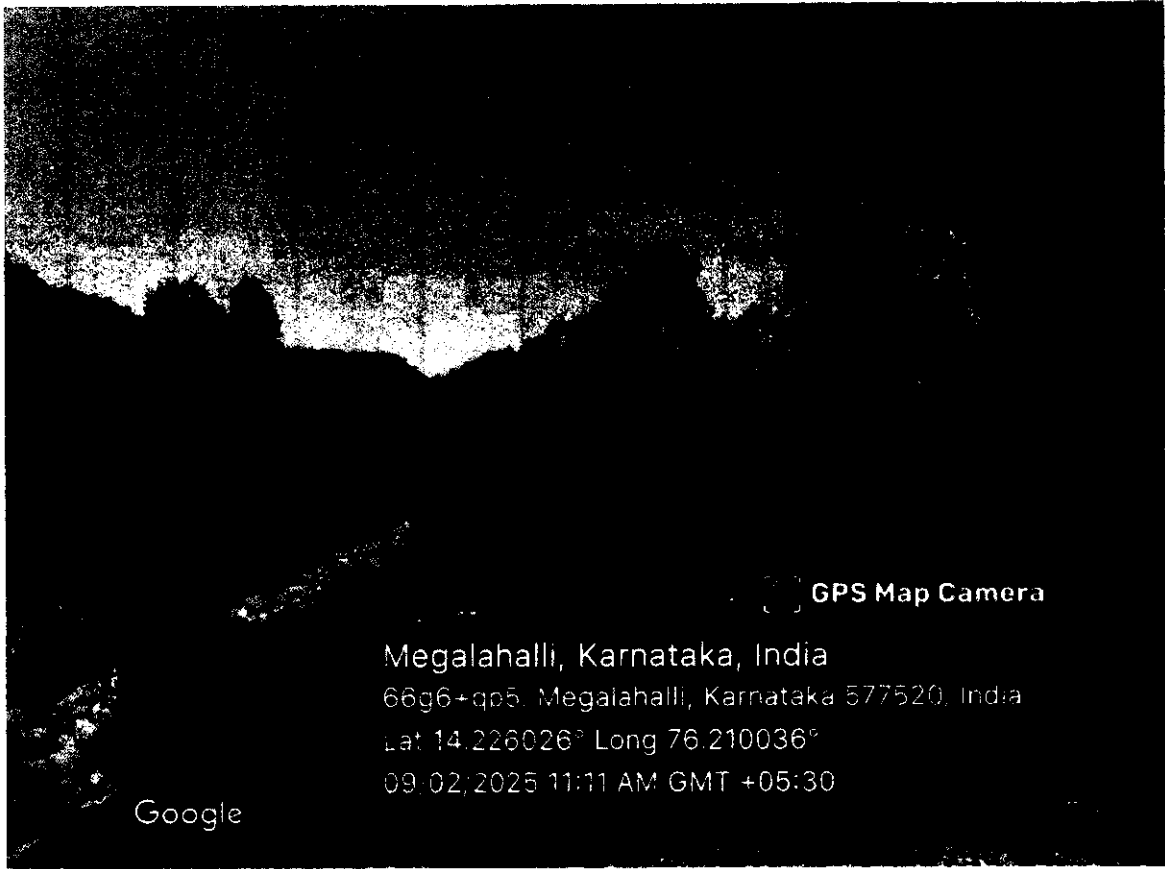
Safety Zone:

Safety zone of 7.5m width is developed all along the boundary of mine lease area with an extent of 5.03Ha. The area is demarcated by Green Pillars beyond which no working takes place and only plantation is developed in this area. The snapshots of Safety Zone is provided below:

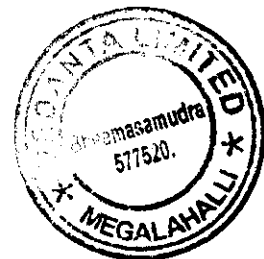


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Surface Water Management:

The run-off resulting from rainfall on the surface of the ML area if not allowed to flow through natural streams shall result in heavy erosion in the form of gullies and sheet erosion. This will result in land degradation and detachment of soil particles which in turn increase the turbidity of flowing water and thus impairing its quality. The rainwater is channelized and controlled through various engineering like retaining walls, gully plugs, check dams, garland drains and settling tanks depending upon the field conditions to prevent the further land degradation and rolling down the soil/waste material to the down slope.

Check dams would be constructed in some of the areas outside the ML to promote growth of vegetation to arrest flow of water and consequently to lead

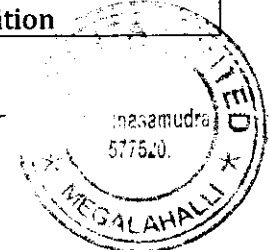
the stabilization of slopes/area and further prevention of deepening of gullies

and erosion. Settling tanks have been constructed to slow down the flow of water and to arrest loose sediments from waste dumps. The settling tanks are constructed in stone masonry in cement sand mortar 1:5 and is plastered from inside.

The storm water within the mine lease is properly channelized by means of drains, ERW pipes, etc to ensure no erosion.

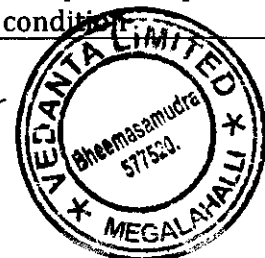
Details of Storm Water Management structures constructed are as follows:

Masonry Check Dam (20m X 2.5 m)	CDL-1	21/20	1.0/1.5	2.0/3	3.5/3	Additionally Constructed
	CDR-1	8/20	1.3/1.5	1.5/3	2.5/3	Additionally Constructed
	CDR-2	7.8/20	1.0/1.5	2.0/3	2.0/3	Additionally Constructed
	CDR-3	21/20	1.0/1.5	2.0/3	2.5/3	Additionally Constructed
	CDR-4	21/20	1.0/1.5	2.0/3	3.5/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
	CDR-5	21/20	1.2/1.5	2.2/3	2.5/3	Additionally Constructed
	CDR-6	19/20	1.6/1.5	2.6/3	2.5/3	Additionally Constructed
	CDR-7	22.4/20	1.6/1.5	2.6/3	2.6/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
	CDR-8	21.6/20	1.4/1.5	1.6/3	3.5/3	Constructed as per site specific condition

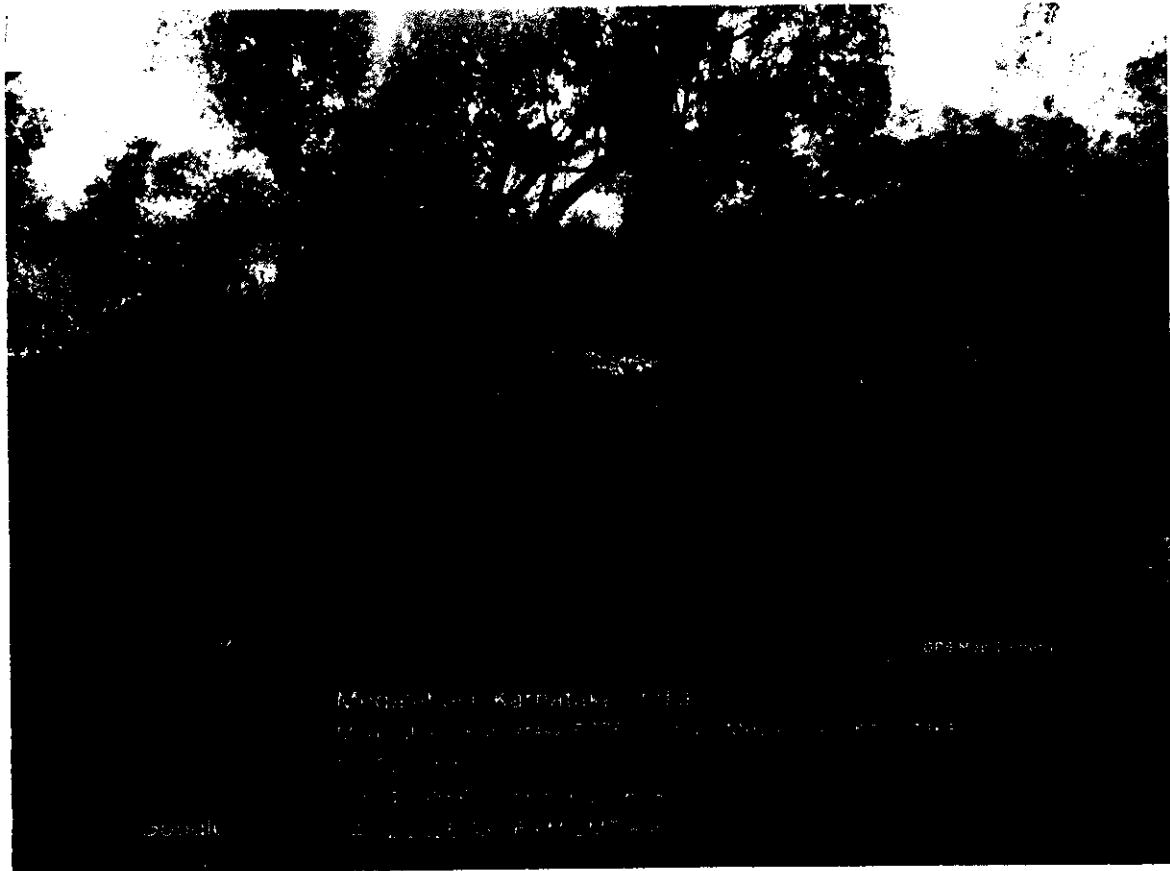


CDR-9	23.6/20	1.6/1.5	3.0/3	3.5/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDR-10	21/20	1.6/1.5	3.3/3	3.6/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDR-11	14.5/20	1.0/1.5	1.5/3	2.5/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDR-12	21/20	1.0/1.5	2.0/3	3.5/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDR-13	36/20	1.46/1.5	2.5/3	2.5/3	Additionally Constructed
CDR-14	19.6/20	1.4/1.5	2.4/3	2.6/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDR-15	14.2/20	1.5/1.5	2.5/3	2.2/3	Additionally Constructed
CDR-16	14/20	1.2/1.5	2.2/3	2.0/3	Additionally Constructed
CDR-17	16/20	1.0/1.5	2.6/3	2.0/3	Additionally Constructed
CDF-1	19/20	1.2/1.5	2.0/3	3.0/3	Additionally Constructed
CDF-2	33/20	1.5/1.5	2.5/3	3.5/3	Additionally Constructed
CDF-3	10/20	0.8/1.5	1.0/3	2.0/3	Additionally Constructed
CDF-4	14/20	1.4/1.5	2.2/3	2.0/3	Additionally Constructed
CDF-5	20.4/20	1.3/1.5	2.3/3	3.0/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDF-6	21.0/20	1.1/1.5	2.1/3	3.0/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDF-7	19.2/20	1.4/1.5	3.0/3	3.2/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDF-8	12.3/20	1.4/1.5	3.0/3	2.9/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDF-9	24.6/20	1.45/1.5	3.1/3	3.2/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDF-10	20.2/20	2.1/1.5	3.0/3	3.0/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDF-11	20.5/20	1.5/1.5	2.5/3	3.1/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDF-12	22.3/20	1.6/1.5	3.5/3	3.4/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
CDF-13	18.2/20	0.9/1.5	2.0/3	2.5/3	Additionally Constructed
CDF-14	14.2/20	1.2/1.5	1.2/3	2.0/3	Additionally Constructed
CDF-15	23.2/20	1.8/1.5	3.1/3	3.0/3	Constructed as per site specific condition

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	CDF-16	9.6/20	1.0/1.5	2.0/3	2.5/3	Additionally Constructed
	CDF-17	20.2/20	1.5/1.5	3.0/3	3.0/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
	CDF-18	21.6/20	1.6/1.5	3.0/3	3.0/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
Silt Settling Tank	SPR-1	60/30	15/15		3/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
	SPR-2	80/30	20/15		3.5/3	Additionally Constructed
	SPR-3	10/30	10/15		3.0/3	Sump below Dump D2
	SPR-4	9/30	9/15		2.5/3	Additionally Constructed
	SPF-1	60/30	15/15		3/3	Constructed as per site specific condition
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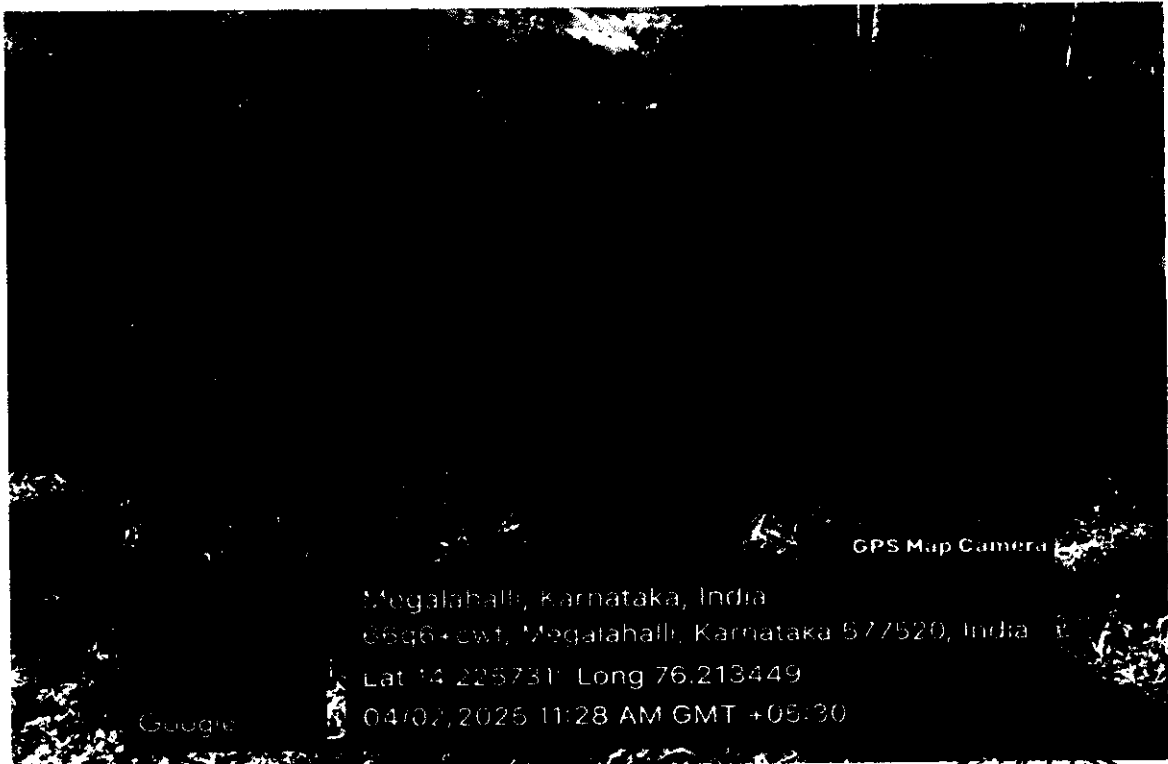




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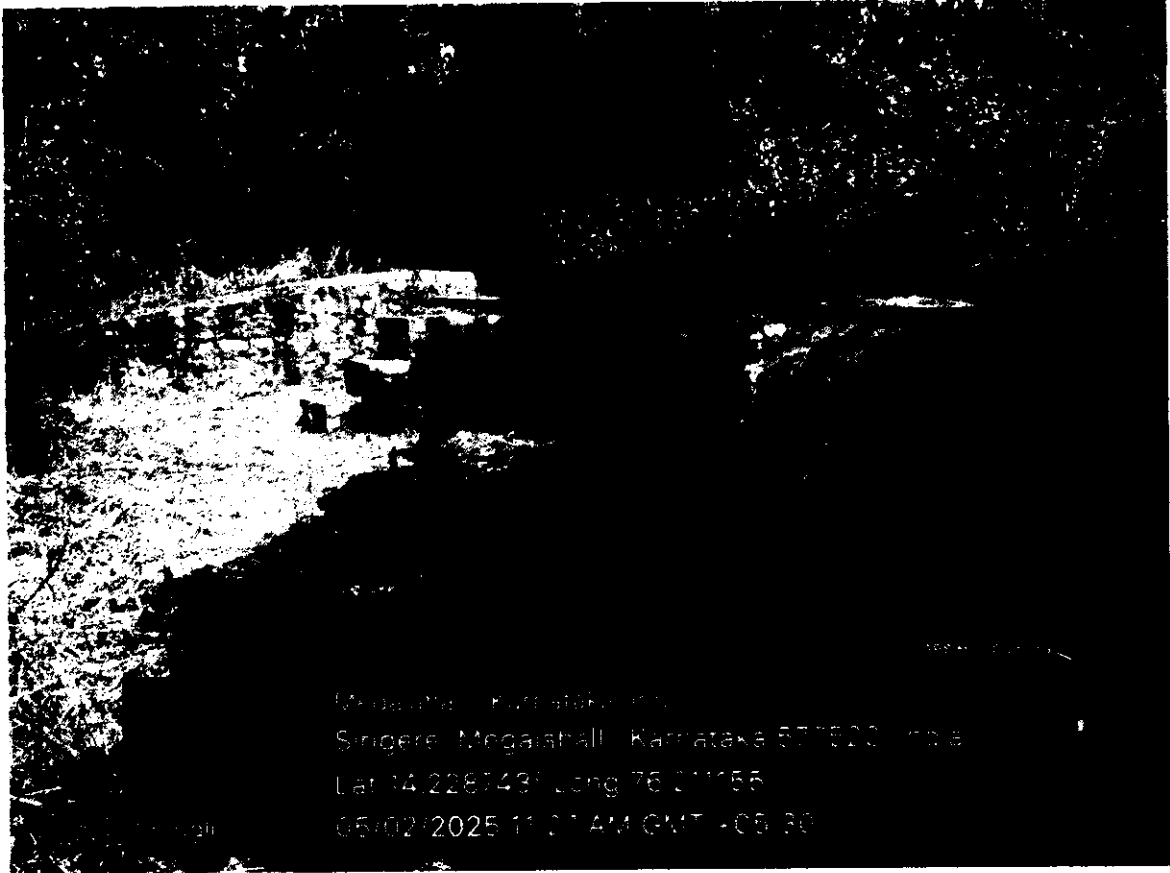
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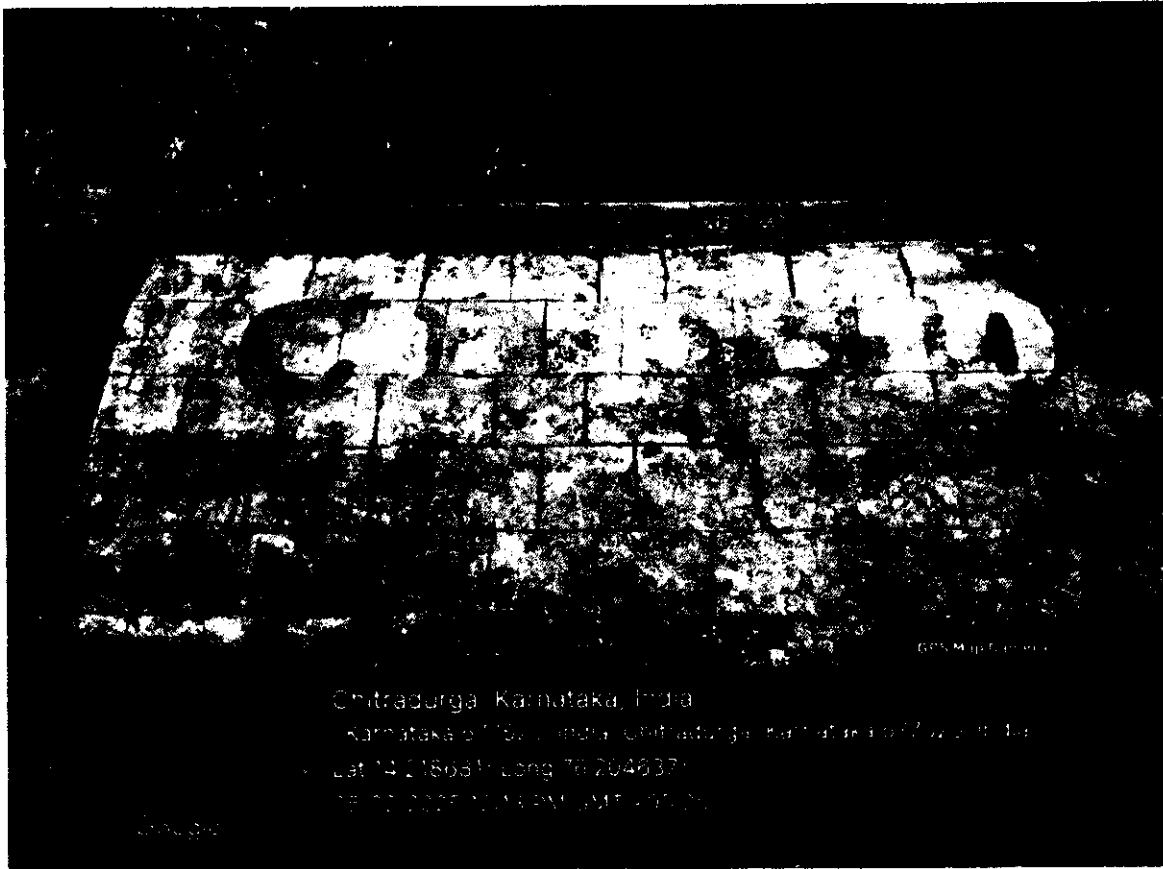
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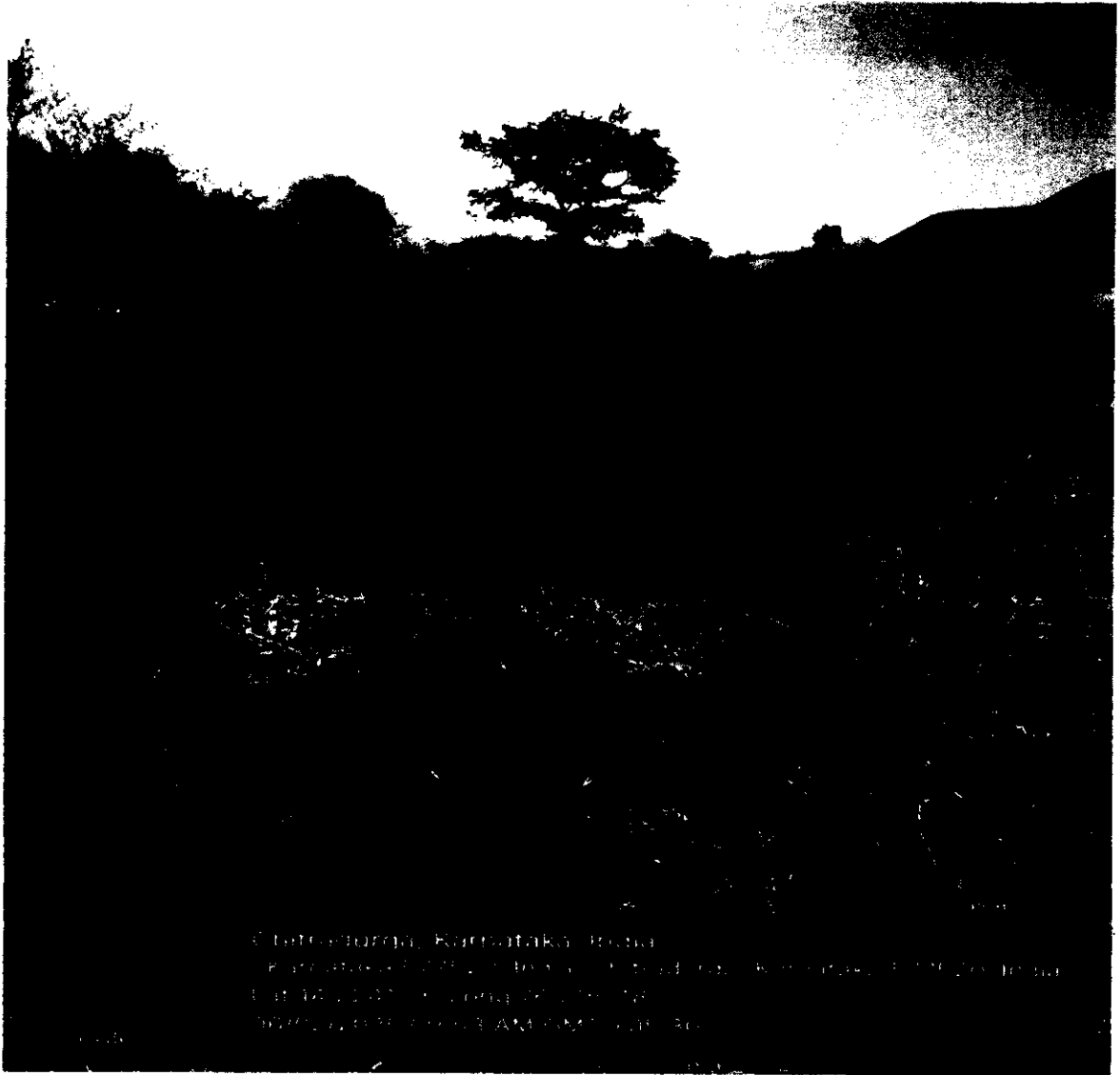
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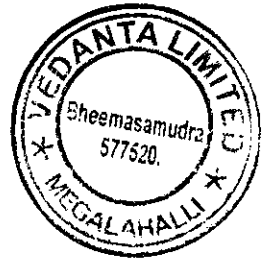
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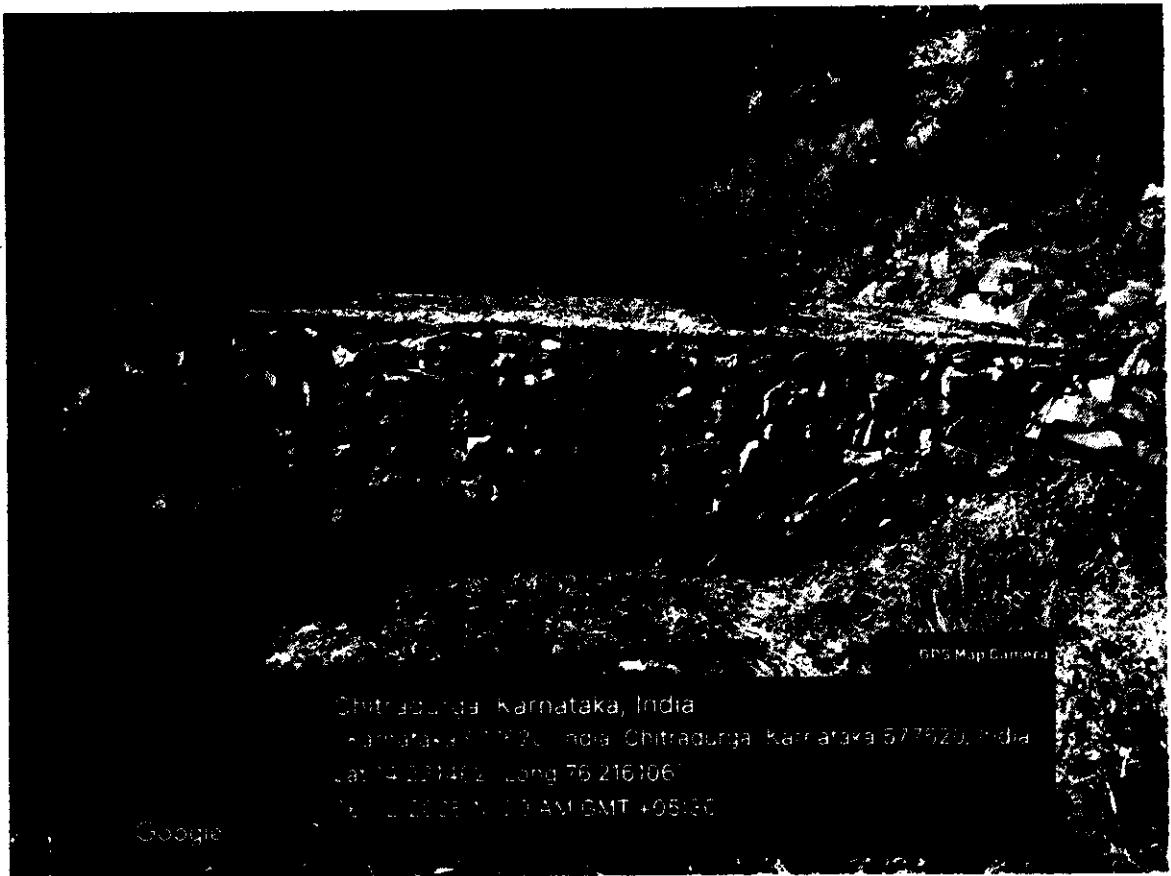
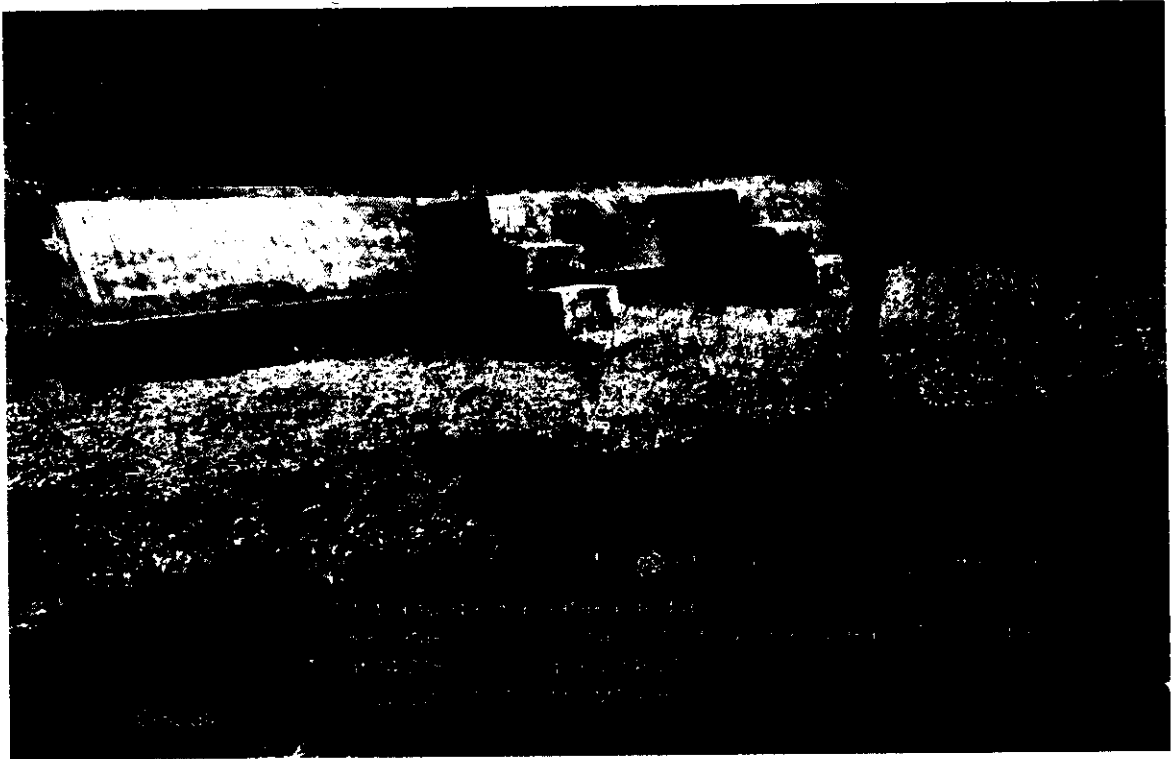




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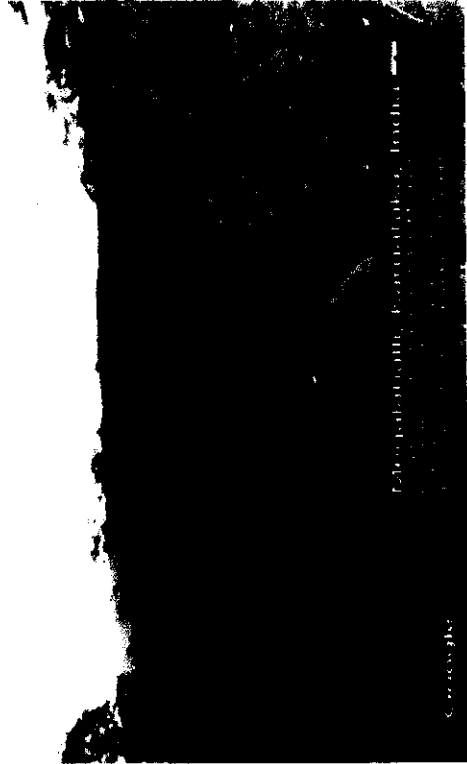
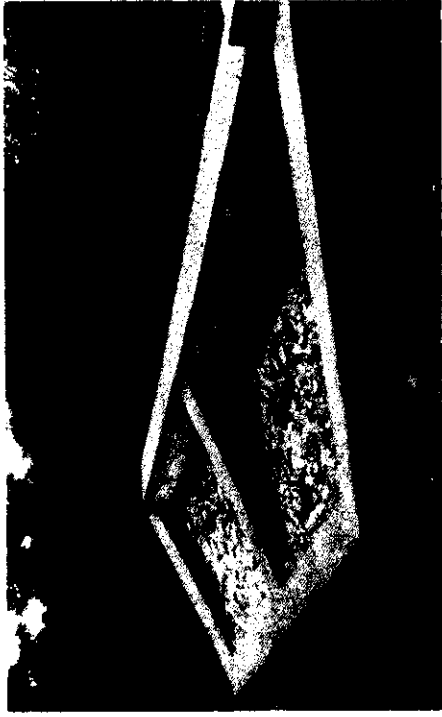
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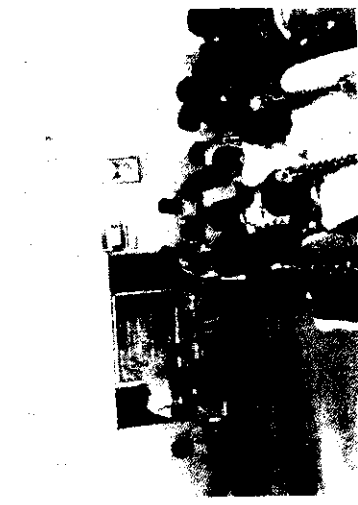
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Date : 03.06.2025- Awareness session in Anjaneya Swamy school

Date: 04.06.2025 Awareness session in Bommavanagathalli village



Date: 05.06.2025- Plantation drive Chitradurga STP



Date: 05.06.2025- Plantation drive in Malalli School



Concluding Day event by Mass plantation drive in Shanthivana- Sirigere and Prize distribution



