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Date 22-08-2023

To,

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

Sir,

**Sub:** Renewal of 10.00 hectares of forest land for approach road from Muraripura village (Ingress) and Krishna Nagar village in North Eastern (NE) Block, Sandur North Range and Taluk, Ballari District for Timmappanagundi Iron Ore Mines ML No. 2605 in favour of M/s Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Ltd)

**Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/51647/2020 [FORM-B]**

- Ref:**
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi letter F.No.4-KRC1393/2022-Ban/1077 dated 12/13-12-2022 *[sought additional information and clarification]*
  2. This office letter of even number dated 06-01-2023 to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and User Agency *[seeking additional information]*
  3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division letter No. M1/MNG/KSPCL/ML No.2605/Road/2020-21 dated 24-03-2023 *[EDS reply]*
  4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle letter No. M1/MNG/Rew/CR-02/2008-09/MML dated 06-04-2023 *[EDS reply]*

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Bengaluru vide Ref (1) has requested to furnish certain information / clarification for further consideration of the above-mentioned proposal. The same was communicated by this office vide Ref (2) to the field officers seeking the required information.

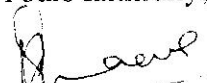
In response, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (3) and (4) respectively have submitted the information/clarification for the points raised by Government of India. Based on the said reports, the reply to the Government of India is submitted as follows.

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(i)	The complete compliance report on the conditions stipulated in forest clearance approval letter dated 18th April, 2001 and 8th November, 2004 for diversion of 78.50 ha and 98.224 ha of forest land respectively.	Complete compliance report of the conditions stipulated in forest clearance approval letter dated 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2001 and 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2004 for diversion of 78.50 ha and 98.224 ha of forest land enclosed is herewith as <b>Annexure-I</b> .
(ii)	It may be clarified whether the non-forest land identified to an extent of 10 ha in Sy. No.1251 of Kudthini Village is part of CA land identified in lies of earlier diversions or otherwise.	It is observed that, the User Agency has adjusted CA land over an extent of 10.00 Ha for this instant proposal in Sy No. 1251 of Kuduthini Village [Out of 371.56 ha which was already mutated in favour of Forest Department in the year 1999].
(iii)	As per guideline issued by Ministry dated 27.05.2015, 02.08. 2017 and as per para 7.9 comprehensive guideline, the mining projects for which diversion of forest land have been approved before 27/05/2015, the user agency is required to take approval under F(C)Act, 1980 in respect of the forest land falling in safety zone outside the mining lease area. The status of the compliance of the same may be intimated.	As per the land use plan approved by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) and verification in field, the Safety Zone area is falling inside the mining lease area. Therefore, the User Agency has already obtained Forest Clearance for Safety Zone area also.
(iv)	The State Government has recommended diversion of forest land for the approach road in favor of Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited. The Status of Change of name of user agency from erstwhile Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited may be intimated.	The proposal for Change of name from erstwhile Mysore Minerals Limited to Karnataka State Mineral Corporation Limited has been submitted by the undersigned vide letter No: M1/MNG/KSMCL(MML)/Change of Name/2021-22 Dated: 27.04.2022.  Further, the Government of India has sought additional information vide letter No.8-28/2020-FC dated.29.09.2022. The same has been submitted to the Government of Karnataka by this office vide letter dated 22-08-2023 (enclosed).

The facts are submitted for kind information and for onward submission to Government of India for further needful.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Vijay Sharma, IFS)

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

**Copy to:**

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
3. M/s Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Mysore Minerals Limited) TTMC "A" Block, 5th Floor, BMTC Building, KH Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru – 560 002 for information.