

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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Dated.29.08.2023

From
The Special Secretary to Government,
E.F.S&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office,
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sub: EFS&T Dept. - Diversion of 4.23 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V) Kanigiri (M) Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals – Submission of modified approval mining plan - Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-2, Dated:24.01.2020.
2) State Govt.Lr.No.275/S.II/2020, EFS&T(Sec.II) dept. Dt.14.07.2020.
3) From the RO, GoI, MoEF & C.C, Chennai, Lr.No.4-APB103/2012-CHN/175,dt.04.09.2020.
4) From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:21.03.2021.
5) From the GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Vijayawada F.No 4-APB103/2020-CHN/52, Dated.31.07.2021.
6)State Govt.Memo.No.275/S.II/2020, EFS&T(Sec.II) dept. Dt.05.08.2021.
7)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:21.03.2021.
8)The GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB103/2020-CHN/80, dt.04.10.2021.
9)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated.08.11.2022 and even No.dt.28.03.2023.

I invite your attention to the references cited.

2. In the reference 1st cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has stated that the User Agency has furnished the DGPS authenticated maps for the area proposed for diversion of 4.72 Ha. (Mining area-2.31 Ha, Safety Zone area-0.65 Ha and Road area-1.76 Ha) of forest land in Compt.No.450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V) Kanigiri (M) Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals. Whereas the Asst. Director of Mines & Geology. Markapur recommending for grant of Quarry Lease for Quartz over an extent of 4.23 Ha of forest land in Compt.No.450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V) Kanigiri (M) Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals for a period of 20 years.

3. As the matter stood thus, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force vide letter dt.11.03.2022 accorded permission to the User Agency for re-conducting DGPS Survey restricting the area to 4.23 Ha. The User Agency conducted the DGPS Survey in the presence of Kanigiri range staff on 26.03.2022 and the total area arrived mining area is 4.23 Ha (Mining area 1.79 Ha, Safety Zone area 0.67 Ha and Road area 1.77 Ha.). The Forest Range Officer, inspected the above location along with

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concerned section staff and verified the DGPS surveyed maps submitted by the User Agency. Therefore, applicant wants to modify the mining plan based on re- conducted DGPS Survey and revise the reserves estimation.

4. In the reference 9th cited (copy enclosed), the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has furnished modified mining plan for a period of Five (5) years in respect of diversion of 4.23 ha of forest land in Compartment no.450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V), Kanigiri (M), Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals as approved by the Deputy Director of Mines and Geology, Ongole vide letter dt.29.07.2022. When the Ind.& Com.Dept., has been consulted for their remarks on the revised modified mining plan. The Ind. & Com. Dept. have informed that the Approved Mining Plan is valid for the entire duration of the lease period after grant of lease. In the said Approved Mining Plan initially a plan for conduct of Mining operations upto 5 years will be indicated. Subsequently, the lessee shall apply for Scheme of Mining, 120 days before expiry of first 5 years period mentioned in the Approved Mining Plan. Likewise, for every 5 years, the lessee shall apply for approval of Scheme of Mining till expiry of the lease period.

5. I request you to consider the modified approved mining plan and obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for diversion of 4.23 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V) Kanigiri (M) Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals and also requested to impose one of the condition i.e., the User Agency shall pay an amount of Rs.2.50 lakh per ha as security deposit to ensure reclamation of mines in the area, while according in principle (Stage-1) approval.

Yours faithfully,


for Special Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangaligiri.
M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals, Nellore.
SF/SC.