

No. 11/MNG/RENW/CR-11/1990-91(NMDC)
Encls: Proposal in 4 sets

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.
Date: 25-11-2020.

To,
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub:- Diversion of 75.92 ha of forest land for construction of screening plant, Tailing dam, Slurry pipeline corridor & water pipeline corridor at Donimalai in favour of M/s National Minerals Development Corporation Limited, Donimalai, Sandur – reg.
(FC online application No.FP/KA/OTHERS/14576/2015)

- Ref:- 1) Your letter No.A(5):MNG:CR-15/2015-16 dated: 18-07-2019. Addressed to the Executive Director NMDC, Donimalai, Sandur Taluk and copy marked to the DCF, Ballari and to this office.
- 2) Letter No.M1:MNG:NMDC/M.L.No.1111/2018-19/20 dated: 21-03-2020 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari. (Submitted compliance of the stipulated conditions)
- 3) This office letter of even No. dated: 29-04-2020. Addressed to the DCF, Ballari and copy submitted to you. (shortcomings and clarifications sought for)
- 4) Letter No.M1:MNG:NMDC/M.L.No.1111/2018-19/1030 dated: 27-10-2020 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari. (submission of clarifications to the shortcomings noticed by this end)

In light of the directions issued by your goodself to the above user agency for submitting the condition wise compliance to the conditions stipulated in the forest clearance accorded vide Government of Karnataka's order No.FEE 154 FFM 2008 dated: 15-08-2020 r/w modification dated: 01-02-2014 in respect of the associated mining lease (ML.No.2396) the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari in this letter (2) cited above has submitted the individual conditions wise compliance report in respect of ML.No.2396 and 1111 pertains to M/s NMDC, Donimalai, for taking further needful action in the matter.

Accordingly, on going through the report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, this office has invariably communicated some shortcomings and clarifications on the 5 points vide letter (3) cited above. In turn, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari in his self contained letter (4) cited above has resubmitted the condition wise compliance report on both the leases of the above user agency after getting it re-verified by the concerned field officers in conformity with the available records in the division office.

On going through the self contained report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari in his letter (4) cited above, the justifications / clarifications explored by the above user agency has been submitted alongwith the comments / observations of the field officers. It is also

amply clarified that the production capacity for the said mining leases is 14 MTPA (7 MTPA per each lease). Moreover, it is also made it very clear that the existing screening plant is exclusively meant to cater the 7 MPTA of iron ore which is being produced from Donimalai Iron Ore Mines(ML.No.2396). Now the screening plant (SP-2) is proposed exclusively to cater the another & MTPA of iron ore to be produced from Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mines(ML.No.1111).

Therefore, while agreeing with the report submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari, I am submitting therewith the 4 sets of the condition wise compliance report to the conditions as stipulated in the Forest Clearance accorded by the Government of Karnataka in both the orders with a request to move the matter with the government for according approval for diversion of forest land over extent of 75.92 ha in DM Block, Sandur North Range, Sundur in favour of the M/s NMDC, Donimalai, Sandur.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

1. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
2. Copy to M/s National Minerals Development Corporation Limited, Donimalai, Sandur, for information.

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

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