

No.M1/MNG/SKME/Conveyor belt/2019-20

Encl : 5 sets of proposal

Office of the
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Bellary Division, Bellary.
Dated: 27.12.2019

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub : Diversion of 12.4724 ha forest land in R.M.Block and S.M.Block, Sandur Taluk, (in Sandur North R.M.Block 6.6978 ha) Ballari District for Downhill Pipe Conveyor System, Service Roads, hopper, water pipe line, Transmission lines and railway sidings from Ramanadurga Iron ore mine (M.L.No.2141) infavour of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Pvt Ltd, Ballari

Ref : 1) Online Application No. FP/KA/MIN/39394/2019 dated:13.03.2019
2) Proposal received from Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bengaluru on :06.06.2019.
3) This office even number letter dated:09.12.2019 & 26.12.2019.
4) Your office letter No. M1/MNG/CR-19/2010-11(SKME) dated:20.12.2019
5) Letter No. SKMEPL-2141/DCF/19-20/04 dated: 27.12.2019 of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral Export Pvt Ltd, Sandur

With reference to the above subject, this office has already submitted the proposal for diversion of 12.4724 ha forest land in R.M.Block and S.M.Block, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for Downhill Pipe Conveyor System, Service Roads, hopper, water pipe line, Transmission lines and railway sidings from Ramanadurga Iron ore mine (M.L.No.2141) infavour of M/s. Sri. Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Pvt Ltd, Ballari vide reference(3) above.

Further, you have sought following information vide reference(4) above, the user agency has submitted the justification for this project (Copy enclosed). Hence, I am herewith submitting the following information.

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1	During the field inspection of aforesaid mining lease area conducted on 19-12.2019, it has been noticed that the above user agency is already having one road from his mining lease area. But you have recommended another patch of forest land to be broken up afresh over an extent of 12.4724 ha, which can be avoided.	The user agency has submitted justification for selecting the route which covers area an extent of 12.4724 ha is as mentioned below : 1) Towards south of the M/s. SKMEPL lease lies another lease name of M/s. Sri. V.N.K.Menon where in this existing FC road passes, so it is not possible to propose the conveyor project within their lease area. 2) The contours present along the existing FC road do not support the conveyor alignment as at many places the road is very steep and also number of 'U' curves is more which will pose serious problem for the smooth descend of the conveyor.

3) The existing road is currently being used by other leases like., M/s. VNK Menon, M.L.No.2543, M/s. VESCO, M.L.No.2296 & M/s. ZTC, M.L.No.2547 for transportation of iron ore. If conveyor belt is constructed all along the existing road, then transportation of iron ore by all lessees may not be possible during the construction phased / period.

4) If we proposed and construct pipe conveyor on the existing road, we need at least, 10 Transfer Towers to connect 10 pipe conveyors. Each of these transfer towers are very messy and would pollute entire surrounding areas. Further, during the course of the construction, require minimum 30 meters X 30 meters (Approximately) for each Transfer Tower Construction Plus approach, DE approach lengths of 2 meters X 50 meters X 10 meter to (Approximately) for each conveyor. Right now, the existing road average width is 7 meters to 10 meters only, and this construction of conveyor may not be possible all along the existing road without proposing the extra area in forest area (Other than the existing roads).

And as per observation and clarification mentioned above, more forest area may be broken if we construct pipe conveyor belt all along the existing road than the proposed area (i.e.12.4724 ha).

Hence, the present area proposed by the user agency (i.e.12.4724 ha) may be considered for this project. Hence, all the 5 sets of proposal are submitted herewith.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Ballari Division, Ballari

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Copy to M/s Sri Kumaraswamy Mineral Exports Pvt., Ltd., No.462, 14th Ward, SMIORE Colony, Sandur for information.

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