OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FOREST BALLARI DIVISION, BALLARI

No.M1/MNG/NMDC/M.L.No.1111/2018-19

Dated: 30.12.2022

To,

Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 75.92 ha forest land for Construction of Screening Plant, Tailing Dam, Slurry pipeline Corridor & Water Pipeline Corridor at Donimalai of M/s, National Minerals Development Corporation Limited, Donimalai, Sandur, (FC Online Application No. FP/KA/OTHERS/14576/2015) – Reg.

Ref:1) Letter No. 8-17/2021-FC Dt. 10.11.2022 of the Government of India

- 2) Letter No.A5(1)/MNG/CR-15/2015-16 Dt.22.11.2022 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore.
- 3) This office even number letter Dt.14.09.2022
- 4) Letter No.RFO/SSR/M/s. NMDC/ML No.1111/2022-23 Dt.14.12.2022 of Range Forest officer, Sandur South Range, Sandur
- 5) Letter No. ACF/TA M/s. NMDC/ML No.1111/2022-23 Dt.14.12.2022 of Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ballari Sub-Division, Ballari
- 6) M/s. NMDC Limited letter Dt. 03.12.2022

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With reference to the above subject, the Government of India has sought following information regarding diversion of 75.92 ha forest land for Construction of Screening Plant, Tailing Dam, Slurry pipeline Corridor & Water Pipeline Corridor at Donimalai of M/s, National Minerals Development Corporation Limited, Donimalai, Sandur vide letter under Ref(1).

Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Bangalore has directed the undersigned to submit the information / documents as indicated above at earliest vide letter under Ref(2). The same has been received from the User Agency and as well as field officers vide letter under Ref(4), (5) & (6).

Therefore, I am herewith submitting the following information.

1 1	submit the justification for creation of two tailing dams in the forest land in view of the observations made by IRO Bangalore.	Information submitted Now, M/s. NMDC has dropped the Tailing dam- II and requested for diversion of Forest land is 53.67 hectares (75.92 Ha – 22.25 Ha) which includes Screening Plant-II, Tailing dam-I and Slurry / water pipeline and submitted justification for dropping of Tailing dam-II. The same has enclosed herewith as Annexure-I.
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ii The State Government shall clarify regarding rights claimed under FRA 2006 as per the submission made vide letter Dt.13.10.2022 vis-à-vis certificate Dt.13.09.2019 submitted by the DC, Ballari earlier with the instant proposal.

The said issue of FRA claims has been raised with respect to proposed Tailing dam-II area of 22.25 Ha. However, M/s. NMDC has dropped the proposed Tailing dam-II (22.25 Ha) from the original proposal of 75.92 Ha.

Moreover, FOC has been booked vide FOC No. 12/2020-21 Dt.14.07.2020 & 08/2022-23 Dt.15.12.2022 w.r.t encroached area of around 1.83 Ha (which is part of dropped area of 22.25 Ha) and this encroachment will be evicted subsequently.

This is for your kind information and needful action.

Yours Faithfully, Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari

1) Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation), Bangalore for kind information.

2) Copy to M/s. NMDC Donimalai, Sandur for information.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari