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(ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು) ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿOffice of the
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, 18ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ
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Encl.:

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To,

The Conservator of Forests
Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sub: Diversion of 32.49 hectare of forest land (30.9 hectare for mining lease and 2.40 hectare for approach road) in Ramanamalai Block Forest, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District [*Ramdev Iron Ore Mine ML No.2563; erstwhile C-category mine e-auctioned*] in favour of M/s MSPL Limited, Hosapete Ballari *the preferred Bidder in e-auction*

Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/50114/2020 [FORM-A]

- Ref:** 1. This office even letter dated 03-08-2021 [*submission proposal seeking Stage-I approval*], letter dated 22-11-2022 & 23-12-2022 [*communication of EDS query to CCF Ballari*] and 21-10-2024 and 06-11-2025 [*addressed to GoK w.r.t reply to EDS query raised by GoI*]
2. Government of Karnataka Order No. FEE 53 FFM 2022 (e) dated 13-10-2022 [*communication of the proposal seeking Stage-I approval*] and 28-11-2024 [*replies to the query raised by GoI*]
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter No.4-KRC1387/2022-BAN dated 31-01-2025

In response to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) to the Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) to the Government of India. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Integrated Regional Office), Bangalore vide Ref (3) letter dated has requested to furnish following clarification/ information in order to forward the proposal to the Ministry.

1. The specific comments of the State Government with regard to the use of road which was used by erstwhile lessee, as requested by this office vide letter dated 6th December, 2022.
2. The approach road now proposed by the State Government passes through mining lease of M/s Lakshmi Minerals and it involves re-diversion of 1.30 ha. apart from

2.40 ha proposed for diversion. Therefore, the user agency is required to submit a consolidated proposal as per the extant rules/guideline issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam), 1980.

3. The Regional Office vide letter dated 9th October, 2023 had accorded approval for transfer of Forest Clearance involving diversion of 30.09 ha of forest land from erstwhile FC lease holder Mis Kanhaiyalal Dudheria to M/s. MSPL Limited with working permission for a period of one year for fulfilling the conditions. Therefore, State Government is requested furnish the details of the road used by the lessee during the working permission period.

You are therefore required to inform the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division to provide the details / information / documents / clarification and submit the same to this office at earliest for further communication of the same to the Government of India through the Government of Karnataka for further consideration of the proposal for in-principle stage-I approval.

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

Copy to:

1. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division, Ballari for information.
2. M/s MSPL Limited, Baldota Enclave, AbherajBaldota Road, Hosapete, Ballar-583 203 for information.