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Dated the 3rd March, 2025

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru – 560 001.

Subject : Diversion of 4.035 ha. of forest land in Swamymalai (SM) Block, Near Hilikunte village, Sandur South Range, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for approach road to mining lease No. 0016 (e-auctioned C Category mine) in favour of M/s. Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Ltd, Pune.(Online Proposal No. FP/KA/MIN/143973/2021)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government letter No.FEE47FFM2024 dated 12.02.2025 on the subject mentioned above and to inform that in response to this office letter dated 09/12/2024, State Government has forwarded the justification furnished by the user agency without any specific comments. Therefore, the State Government may kindly examine the instant proposal in more detailed manner including its inescapability and provide specific comments for submission of above mentioned fresh proposal which involves felling of large number of trees when there is already approved road in place for approach to mining lease.

Further, it is also informed that proposed road involves re-diversion of 1.389 ha already diverted in favour of M/s KIOCL. Therefore, State Government is also requested to clarify whether the user agency has applied for re-diversion for the said area or otherwise.

Yours faithfully

(M.K Shambhu)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. M/s Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, Laxmanrao Kirloskar Road, Khadki,Pune,Maharashtra