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DEMAND LETTER

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Department of Forest & Wildlife
Bellary, Karnataka

Subject: Diversion of forest land for the proposed 'Approach road' connecting to recently allocated 'Malagolla Iron Ore Mine' (ML No. 2313 -Nandi mines) project: Submission of Hard copy (FP/KA/ROAD/21842/2016) as per the email communication.

Sir,

M/s JSW Steel Ltd. has been declared as the "Preferred Bidder" for 5 'C category of Mines' vide an E-Auction process conducted in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015. These mines are located in Sandur region of Ballary District of Karnataka. Early operation of these mines would help in reducing dependence on sourcing and transporting iron ores from a long distance such as Chhattisgarh & Odisha states.

Malagolla Iron Ore Mine' (ML No. 2313) also known as Nandi mines is one of these 5 C categories of mines allocated to us. The transfer of existing statutory approvals including the forest clearance of this Malagolla Iron Ore Mine to us, is in process as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order WP(C) no. 562/2009; dt. 30.7.2015 (*Annexure I*). Once the mine becomes operational, we will be requiring an approach road for the evacuation of mined ore. This resulted in undertaking the survey and demarcating land for the approach road.

During the survey we realized that, the proposed approach road involves forest land and its diversion is necessary. Therefore, as necessitated, we have submitted proposal for 'Approach road' connecting to recently allocated 'Malagolla Iron Ore Mine' (ML No. 2313 - Nandi mines) project. The proposal has been accepted after scrutiny and we were informed through email to submit hard copies of the proposal to your office.

The proposed 'Approach Road', is an existing approach road under use by the erstwhile lessee and will not be disturb any undisturbed forest land or habitat. Also the area of the approach has been kept at 5.83 ha, which is bare minimum for movement of vehicles on such a terrain. We therefore request you to kindly grant your approval for diversion of forest land involved in the approach road. Approach road is must for making the allocated mines by the Dept. of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Karnataka.

As required, equal size of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land have been identified as a private land within the proposed eco-sensitive zone of Daroji Bear Sanctuary.



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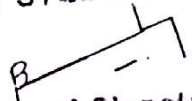
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The Salient Features of the proposed Approach Road are as following:-

- Shape of proposed forest land to be diverted is linear
- The length of proposed approach road is 4854 meter.
- The existing road width is 7 meter, while the proposed maximum width is 12 meter.
- Area of the proposed forest land to be diverted is 5.83 ha.
- Estimated cost of the project is 700 lacs.
- We had meticulously planned to avoid forest land, tried various alternatives to optimize the capacity of road. Instead of going for fresh road, we have decided to use existing road with a little expansion.
- This has considerably reduced use of fresh forest land and avoided habitat loss which otherwise required
- In all cases, we have mapped and minimized the extent of dense forest land
- Also we will also be using latest technology to minimize the noise level as well as follow strict ambient air quality norms so as to minimize the effect on flora and fauna nurturing nearby.
- Furthermore site disturbances if any, would be restricted to the construction phase only and dust during the transportation of iron ore will be kept under control by using sprinkler installed at intervals.
- Once the project is operational, road would be solemnly used for movement of men, material and machinery
- Trained personnel will be involved during the construction phase of the project so as to avoid any damage to the flora and fauna elements.

We therefore request you to recommend the proposed project for the approval of diversion of 5.83 ha of forest land for the purpose of approach road.

Yours Faithfully,
For JSW STEEL LIMITED,


Authorised Signatory

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For M/S. JSW Steel Ltd.

Attachments:

1. Hard Copy of the proposal accepted online: FP/KA/ROAD/21842/2016
2. Annexure I: Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dt. 30.7.2015 in WP(C) no. 562/2009 between Samaj Parivarthana Samudaya vs. State of Karnataka.
3. Checklist of the Project Proposal



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Date - 28/12/16

The Deputy Commissioner,
Bellary,
Karnataka

Sub: Request for Certificates (Form I) under The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (**Recognition of Forest Rights**) Act, 2006.

Ref: Letter of Intent (LOI) received by the Office of Commissioner, Dept. Of Mines & Geology, Government of Karnataka for the following mines:

- ✓ (A.) M/s. Hothur Traders ML No. 2313 (DMG/MLS/CCA/12/2313/2016-17),
- (B.) M/s. Tungabhadra Minerals Pvt. Ltd., ML No. 2366 (DMG/MLS/CCA/12/2366/2016-17)
- ✓ (C). Online submission of forest diversion Proposal

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned Letter of Intent (LOI; **Annexure I**), an E-Auction process was conducted in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, and M/s JSW Steel Ltd. has been declared as the "Preferred Bidder" for these 'C category of Mines'. As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order WP(C) no. 562/2009; dt. 30.7.2015 (**Annexure II**), the existing statutory approvals and clearances from the erstwhile Category 'C' Mining leases will be transferred in favour of new lessees. While this transfer is in progress, we have identified requirement of additional facilities such as approach roads, transmission lines, crushing & screening units for making these mines operational. During the survey, it was realised that these facilities involves diversion of forest land.

Since diversion of forest land was involved for making approach road for accessing the auctioned blocks, 1. We have applied online for the diversion of forest land (**Annexure III**), and 2. We request you to provide us Certificates (Form I) under The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

We request your kind attention to the MOEFCC Notification dated 5th February, 2013 (**Annexure IV**), wherein consent of the Gram Sabha may not be required in cases of linear diversion of forest land is involved, unless rights of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)/ Pre Agricultural Communities (PACs) are affected. As per the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI notification No. F.No.22040/58/2007-NGO (**Annexure V**) only **Jenu Kuruba** and **Koraga** are the primitive tribal groups identified in Karnataka.



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Since both these communities are not present in any of the project areas proposed for the diversion, we request your good self to kindly issue us certificate as per Form I of Forest Rights Acts, 2006.

Thanking you,

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For **JSW STEEL LIMITED**,


Authorized Signatory
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1. Annexure I: Letter of Intent (LOI) for the following mining blocks
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2. Annexure II: Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dt. 30.7.2015 in WP(C) no. 562/2009 between Samaj Parivarthana Samudaya vs. State of Karnataka.
3. Annexure III: List of online submitted proposals for the diversion of forest land which requires certificate under The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
4. Annexure IV: MOEFCC Notification F. No. 11-9/98-FC dated 5th February, 2013
5. Annexure V: Ministry of Tribal Affairs notification F. No. 22040/58/2007-NGO, GOI.



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To,
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) &
Nodal Officer,
Aranyabhavan,
Bangalore, Karnataka.

Date: 29.12.2016

Subject: Diversion of forest land for the proposed 'Approach road' connecting to recently allocated 'Malagolla Iron Ore Mine' (ML No. 2313 -Nandi mines) project

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We therefore request you to kindly grant approval to our proposed project requiring diversion of 5.83 ha of forest land for the purpose of approach road to Malagolla mines.

Yours Faithfully,

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