

To,

The Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Division, Ballari.

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 Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Donimalai, Sandur – reg.

**FC Online application No.FP/KA/OTHERS/14576/2015.**

- Ref:-1)Online application No.FP/KA/OTHERS/14576/2015 dated: 11-08-2015.  
2)Letter No.A(5):MNG:CR-15/2015-16 dated:18-07-2019 of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation), Bengaluru, addressed to the user agency and copy marked to this office & to you.  
3)Your letter No.M1:MNG:NMDC:ML.No.1111/2018-19 dated: 21-03-2020.

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The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Forest Conservation), Bengaluru in his letter (2) cited above, had directed the above user agency to submit the condition-wise compliance report to the conditions stipulated in the Forest Clearance accorded vide Government of Karnataka Order No.FEE 154 FFM 2008 dated:25-08-2011 r/w modification dated:01-02-2014 in respect of the associated mining lease ML.No.2396 and another lease ML.No.1111 present in vicinity through field officers, in respect of diversion of proposed forest land over an 75.92 ha for construction of Screening Plant, Tailing Dam, Slurry pipeline Corridor & Water Pipeline Corridor at Donimalai of M/s National Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Donimalai, Sandur.

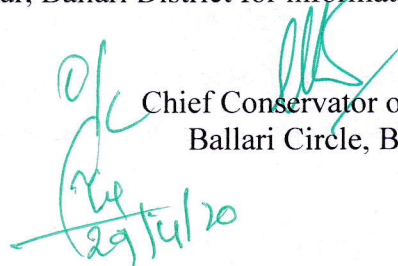
Accordingly, based on the compliance report submitted by the above user agency on the stipulated conditions as imposed by the Government Order dated:25-08-2011, you have submitted the compliance report in respect of ML.No.2396 and ML.No.1111 pertaining to M/s National Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Donimalai, Sandur. On going through the report submitted by you in the reference (1) cited above, the following shortcomings and clarifications are noticed.

1. M/s NMDC Ltd., Donimalai, Sandur, is having 2 mining leases i.e. ML.No.1111 over an extent of 341.20 ha whose annual production capacity is 7 MTPA from M/s Kumarswamy Iron Ore Mines and another ML.No.2396 over an extent of 608.00 ha whose annual production capacity is 7 MTPA from Donimalai Iron Ore Mines.

2. On conversation with the representative of the M/s NMDC Ltd., on 29-04-2020, it is learnt that there already exists one screening plant outside the lease area of M/s Donimalai Iron Ore Mine bearing ML.No.2396 to cater the iron ore production of 7 MTPA.
3. The mining lease of Donimalai iron ore mines vide ML.No.2396 over an extent of 608 ha which was having an iron ore production capacity of 7 MTPA was already expired during the August 2018 itself. How is this mining lease could be linked with the proposed screening plant (for diversion of 75.92 ha of forest land), in anticipation of FC clearance to be accorded to the above user agency in respect of ML.No.2396, this fresh proposal for diversion of 75.92 ha for the purpose of screening plant and other allied components, it may not be desirable for only one mining lease which is existing as of now.
4. You are directed to find out whether the existing screening plant is covered under F(C) Act, 1980 or not. And ask the user agency about its capacity and to revise their proposal if necessary.
5. As M/s NMDC campus, as per my earlier inspection is having lot of forest land under encroachment, you are hereby asked to take appropriate action.

Sd/-  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

- 1) Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Bangalore for kind information.
- 2) Copy to M/s NMDC Ltd., Donimalai, Sandur, Ballari District for information.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Ballari Circle, Ballari.

Received  
Date  
7/5/20  
DGM (En)  
NMDC Ltd.