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**No. J-11015/913/2007-IA.II (M)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**Impact Assessment Division**

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To,

**M/s JSW Steel Limited,**  
Regd.Office: JSW Centre,  
Bandra Kurla Complex,  
Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051.

**Sub: Transfer of EC from "M/s VS lad & Sons(Devdari) / S J Harvi Iron Ore mine" to "M/s JSW Steel Ltd. " for Iron Ore Mining project (ML Area 105.06 ha Capacity 3.1 MTPA), located in village(s) Lakshmipura, Tehsil-Sandur, District - Bellary, Karnataka- regarding**

**Ref: - EC letter No. J-11015/913/2007-IA.II (M), dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010**

Sir,

This has reference to your letter dated 10.04.2017 on the above mentioned proposal for transfer of EC from "M/s VS lad & Sons(Devdari) / S J Harvi Iron Ore mine" to "M/s JSW Steel Ltd. " for Iron Ore Mining project (ML Area 105.06 ha Capacity 3.1 MTPA), located in village(s) Lakshmipura, Tehsil-Sandur, District - Bellary, Karnataka. The Ministry has accorded EC in favour of M/s VS lad & Sons (Devdari) / S J Harvi Iron Ore mine vide No. J-11015/913/2007-IA.II (M), dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 for Iron Ore Mining project (ML Area 105.06 ha Capacity 3.1 MTPA), located in village(s) Lakshmipura, Tehsil-Sandur, District - Bellary, Karnataka.

2. The Project Proponent has submitted the application under the provisions of Rule 11 of the EIA Notification, 2006 along with the following details:-

- (i) The EC was granted by the Ministry, vide letter no. J-11015/913/2007-IA.II (M), dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 in the name of M/s VS lad & Sons(Devdari) / S J Harvi Iron Ore mine for Iron Ore Mining project (ML Area 105.06 ha Capacity 3.1 MTPA), located in village(s) Lakshmipura, Tehsil-Sandur, District - Bellary, Karnataka.
- (ii) In the e-auction conducted pursuant to the notification dated 22.12.2015, JSW Steel Limited has been declared as the "Preferred Bidder" for 5 mining leases including V S Lad & Sons (Mining Lease No.2290). Further, after the payment of 1<sup>st</sup> installment i.e.10% of upfront payment, the letter of Intent has been issued by the State Government in favor of JSW Steel Limited for the 5 mining leases on 26.10.2016. Accordingly Project Proponent has submitted the declaration of preferred bidder on the name of JSW Steel Limited from Office of the Commissioner and Director, Department of Mines

and Geology, Government of Karnataka, vide no NO.DMG/MLS/CCA/12/2016-17, dated 07.10.2016

- (iii) Pursuant to Rule 10(2) of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, the Government of Karnataka has issued the Letter of Intent for grant of mining lease for "V.S Lad & Sons ML No.2290" Block for iron ore in Lakshmipura village, Sandur Taluka, Bellary District over an extent of 100.54ha area forest Land of Kumarswamy range (Devadarigudda) to M/s JSW Steel Limited for a period of 50years, vide latter No: DMG/MLS/CCA/12/2290/2016-17, dated 26.10.2016
- (iv) Undertaking of M/s JSW Steel Ltd submitted affidavit vide no IN-KA13921908332879P dated 06.Apr.2017 stating that M/s JSW Steel Ltd shall be fully responsible for all activities, liabilities and all the conditions imposed in the Environmental Clearance No. J-11015/913/2007-IA.II (M), dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.
- (v) Mining Plan along with Progressive Mine Closure Plan was approved by the Office of Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines vide letter no 279/1091/2017/BNG/730 dated 03.Apr.2017 in the name of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.
- (vi) The project authorities have communicated their compliance report of 2010 to the Regional office of the Ministry vide their letter No VSL/FC/HR/2290/2010/02 dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and they have also communicated that their mining operations are suspended since May 2011 due to ban imposed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (vii) PP also submitted the production details authenticated by Office of the Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka vide No: DMG/MLS/AUC/'C'-2290/2016-17, dated 15 Mar 2017.

3. The Hon,ble Supreme Court of India, Vide its judgement and orders delivered in Same Parivartana Samudaya and Ors. Vs. State of Karnataka and Ors. In W.P.(C) 562 of 2009, cancelled the leases in respect of certain iron -ore mines classified as Category "C" mines located in Karnataka on account of illegal mining and further directed the said mines to be allotted/ assigned through transparent process of bidding to the highest bidder(s) from amongst the end users. The Government of Karnataka, department of Mines & Geology vide "Notification and Notice for Invited Tender for grant of mining lease for iron ore notified 14 iron ore mining lease and invited tender for the said 14 mines for e-auction.

4. As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 30.07.2015 in W.P.(C) 562 of 2009, the existing Statutory approval/ Clearances in favor of the lessees of the erstwhile category "C" mining lease may be transferred in favor of the M/s JSW Steel Ltd.

**5. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and accordingly the undersigned is directed to say that the Ministry has no objection to transfer the above mentioned Environmental Clearance granted vide letter no J-11015/913/2007-IA.II (M), dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 from "M/s VS lad & Sons(Devdari) / S J Harvi Iron Ore mine" to "M/s JSW Steel Ltd. " for Iron Ore Mining project (ML Area 105.06 ha Capacity 3.1 MTPA), located in**

**village(s) Lakshmipura, Tehsil-Sandur, District - Bellary, Karnataka, subject to satisfactory compliance to all the stipulated specific and general conditions. It is also requested to obtain 'Consent to Operate' from the State Pollution Control Board in the name of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.**

6 All other terms and conditions mentioned in this Ministry's EC letter no J-11015/913/2007-IA.II (M), dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 shall remain the same.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

Yours faithfully,

  
(Surendra Kumar)  
Director (S)

**Copy to:-**

- 1). **The Secretary**, Ministry of Mines, Government of India Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 2). **The Secretary (Environment)**, Government of Karnataka, Multi Storeyed Building, Bangalore-560 001.
- 3). **The Secretary**, Department of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore-560003
- 4). **The Secretary**, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 5). **The Secretary**, Department of Industries and Commerce (M-III), Govt Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 6). **The Chairman, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board**, No. 25, 6th - 9th Floor, Public Utility Building, M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
- 7). **The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C)**, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (SZ), Kendriya Sadan, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, E&F Wings, 17<sup>th</sup> Main Road, Koramangala II Block, Bangalore - 560034
- 8). **The Chairman**, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-Cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi-110 032.
- 9). **The Member Secretary**, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board "Parisara Bhavan", #49,4th & 5th Floor, Church Street, Bangalore-560001,
- 10). **The Controller General**, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440 001
- 11). **The Chief Wildlife Warden**, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhawan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003
- 11). The District Collector, Bellary District, Government of Karnataka.
- 12). **Guard File**
- 13). **MoEF&CC website**

  
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