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The Director IA –II (M)
Non-Coal Division,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
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New Delhi – 110003.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Sub: Environmental Clearance for BBH Iron Ore & Manganese Ore mine (M.L. No. 2346 – Category "A")

Ref: 1. Environmental Clearance issued by MOEF *vide* letter Ref. No. J-11015/210/2005. IA. II (M) dated 31st March 2006.
2. Gazette Notification from MOEF & CC S.O. 1530 (E) dated 06 April 2018.
3 CEC letter vide letter ref. no. F.No.2-75/CEC/SC/2018-Pt.VII dated 14th June 2018.

We are the lessees of Iron & Manganese Ore mine (M.L. No. 2346 – Category "A"). The lease is situated in Sy. No.5, 4 & 3 of Bedarabommanhalli village, part of Sy. No.107 of Hirekandavadi, part of Sy No. 9 of Marijogihalli, part of Survey no 21 of Megalahalli, part of Survey nos. 18 & 20 of Dindadahalli village, Chitradurga & Holalkere Talukas of Chitradurga District over an area of 103.81 Ha. (102.53 as per CEC).

We have subsisting Environmental Clearance issued *vide* letter Ref. No. J-11015/210/2005. IA. II (M) dated 31st March 2006 with capacity of 1.0 million tonnes per annum of Iron Ore after following EC process including Public Hearing.

The said EC was assessed by the CEC in pursuance of Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and it was categorically noted in the Hon'ble Supreme Order dated 03 September 2012 that the Applicant has "all the statutory sanctions, permissions and approvals in place". In fact, the mine was classified as Category - A by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and was the first mine to commence mining operations in the State of Karnataka after the ban was lifted on Iron Ore Mining by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, since all statutory clearances were in place.

The Gazette Notification S.O. 1530 (E) dated 6th April 2018 has been issued without adverting to the aforesaid.

We would like to bring to your kind notice the following facts:

- There is no increase in annual iron ore production from this mine and restricted to existing EC quantity of 1.0 million tonnes/annum of Iron Ore. The CEC has fixed the Maximum Permissible Annual Production (MPAP) as 1.0 million tonnes/annum vide their letter dated 14th June 2018, copy enclosed.
- There is a decrease in mining lease area from 103.81 Ha to 102.53 Ha (as per Central Empowered Committee (CEC) sketch).
- The existing mining lease is expiring on 31.03.2020.

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Hence, **WITHOUT PREJUDICE** to our subsisting environmental clearance bearing No. J-11015/210/2005. IA. II (M) dated 31st March 2006, we are filing the enclosed Application, in pursuance of the Notification bearing S.O. 1530 (E) dated 06 April 2018.

We are herewith submitting the salient features of the mine:

- Name of the Proposal: BBH Iron Ore and Manganese Ore Mine (ML. No.2346).
- Name of the Applicant: M/s Mineral Enterprises Limited.
- Location: Sy. No.5,4 & 3, Hirekandavadi part of Survey No: 107, Marijogihalli Part of Survey No: 9, Megalahalli part of Survey No: 21, Dindadahalli part of Survey No: 18, 20 Village: Bedarabommanhalli, Hirekandavadi Marijogihalli, Megalahalli, Dindadahalli Taluk: Chitradurga& Holalkere taluk.
- District: Chitradurga District.
  State: Karnataka.
  Extent: 103.81 Ha (as per CEC 102.53 Ha).
- EC obtained for 1.00 MTPA and now proposed is also 1.00 MTPA

Further, we are submitting the following documents for review of our application:

1. Form 1 along with proposed Terms of Reference (TOR).
2. Pre-Feasibility Report/Scheme of Mining.

We trust that the above information is in order, and **request you to process our Application for Environment Clearance / Amendment at the earliest, particularly since the lease expires on 31.03.2020**.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For **Mineral Enterprises Limited**

MINERAL ENTERPRISES LTD. BANGALORE

Sanjay NB
General Manager & Authorised Signatory

Encl: As above