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To,

The Director,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Ali Ganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi – 110 003

Dear Sir,

Sub: Request for Extension of Validity of Environmental Clearance issued for JONNAGIRI GOLD MINE , Jonnagiri, Pagadrayi and Yerragudi Villages, Tuggali Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh For 0.30 MILLION TPA GOLD ORE PRODUCTION (ROM ORE – 0.40 MILLION TPA) & 0.30 MILLION TPA GOLD ORE PROCESSING PLANT by Geomysore Services (India) Private Ltd - Reg

Ref: MOEF EC letter no. J-11015/393/2008-IA.II(M) dated 2nd August, 2010

Dear Sir,

We would like to inform you that, we have obtained Environmental Clearance (enclosed) for our JONNAGIRI GOLD MINE , Jonnagiri, Pagadrayi and Yerragudi Villages, Tuggali Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh for 0.30 Million TPA Gold Ore Production (ROM ORE – 0.40 Million TPA) & 0.30 MILLION TPA Gold Ore Processing Plant w.e.f. 2.8.2010.

After receipt of EC, we have obtained CFE from APPCB and completed the following works

- a. Completed DGPS survey of the topographic features including the drainage patterns, rocky areas, old workings, existing bore wells, irrigated lands etc. and fixed up the corner points of the ML block and boundary pillars as per the Guidelines of the Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India.
- b. A hydrological study has been carried out by commissioning a consulting geohydrologist and locations have been identified for constructing check dams and infiltration pits for building rainwater harvesting structures in and around the lease hold area for conservation and enhancement of groundwater potential of the area. Taking mitigative measures to prevent pollution of seasonal streams.
- c. Setting up a RO plant for supplying good quality drinking water to the Mine colony and through tankers to the villages.

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- d. Water storage and recycling pits alongside the core drilling machines are made impervious to prevent groundwater pollution. At the same time fractures encountered during drilling are being grouted with cement for preventing water loss and contamination of groundwater.
- e. As part of the CSR activity a total of 6 bore wells have been sunk and equipped with pumps at Jonnagiri and Pagadarayi villages which are nearest to the project area and supplied water to 70% of Jonnagiri & Pagadrayi villages during this summer. Also supplied mineral water through the companies free drinking water distribution stalls at Jonnagiri & Pagadrayi.
- f. As part of the CSR Activity cleaned the sewage and drainage lines in Pagadrayi village and also cleared bushes alongside the 3km long Jonnagiri-Pagadrayi road. Carried out cleaning of Pagadrayi village under "Swatch Bharat Campaign".
- g. Construction of garland drain in the East Block mining area, siltation pond and construction of retaining wall around sub economic ore dump yard have been initiated.
- h. Skill development programmes have been started in Jonnagiri and Pagadrayi villages.
- i. Saplings for Greenbelt development are being planted.
- j. Eye Camp and Health checkup camps have been conducted. 350 farmers underwent eye check up and 150 farmers underwent eye surgery.
- k. Data is being collected concurrently with planning for water supply for the ongoing drilling as well as for the proposed mining and processing plant. The Company has addressed a letter to the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad vide letter No.GMSI-Jonnagiri ML-Let-Dt: 13.4.2015 requesting for facilitation for supply of 500,000 litres of water per day (175 million litres/annum) under the States programme for supply of water for upcoming industries in rural areas of the State.
- l. Paid crop compensation and payment towards land lease agreements.

About Rs.2.8565 crores was incurred so far for all the above. We have started negotiating with the equipment suppliers. We hope to start the mining activity in the month of August 2015. We have communicated the tentative date to the Chief Inspector of Mines, Dhanbad as per Metaliferous Mines Regulations 1961.

Apart from the above, commissioning of the above project was delayed due to following reasons.

- a. Even though the Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India accorded the approval for grant of Mining Lease for gold on 6.3.2007 and the Mining Plan was approved by the IBM on 4.8.2008 and the EC was granted by MoEF on 2.8.2010 the State Andhra Pradesh delayed the issuing of the Grant Notification till 8.10.2013 i.e. 3 years from the date of grant of EC. The Mining Lease was executed on 21.10.2013. The reason for the delay in

issuing of the ML Grant Notification was mainly due to the Political issue of bifurcation of Telangana from Andhra Pradesh.

- b. Soon after the execution of the ML Geomysore Services commenced drilling operation as part of the feasibility studies which led to discovery of new ore bodies in the Temple Block area of the Mining Lease. Geomysore reported the data to the Director of Mines and Geology, AP State as well as to the Regional Controller of Mines, IBM, Hyderabad and IBM, HQ, Nagpur. The Board of the Company took a decision to continue drilling operations to clearly delineate the newly discovered ore bodies and assess the gold ore Resources and Reserves as per UNFC standards and budgeted 2.1 million dollars for the completion of this drilling programme. So far 8700m of drilling has been completed in 26 holes and the Company is in the process of estimating the interim mineral resources. The data generated have been reported to the concerned authorities as per the statutory requirements. The Board of the Company also decided to clearly understand the implications of mining the newly discovered ore bodies before commencing Mining Operations as per the approved Mining Plan. However, recently after reviewing all the data the Board of the Company took a decision to go ahead with mining operations as per the approved Mining Plan following which Geomysore is in the process of applying for Consent for Operation (CFO) with the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Kurnool/Hyderabad with the intention to commence mining operations.

This application is being filed to obtain extension of the validity period of the EC which was granted on 2.8.2010 for commencement of mining operations as per the MoEF Gazette Notification dt. 29th April 2015 S.O.1141(E) Paragraph i(a).

In view of the above, GMSI requests MOEF to grant Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance for our above project. As per the requirement of SO 1533 notification and SO.1141(E) dt. 29.4.2015, we are herewith submitting updated Form – I for the project.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For **Geomysore Services (India) Private Ltd**



Dr. V.N. Vasudev
Designated Agent of the Mining Project

Encl: Updated Form – I & Environmental Clearance letter