



**F. No. J-11011/427/2010-IA-II(I)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Impact Assessment Division)**

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**Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

To,

**M/s KEJ Minerals Pvt. Limited**  
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**Subject: DRI TK Pelletisation Plant (0.15 MTPA) & Iron ore Beneficiation plant (0.30 MTPA), located at Sy. No. 25, 26, 27, 28, Villegge Taranagar. Taluka Sandur. District Bellary, Karnataka by M/s KEJ Minerals Pvt. Ltd. – Grant of Amendment to Environmental Clearance – regarding.**

Sir,

M/s KEJ Minerals Private Limited has made an online application vide proposal no. IA/KA/IND/279293/2022 dated 21.11.2022 along with Form-4 and report and sought for amendment in Environmental Clearance accorded by the Ministry vide File no. J-11011/427/2010-IA-II(I) dated 17.11.2011 and subsequent amendment dated 08.01.2016 w.r.t. replacement of survey numbers 25, 26, 27 and 28 with Sy. No. 26/1, 26/2, 27/1B, 27/1A & 27/2, 28/A, B, C, D & E.

2. The proposal for amendment in Environmental Clearance was considered by the EAC (Industry-1 sector) in its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held during 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. The minutes of the meeting and all the project documents are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed at <https://parivesh.nic.in>. Further, the PP has uploaded the information on Portal on 16.12.2022.

**Details submitted by the project proponent**

3. M/s KEJ Minerals Private Limited was granted environmental Clearance by MoEF&CC vide letter No. J-11011/427/2010-IA-II(I), dated 17.11.2011 for DRI TK Pelletisation Plant (0.15 MTPA) & Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant (0.30 MTPA) at Sy. No. 25, 26, 27, 28, Village Taranagar, Taluka Sandur, District Bellary, Karnataka. Further, amendment to EC was obtained vide letter dated 08.01.2016 for beneficiation of additional ores of Manganese and Laterite along with Iron Ore. Consent to Operate (CTO) from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board was obtained periodically from time to time and current Consent to Operate obtained from KSPCB vide Consent Order No. AW-319629 dated 17.08.2020 and is valid till 30.06.2025.

4. The instant proposal is for seeking amendment in EC dated 17.11.2011 and subsequent amendment dated 08.01.2016 w.r.t. replacement of survey numbers 25, 26, 27 and 28 with Sy. No. 26/1, 26/2, 27/1B, 27/1A & 27/2, 28/A, B, C, D & E.

Description	Existing EC	Amendment Sought by PP
Project Location	Sy No. 25, 26, 27, 28 of Taranagar Village, Sandur Taluk, Bellary District.	Sy No. 26/1, 26/2, 27/1A, 27/1B, 27/2, 28/A, B, C, D & E Taranagar Village, Sandur Taluk, Bellary District.

5. There is no change in configuration & capacity of units in granted EC, land area, and Pollution load.

6. **Reason for seeking amendment:** Earlier PP had obtained Environmental Clearance from MoEF&CC on 17th March 2011 and amended EC on 08.01.2016. As survey number 25 which was proposed earlier was not purchased by PP and was also not converted needs to be removed from the environmental clearance letter. The Sy no 25 was also not proposed in the land use breakup earlier. Sy No. 26 was bifurcated to Sy No 26/1 and 26/2, Sy No 27 was bifurcated to 27/1B, 27/1A & 27/2 and Sy No. 28 was bifurcated to 28/A, 28/B, 28/C, 28/D & 28/E. These Sy No 26/1 and 26/2, 27/1B, 27/1A & 27/2, 28/A, 28/B, 28/C, 28/D & 28/E must be replaced in place of Sy No. 26, 27 & 28. Remaining details including the project site area and production capacity will remain same.

7. The total project area is 35 acres and 11.55 acres (33% of the total area) covered under greenbelt/ afforestation. The total no. of saplings planted are 8,000 nos. PP has submitted that they will plant remaining 3,690 saplings to complete the plantation of 11,690 saplings (@2500 saplings/ ha) in a year.

8. It has been reported by PP that, there is no violation under EIA Notification, 2006/court case/show cause/direction related to the project under consideration.

#### **Deliberations/Observations of the Committee**

9. The Committee noted the following:

- i. The instant proposal is for seeking amendment in EC vide File no. J-11011/427/2010-IA-II(I) dated 17.11.2011 and subsequent amendment dated 08.01.2016 w.r.t. replacement of survey numbers 25, 26, 27 and 28 with Sy. No. 26/1, 26/2, 27/1B, 27/1A & 27/2, 28/A, B, C, D & E.
- ii. M/s KEJ Minerals Private Limited was granted environmental Clearance by MoEF&CC vide letter No. J-11011/427/2010-IA-II(I) dated 17.11.2011 for Proposed DRI TK Pelletisation Plant (0.15 MTPA) & Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant (0.30 MTPA) at Sy. No. 25, 26, 27, 28, Village Taranagar, Taluka Sandur, District Bellary in Karnataka. Further, amendment to EC was obtained vide letter dated 08.01.2016 for beneficiation of additional ores of Manganese and Laterite along with Iron Ore. Consent to Operate (CTO) from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board was obtained periodically from time to time and current Consent to Operate obtained from KSPCB vide Consent Order No. AW-319629 dated 17.08.2020 and is valid till 30.06.2025.
- iii. The Committee also noted the following:
  - a. M/s KEJ Minerals Private limited had earlier submitted an application for amendment in EC letter dated 17.03.2011 vide on line proposal No. IA/KA/IND/271544/2022 to the Ministry, however, it was returned to proponent due to shortcoming.
  - b. Further, M/s KEJ Minerals Private Limited vide letter dated 28.04.2022 had requested to the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Bangalore, Karnataka for amendment in Environmental Clearance dated 17.03.2011.

- c. The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)-Karnataka vide letter dated 01.08.2022 submitted to the Ministry that M/s KEJ Minerals Private Limited requested for issue the amendment to EC granted by MoEFCC for the above mentioned project. Therefore, to send the relevant File to SEIAA Bangalore.
  - d. Further, Ministry noted that PP has already submitted the application at Central level and at present PP is yet to submit the EDS reply on Parivesh Portal.
  - e. The Policy Division of MoEF&CC advised that it may be prudent to consider the amendment proposal at the central level itself so as to avoid unnecessary delay to the project proponent. Accordingly, SEIAA and PP were informed for consideration of proposal at the Ministry level.
- iv. Instant proposal is for amendment in EC dated 17th March 2011 and amended EC on 08.01.2016. The PP submitted that earlier they had obtained Environmental Clearance from MoEF&CC on 17th March 2011 and amended EC on 08.01.2016. As survey number 25 which was proposed earlier was not purchased by PP and was also not converted needs to be removed from the environmental clearance letter. The Sy no 25 was also not proposed in the land use breakup earlier. Sy No. 26 was bifurcated to Sy No 26/1 and 26/2, Sy No 27 was bifurcated to 27/1B, 27/1A & 27/2 and Sy No. 28 was bifurcated to 28/A, 28/B, 28/C, 28/D & 28/E. These Sy No 26/1 and 26/2, 27/1B, 27/1A & 27/2, 28/A, 28/B, 28/C, 28/D & 28/E must be replaced in place of Sy No. 26, 27 & 28. Remaining details including the project site area and production capacity will remain same.
- v. The EAC noted that there is no change in configuration & capacity of units in granted EC.
- vi. The Committee noted that KSPCB vide letter dated 08.06.2022 while recommending for CFE has asked PP to submit an amendment of EC as per the instant proposal.
- vii. The EAC noted that the Consultant M/s. Horizon Ventures is accredited by NABET for Category “B” projects. Further, EAC is of the opinion that taking into consideration the nature of the amendment required, there is no need for engagement of consultant. However, considering the correspondence of the PP with the Ministry and SEIAA pertaining to the instant amendment proposal as detailed in point iii above, the EAC warned the consultant for not guiding the project proponent properly with respect to submitting of instant application to Ministry and SEIAA.

### **Recommendations of the Committee**

10. In view of the foregoing and after deliberations, the Committee **recommended** for amendment in EC granted vide File no. J-11011/427/2010-IA-II(I) dated 17.11.2011 and subsequent amendment dated 08.01.2016 w.r.t. replacement of survey numbers 25, 26, 27 and 28 with Sy. No. 26/1, 26/2, 27/1B, 27/1A & 27/2, 28/A, B, C, D & E as detailed in para 4 above. All other terms and conditions of the EC No. J-11011/427/2010-IA-II(I) dated 17.11.2011 and subsequent amendment dated 08.01.2016 shall remain the same.

### **Decision of MoEF&CC**

11. The undersigned is directed to inform that Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has examined the proposal in accordance with the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and after accepting the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-1) hereby decided for amendment in the EC dated 17.11.2011 and subsequent amendment dated 08.01.2016 as mentioned at paragraph no. 4 above.

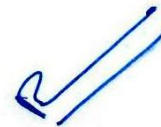
12. All other terms and conditions mentioned in the Environment Clearance letter number J-11011/427/2010-IA-II(I) dated 17.11.2011 and subsequent amendment dated 08.01.2016 shall remain unchanged.



13. The project proponent shall obtain fresh Environment Clearance in case of change in scope of the project, if any.

14. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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