## F. No. J-11011/427/2010-IA II (I)

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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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To

M/s Kej Minerals Pvt. Ltd. No-17, Sri Raghvendra Layout, 'D' Block, Opp. M.E.I., Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur, Banglore-560022.

Subject: DRI TK Pelletisation Plant (0.15 MTPA) & Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant (0.30 MTPA) project of M/s KEJ Minerals Private Limited located at Sy. No. 25, 26, 27, 28 Taranagar, Sandur Taluka & Bellary District, Karnataka, Amendment of iron ore beneficiation to mineral beneficiation in Environment Clearance regarding.

Sir,
This has reference to your letter No. KMPL/MoEF-EC/ND/M/2014-15/69 dated 18<sup>th</sup>
March, 2015 seeking amenament in the Environment Clearance for the project mentioned above.

- 2. It has been noted that the above said proposal for establishment of DRI TK Pellet Plant (0.15 MTPA) & Iron Ore Beneficiation (0.30 MTPA) located at Village Taranagar, Taluka Sandur, District Bellary in Karnataka by M/s Kej Minerals Pvt. Ltd was accorded Environment Clearance by the Ministry vide letter No. J-11011/427/2010-IA.II (I) dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.
- 3. The Project Proponent mentioned that earlier at the time of applying for obtaining environmental clearance, keeping in view the availability of iron ore in plenty, they have sought Environment Clearance for 'iron ore beneficiation' instead of 'mineral beneficiation'. Now the availability of low grade iron ore has come down and the quantity, quality and character of material does not suit to the requirement, the unit is not operating at optimum level. Therefore, the Proment has proposed to beneficiate other minerals, which are available locally and economical to process and requested amendment in Environment Clearance letter dated 17.03.2011 by substituting "iron ore beneficiation" with "mineral beneficiation" to enable the company to process other available minerals without depending only on iron ore beneficiation.
- 4. The request of the Proponent for amendment was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) during its 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. The Committee after detailed deliberation recommended the project for amendment in the ...2/ %

Environmental Clearance letter No. J-11011/427/2010-IA.II(I) dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 under Clause 7(ii) of EIA Notification, 2006, for beneficiation of additional ores of Manganese and Laterite along with Iron Ore.

- 5. The Ministry has considered the recommendation of Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) and hereby decided to accord amendment in Environment Clearance letter No. J-11011/427/2010-IA.II(I) dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, under clause 7(ii) of EIA Notification, 2006 for beneficiation of additional ores of Manganese and Laterite along with iron ore.
- The project proponent shall comply with all the environmental safeguards stipulated in the environmental clearance letter of even No. dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.
- 7. The company shall obtain fresh Environment Clearance in case of any change in the scope of the project.

This issues with the approval of the competent Authority.

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## Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Karnataka.

 The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi, 110 032.

3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (SZ), Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E&F Wings, 17<sup>th</sup> Main Road, Koramangala II Block, Bangalore-560034(Karnataka).

4. The Chairman, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, 6, 7, 8, & 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, (Public Utility Building), Subhas Chandra Bose Building, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001, Karnataka.

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